



The Immigration Brief

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Can Trump's Gold Card Become a Viable Option for Pilots Wanting to Move to the U.S.?

Dear valued clients and partners,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of *The Immigration Brief*, Harvey Law Group's revamped monthly newsletter.

I am writing to you at a time when the investment immigration world is still feeling the aftershocks of one of the most significant developments in recent years - the "Gold" and "Platinum Trump Cards."

While many questions remain, the new program is poised to reshape the immigration framework in the U.S. by offering a new Green Card path that opens the door for the first donation-based immigration program in the U.S.

It also represents a viable alternative for helicopter and airline pilots exploring their options to move to the U.S. You can read more about the program's currently available details here.

Our mission remains to empower you with timely, actionable information to navigate these changes confidently. We are here to provide clarity and expert guidance every step of the way.

Stay informed, stay ahead, and please don't hesitate to reach out with your questions or to discuss how these updates affect your specific circumstances.



— Jean-François Harvey
HLG Global Managing Partner

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Our Latest Expert Guides

Trump Gold Card: What You Need To Know

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The new Trump Gold Program offers a simplified, faster and more reliable route for high-net-worth individuals who want to secure U.S. permanent residency. With a tentative launch date of 18 December 2025, prospective applicants should start their legal and financial preparation as soon as possible.

Top Investment Citizenship Programs To Consider In 2026

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Amid increasing political and social uncertainty, investors and high-net-worth individuals can obtain a second citizenship that offers access to new markets, greater mobility, and tax optimization by making a qualifying investment or structured financial contribution. Take a look at our selection of the best programs available worldwide.

Exiting Canada: Legal Exit Guide For 2026

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Due to growing discontent at home, more and more Canadians are considering leaving Canada and obtaining residency in destinations such as Europe and the Caribbean. Read our full guide with 7 essential steps, tax implications, and investment residency options for Canadian investors.

HLG In The Media



Trump Gold Card Takes Shape Ahead of Mandated December 18 Launch (AP News)

- The much anticipated Trump Gold Card has been fleshed out with major updates, suggesting the program will place elevated scrutiny on proving the legality and availability of funds gifted to the U.S. in exchange for a Gold Card.



The New U.S. Gold Card And What It Means For EB Visas (AP News)

- HLG addresses questions about the future of US employment-based visas in the wake of the new gold card program.



Trump Gold Cards: Wealth Opens All Doors (National Law Review)

- While many questions remain, the Trump Gold and Platinum Card program - with its innovative approach and revenue-generating potential, is poised to reshape the immigration framework in the U.S.



IRCC Bumps Up Processing Times For Start-Up Visas To Over 10 Years As More Canadian Investors Look Abroad (AP News)

- Meanwhile, a growing number of high-net-worth Canadians are planning legal exits through investment migration programs that offer more favourable tax treatment, family mobility, and warmer climates.



The New Passport Gold Rush: Wealthy Americans Flock To Latin America And Asia For Citizenship (Business Insider)

- HLG lawyer Steve Corbin spoke to the Business Insider about the increasing number of US citizens who may choose Latin American residencies for actual relocation, rather than just holding a backup option.



How Ancestry DNA Tests Can Lead To A New Passport (BBC)

- Our lawyer Polly Ho spoke to the BBC about HLG's *Global Ancestry Index*, which ranks countries based on their citizenship policies to simplify the often complex process of exploring these options.

NEWS DIGEST

Immigration Around The World

AFRICA

- Burkina Faso scraps visa fees for African travelers ([BBC](#))
- Mali retaliates against U.S. visa bond requirement with identical measure ([AP News](#))
- Sierra Leone opens citizenship eligibility to extended families and business partners ([Outbound Investment](#))
- Mozambique announces tiered investor residency program starting from \$500,000 ([Outbound Investment](#))

AMERICAS

- Trump Gold Card receives clearance as USCIS drafts Form I-140G ([Visa Verge](#))
- Argentina introduces citizenship-by-investment pathway ([Mondaq](#))
- Canada: Bill C-3, an amendment to the Citizenship Act, receives royal assent ([Canada government](#))
- Canada: Supplementary information for the 2026-2028 Immigration Levels Plan ([Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada](#))
- Panama enacts major upgrade to the qualified investor visa ([Expatriate Money](#))

ASIA & OCEANIA

- Australia launches online support system for immigrants with expired visas ([The Economic Times](#))

- China extends visa-free policy for France and other countries until December 31, 2026 ([Visa News](#))
- New Zealand expands skilled occupation list for work visa applicants ([The Economic Times](#))
- New Zealand announces work visa for global investors without starting a new business ([The Financial Express](#))
- Korea to ease visa rules for skilled foreign workers ([The Korea Herald](#))
- Uzbekistan Introduces Visa-Free Travel for U.S. Citizens Starting January 2026 ([The Times of Central Asia](#))

EUROPE

- Portugal Golden Visa new law extends citizenship timeline to ten years ([Forbes](#))
- Portugal's changes to nationality law a "wake-up call" for expats ([FT Adviser](#))
- Romania joins U.S., Switzerland, Italy, Portugal, Greece, Spain in Golden Visa program ([Travel and Tour World](#))
- Slovenia to launch digital nomad visa in November 2025 ([Travel Trade Journal](#))
- UK expands e-visa roll-out: No more physical stickers for dependents and family visas ([Economic Times](#))
- UK considering exit tax on wealthy individuals leaving the country ([Outbound Investment](#))

MIDDLE EAST

- Saudi Arabia grants premium residency to 100+ global entrepreneurs from over 20 nationalities ([The Times of India](#))
- UAE introduces four new visit visas and new residency rules for widows and families ([Business Standard](#))

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