

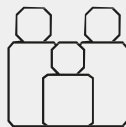
Golden Visa – Residence Permit for investment activity (ARI)

The holders of a Golden Visa are entitled to the following advantages:

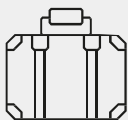




Residence visa waiver for entering Portugal and all Schengen countries;



Family reunification;



Living and working in Portugal.
Minimum stay required: 14 days
each 2 years;



Access and enrolment to the National
Health System;



Possibility to apply for an advantageous tax
regime – NHR;



After 5 years of legal residence
in Portugal, possibility of applying
for Portuguese citizenship by naturalization
or permanent residence.

General Requirements

Obtaining a Golden Visa is a straightforward procedure. Investors only need to provide personal and investment related documents to the Immigration and Borders Service (SEF).





Investment;



Personal documents.

Investment

Any non-EU national who carries out one of the following investment activities, in person or through a company incorporated in Portugal, may apply for a Portuguese Residence Permit for investment activity:



I)

Creation of at least

10
↑ jobs
positions

II)

Capital transfer for investments in research activities conducted by public or private scientific research institutions, involved in the national scientific or technologic system with a minimum value of

500k
↑ EUR

III)

Capital transfer to support artistic production, recovery or maintenance of national cultural heritage, with a value equal or above

250k
↑ EUR

IV)

Transfer of capital for the acquisition of shares of non-real estate collective investment organisms

500k
↑ EUR

V)

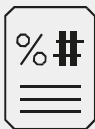
Transfer of capital for the incorporation of a company, combined with the creation of five permanent jobs, or to reinforce the share capital of a commercial company in Portugal, with the creation of at least five permanent jobs or maintaining at least ten jobs, with a minimum of five permanent jobs, for a minimum period of time of 5 years.

500k
↑ EUR

Golden Visa Process

The Golden Visa application can only be initiated after the conclusion of one of the investments previously described. In fact, there are three steps prior to a Golden Visa application:





Obtaining a Portuguese tax number (NIF);



Opening a Portuguese bank account;



Conclusion of the investment in Portugal through the Portuguese bank account.

Investor's Documents

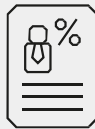
The process of Golden Visa begins with the online submission before the Immigration and Border Service (SEF) website.

The needed documents for this stage are:

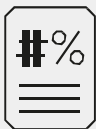




Full copy of Passport;



Declarations of no debts before Tax Authorities and Social Security;



Portuguese Tax number (NIF);



Criminal Record from the country where the Investor has been living in the last year;



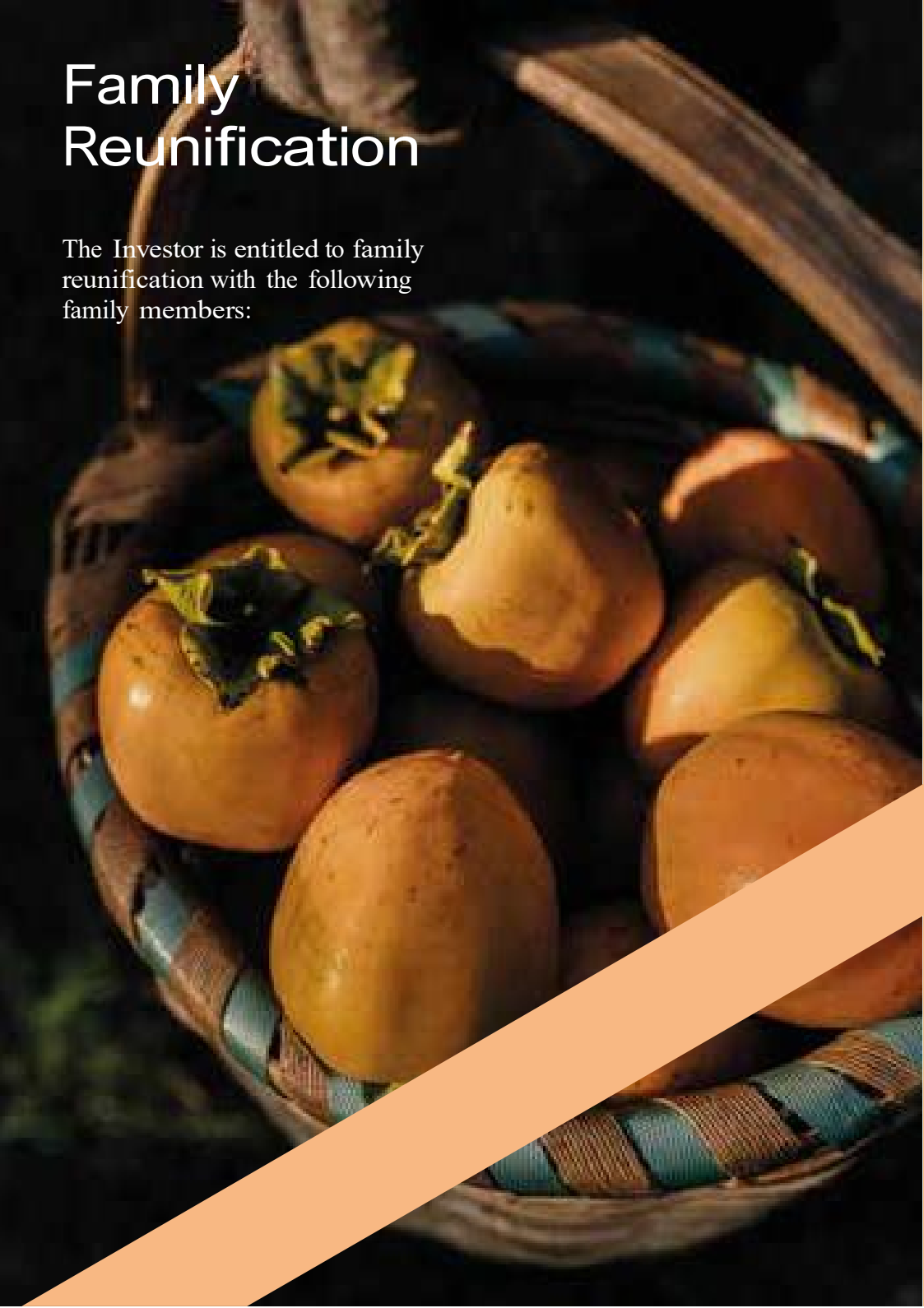
Power of attorney;



Evidence of the tax identification number, or equivalent, of the country of origin, current residence or tax residence.

Family Reunification

The Investor is entitled to family reunification with the following family members:

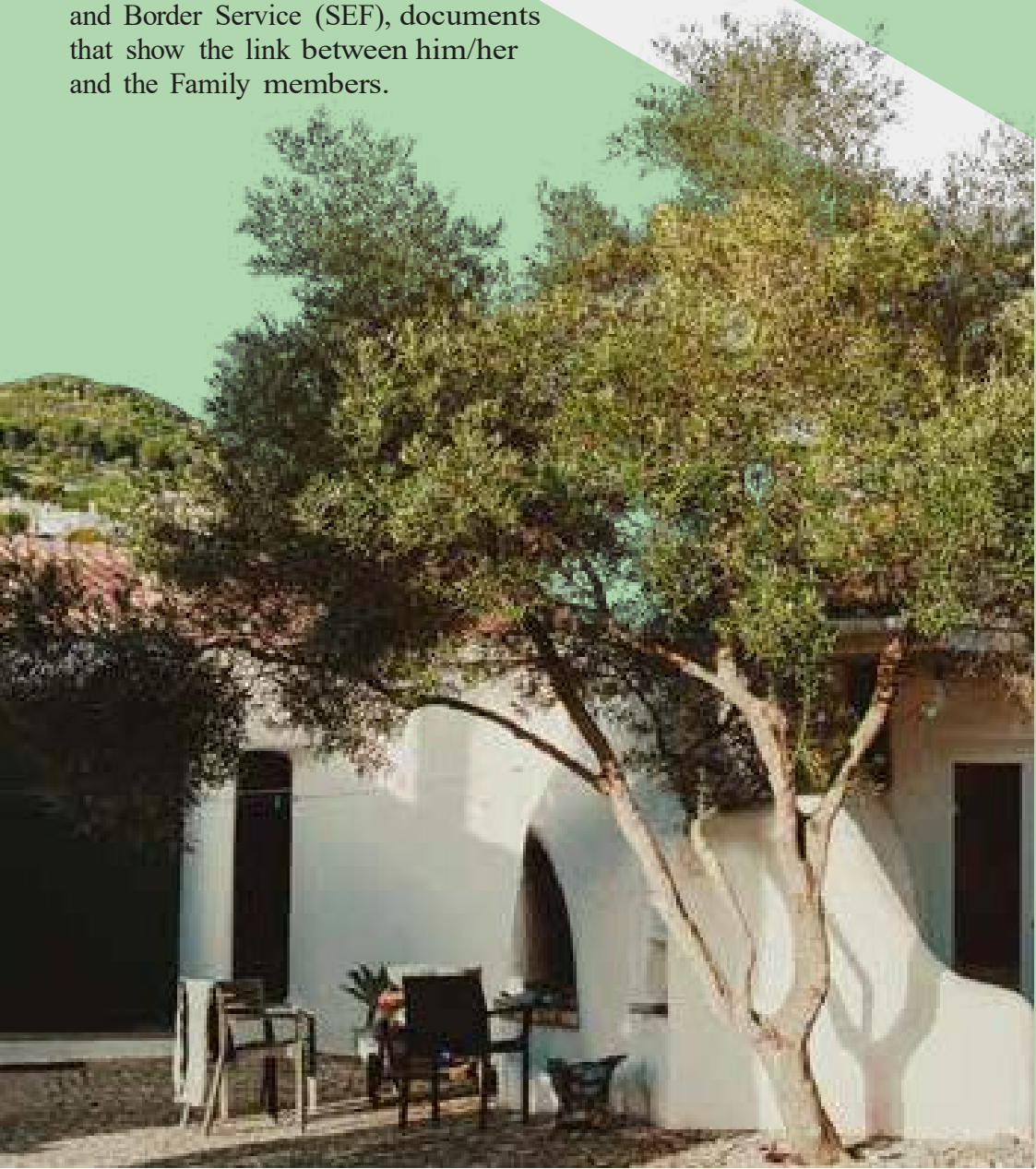


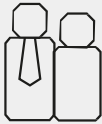


- Spouse or unmarried partner;
- Minor or disabled children, and adopted minor children;
- Children older than 18, who are single, studying and financially dependent;
- First degree ascendants (Parents and Parents-In-Law).

Family Members' Documents

Investor needs to provide to the Immigration and Border Service (SEF), documents that show the link between him/her and the Family members.





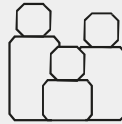
Spouse or unmarried partner

- a) Full copy of the passport;
- b) Criminal Record of the country of origin (duly legalized);
- c) Criminal Record of the country where the Applicant has been living for more than one year, if applicable (duly legalized);
- d) Marriage Certificate or Domestic Partnership (duly legalized).



Children

- a) Full copy of the passport;
- b) Birth certificate (duly legalized);
- c) Criminal Record of the country of origin (duly legalized) – applicable for children older than 16;
- d) Criminal Record of the country where the Applicant has been living for more than one year, if applicable (duly legalized) – applicable for children older than 16;
- e) Notarial Statement from other parent authorizing the submission of the residence permit application on behalf of the minor (duly legalized) – applicable only when one of the parents is applying;
- f) Proof of financial dependency (duly legalized) – applicable for children older than 18;
- g) Proof of enrolment at school (duly legalized) – applicable for children older than 18;
- h) Proof of single status (duly legalized) – applicable for children older than 18.



Parents/Parents-In-Law

- a) Full copy of the passport;
- b) Birth certificate of the inventor or spouse attesting family ties (duly legalized);
- c) Criminal Record of the country of origin (duly legalized);
- d) Criminal Record of the country where the Applicant has been living for more than one year, if applicable (duly legalized);
- e) Proof of financial dependency (duly legalized) – applicable for applicants under 65.

Validity of documents:

- Police Clearance – 3 months;
- Marriage Certificate – 6 months;
- Birth Certificate – 12 months.

Renewals

90 days before the expiration date, Investor and Family members should schedule an appointment to Renewal their Residence Permit.

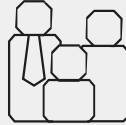


The necessary documents are:



Investor

- a) Full copy of the passport;
- b) Power of attorney;
- c) Declaration of no debts to Portuguese Social Security;
- d) Declaration of no debts to Portuguese Tax Authorities;
- e) Criminal Record of the country where the Investor has been living in the last year;
- f) Proof of Investment;
- g) Proof of 14 days stay in Portugal.



Family Members

- a) Full copy of the passport;
- b) Power of attorney;
- c) Criminal Record of the country of origin (duly legalized) – applicable for family members older than 16;
- d) Criminal Record of the country where the Applicant has been living for more than one year, if applicable (duly legalized) – applicable for family members older than 16;
- e) Documents that show the link to the Investor;
- f) Proof of 14 days stay in Portugal.

Citizenship

The Portuguese law establish that after 5 years of legal residence in Portugal it's possible to apply for Portuguese Citizenship, by naturalization.





5 years of legal residence in Portugal
- Attested by the Immigration and Borders
Service (SEF);



Portuguese Language Certificate
(A2 Level);



Connection with Portugal;



Non-Criminal Record.

Steps of the Golden Visa Process

The process has different stages:
from the investment decision
up to the Resident Permit.

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Step 1

- PoA - Power of attorney;
- Tax Representation;
- Declaration of Honor;
- Opening of the bank account.

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Step 2

- Investment.

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Step 3

- Online submission of the application.

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Step 4

- Pre-Approval of the application;
- Schedule of the appointment to collect the biometric data (fingerprints, photo and signature);
- Appointment in Portugal to submit personal and investment documents as well to collect biometric data.

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Step 5

- Final decision and payment of government fees.

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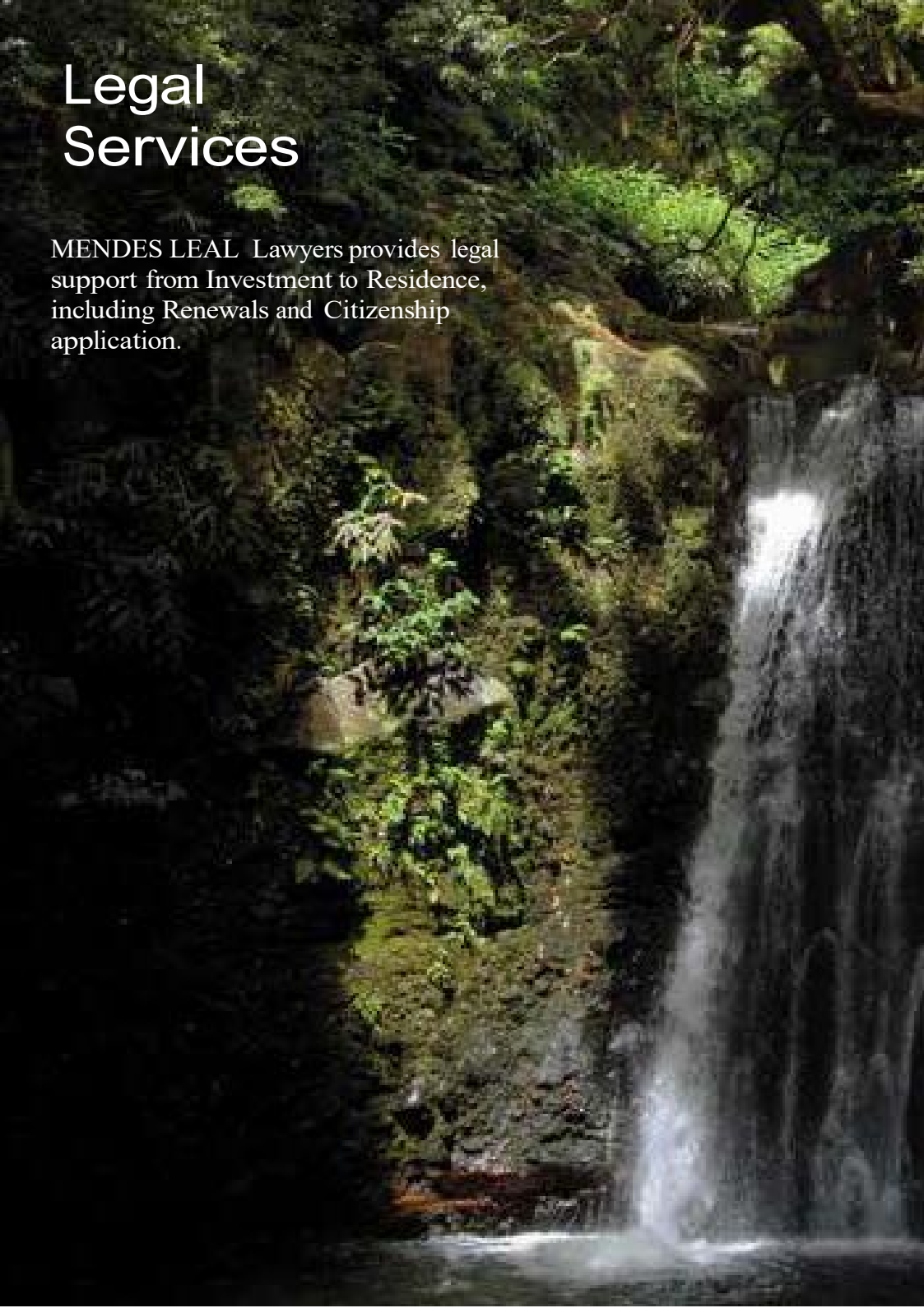
Step 6

- Delivery of the cards.



Legal Services

MENDES LEAL Lawyers provides legal support from Investment to Residence, including Renewals and Citizenship application.





Golden Visa/ Investment legal service coverage:

- Open the Portuguese Bank Account;
- Obtain the Portuguese Tax Number (NIF);
- Tax representation;
- Due Diligence on the investment;
- Closing of the Investment;
- Online submission of the application;
- Biometric Appointment;
- Collect GV Cards and deliver to the Investor;
- Renewal of GV Card;
- Prepare and submit the application for Citizenship.