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The Golden Visa Club: profile of the world's most affluent buyers

<u>29 September 2015, Moscow, Russia.</u> – Immigration investment programmes attract more and more wealthy people each year. This new class is mainly from BRICS countries that are struggling to maintain vibrant growth of previous decades. With Golden Visa programmes gaining in popularity, Tranio experts investigate what nations are feeding this asset-rich flow and which countries are capitalising on their wealth. Get the full report here. *Get the full report <u>here</u>.*

Preferential immigration for investors: more than fifty countries have grant investmentbased residence permits. The most popular programmes are found the USA, UK, Latvia, Hungary, Cyprus, Portugal, Spain, Malta, Greece and Ireland.

Nationality and destination of funds: increased demand can be attributed to the wealth accumulated in emerging economies now threatened by sluggish growth and internal political struggles. These programmes cater to the world's new High-Net-Worth-Individuals.

Leading programmes in the US and UK: the US remains the undisputed leader in investor visas, the number of which is limited by quota: 10,000 EB-5 Visas per year in exchange for investments that set up businesses and generate employment.

Money matters: the main criterion for investors, no matter the nation, is cost. For example, in France where the minimum investment is €10 million, only fourteen residence permits were issued over the four years of the programme.

Driving up real estate prices: preferential programmes have left their mark on estate markets and the influx of wealthy migrants has affected the property markets of major countries.

Outlook: As it stands in this year's close, the most famous investor nationalities are heading down to separate paths. In New York, the recent inflow of Chinese capital has pushed up the prices of prime commercial property, spurring rumours of a <u>possible bubble</u> to come.

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