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Why the Greek Golden Visa programme remains the most attractive and affordable residency investment option in Europe

he Greek Golden Visa Programme continues to be the most successful, competitive, and cost-effective residency-by-investment scheme in Europe. With the lowest investment threshold starting from €250,000 for real estate acquisitions, €500,000 for a fixed-term deposit or government bonds, or €350,000 for shares in mutual funds (AIFs), it offers unparalleled value and flexibility for investors and families seeking access to the European Union.

Applicants are only required to make a single visit to Greece to complete their biometric registration for the residence permit. Furthermore, there is no minimum stay requirement to maintain or renew the permit, which makes it an ideal option for global investors with diverse travel schedules. An additional benefit is that even minors are eligible to apply as main applicants, broadening the program's inclusivity for families.

Among the available investment routes, the €500,000 fixed-term deposit stands out for its simplicity and security. This option provides a straightforward process with a guaranteed capital return, offering investors peace of mind. Moreover, the fixed deposit route can later be converted into a property-based Golden Visa if desired, giving applicants additional flexibility to adjust their investment over time.

Despite the appeal of the fixed-term deposit, the majority of applicants still prefer the real estate op-



tion. In this case, it is highly advisable to engage an independent local lawyer to conduct thorough due diligence, assist with bank account setup, and oversee the entire transaction. This approach helps investors avoid all-inclusive packages promoted by various agents or intermediaries, which may not fully safeguard their interests.

The Greek real estate market is currently positioned at an optimal entry point. While the official minimum investment threshold for properties in the Athens area stands at €800,000 with a minimum surface area of 120 square meters, a number of reclassified former industrial or commercial spaces converted into residential properties are now available for as low as €250,000 with no minimum surface requirement. This offers a unique opportunity for savvy investors to obtain remodeled properties in central Athens with clear title deeds, minimal risk of construction delays, and full eligibility for the Golden Visa.

Demand for the Greek Golden Visa remains high, particularly among residents of the UAE. A significant number of applicants choose to apply using their alternative citizenships, such as those from the Caribbean. Our longstanding affiliation with the Consulate of Dominica and the Embassy of Antigua in Athens streamlines the documentation process, offering our clients a seamless and efficient application experience.

In specific cases, we are able to guarantee a Golden Visa processing time as short as three months, enabling our clients to bypass the usual bureaucratic delays and long backlogs. This rapid turnaround is yet another advantage that sets our services apart.

For more information and legal support tailored to your investment goals in Greece,

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DOMINICA WELCOMES WORLD CITIZENS SINCE 1993

Dominica's natural charm continues to attract ecotourists, cruise liners, and international investors alike

he Commonwealth of Dominica, known as the 'Nature Isle,' is not a typical Caribbean island. Its mountainous terrain, unique black sand beaches, and 365 rivers make it the ideal destination to rejuvenate, relax, and refocus.

In 2024, Dominica emerged as a popular destination, particularly for cruise tourism, and was recognised by travel publications like The New York Times and National Geographic. The island welcomed a record number of visitors, including both cruise passengers and air travellers. Dominica saw an increase in cruise visits and passenger numbers compared to previous years, with a significant boost from inaugural visits by reputable cruise lines. United Airlines operates daily flights from Miami, with seasonal flights available from New York. A new international airport is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by 2026. A superyacht marina is also being built in the north of the island.

Since 1993, Dominica has welcomed foreign investors to become citizens of the island with full rights by making an economic contribution to a government fund and since 2015, through investment in government-approved real estate options. Known

as the Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP), successful applicants unlock a wealth of benefits, including increased travel freedom and the ability to pass citizenship on to future generations.

The entry level for the CBI Programme is US\$200,000 for the Government Fund and US\$200,000 for the Real Estate option. Both are cost-effective solutions, and Dominica's CBI option has transformed the lives of many people around the globe. Recently, enhancements were made to the programme, including the introduction of mandatory interviews and a redefinition of the qualification criteria for dependents, granting the possibility of adding new dependents even after naturalisation.

Post-citizenship support services are available to all newly adopted citizens, including tax and social security registrations. Sophisticated investors who do not choose the jurisdiction solely for the international mobility its citizenship offers may also benefit from advantageous tax and estate planning solutions.

Vardikos & Vardikos has been an Authorised Agent in Dominica since 2005. With offices in Greece and Dominica, and a network of 44 promoters in the UAE, the firm ensures that the remote filing process is swift and smooth — completed within just four months.

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