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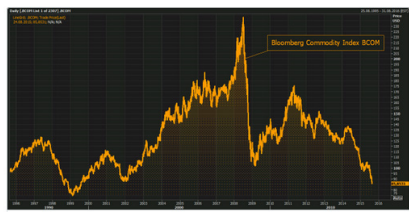
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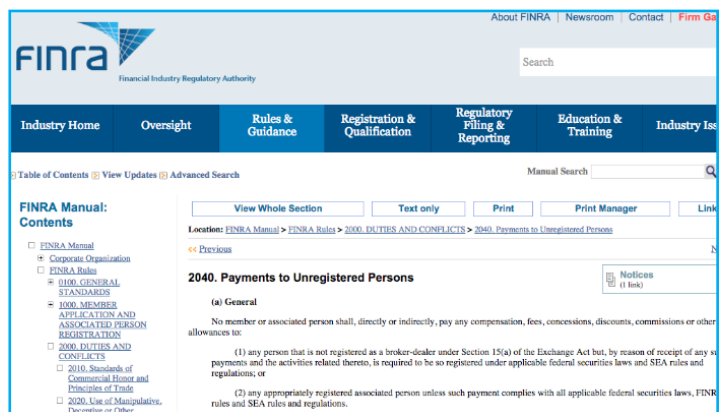


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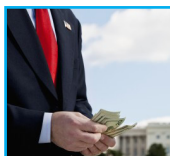
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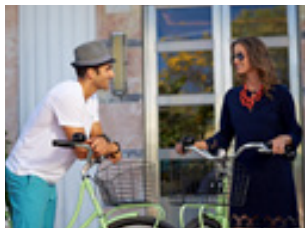
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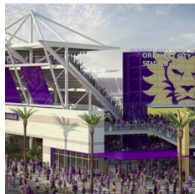
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THE EB-5 VISA INVESTMENT MARKETPLACE

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Is The Dream Over? ADF's EB-5 SLS Casino Posts Six Straight Months of Losses, Over \$80 Million For 2015



EB-5 Regional Center [American Dream Fund's SLS Las Vegas](#) offerings in which more than 600 mostly Chinese green card applicants have invested over \$300 million and their future is in the words of [Casino.org](#) "on the kind of streak you don't want to be on in Sin City: [a losing one.](#)"

"For the sixth straight month, the property that is located on the site of the former "Rat Pack" Sahara Hotel & Casino has lost millions of dollars, totaling \$48.6 million in the second quarter and \$83.9 million for 2015."

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EB-5 Regional Center Owner & Developer Accused by SEC of Defrauding Hundreds of Chinese Investors

EB-5 [Regional Center Path America](#) CEO [Lobsang Dargey](#) is [being accused](#) by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) of siphoning off \$17.6 million dollars from over \$125 million that he raised from Chinese investors.

According to the [allegations](#), millions that he raised from 252 investors were diverted to purchase a [\\$2.5 million dollar home](#), other real estate investments, and a gambling spree at 14 luxury casinos. Federal authorities are seeking to force Dargey to forfeit the [luxurious home in Bellevue](#) that he purchased with the investors funds, \$6.5 million in commercial property as well as reimburse funds spent on personal spending sprees.

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EB-5 Fallout Following China's Black Monday

Asian investors have lost over \$1.5 Trillion dollars of net worth in the past four days with indexes across Asia hitting a three year low yesterday. The Shanghai Composite Index has fallen by nearly 40 percent since June, after rising more than 140 percent last year. Tokyo's Nikkei-225 index recorded its biggest drop in more than two years, falling 4.6 percent to a six-month low, while the MSCI index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan sank 5.1 percent to a three-year low.

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Effective Today: FINRA Rule 2040: Disclosure of Finder's Fee payments to Foreign Agents

The screenshot shows the FINRA website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'About FINRA', 'Newsroom', 'Contact', and 'Firm Ga'. Below this is a main navigation menu with categories: 'Industry Home', 'Oversight', 'Rules & Guidance', 'Registration & Qualification', 'Regulatory Filing & Reporting', 'Education & Training', and 'Industry Iss'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Table of Contents', 'View Updates', 'Advanced Search', and 'Manual Search'. The main content area is titled 'FINRA Manual: Contents' and shows a tree view of the manual's structure. The selected path is 'FINRA Manual > FINRA Rules > 2000. DUTIES AND CONFLICTS > 2040. Payments to Unregistered Persons'. The rule text is displayed, including the title '2040. Payments to Unregistered Persons', a sub-section '(a) General', and the rule's text: 'No member or associated person shall, directly or indirectly, pay any compensation, fees, concessions, discounts, commissions or other allowances to: (1) any person that is not registered as a broker-dealer under Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act but, by reason of receipt of any such payments and the activities related thereto, is required to be so registered under applicable federal securities laws and SEA rules and regulations; or (2) any appropriately registered associated person unless such payment complies with all applicable federal securities laws, FINRA rules and SEA rules and regulations.'

Effective [today](#) all issuers of securities offerings are required to disclose to investors the amount of fees paid to foreign agents (finders) and receive written acknowledgement from the investors of the fees paid. A document disclosing the total compensation paid by the issuer to the finder, and each investor's acknowledgement of the same, must be retained and available for inspection by FINRA.

This regulation could transform the EB-5 visa industry from one of non-disclosure and non-transparency concerning agent compensation agreements if complied with, the question is, how many Regional Centers and Direct issuers will comply with this new regulation?

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Offshore Megaport Near Mouth of Mississippi Plans \$25 Million First Phase



State Sen. A.G. Crowe, left, cuts a cargo ship cake after backers of the Louisiana International Deep Water Gulf Transportation Terminal announced Monday, Aug. 31, 2015; they had secured the \$25 million needed for the first phase of their project.

A long-proposed offshore megaport at the end of the Mississippi River could start to take shape next year, with its supporters hailing it as the most significant economic development in Louisiana history.

Leaders at existing ports applaud their optimistic outlook but question whether the project is a viable undertaking.

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3 Path America Projects Halted After SEC Action



Firms working on three of [Lobsang Dargey's](#) real estate projects have stopped work and more could follow because of the civil action against him by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

PCL Construction is the general contractor for [Potala Tower](#), a 41-story high rise that Dargey's companies, [Dargey Development](#) and Path America, are developing at 2116 Fourth Ave. in Belltown. Tom Doig, PCL vice president and district manager, said Wednesday the firm is suspending work on the project. He added "we are hopeful that a quick resolution to the issues can be reached."

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SEC Says Developer Dargey Bilked Investors in Projects

The [Securities and Exchange Commission](#) filed a complaint and sought a restraining order Monday against the head of an investment firm, saying he bilked more than 250 Chinese investors out of millions of dollars on two real estate projects — a skyscraper in downtown Seattle and a development in Everett.

Securities officials said [Lobsang Dargey](#), CEO of Path America, exploited a federal visa program to defraud investors by claiming their involvement in his projects will help secure their residency in the U.S. The EB-5 Program lets foreign nationals qualify for residency if they invest \$500,000 or more in projects that create jobs for U.S. workers.

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Failure to Investigate Could Mean “Game-Set-And-Match” For EB-5 Investors: SEC Case against Brother-In-Law of Tennis Star Andre Aggasi Shows Risk for Would-Be Immigrant Investors

The [U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission \(SEC\)](#) filed a civil fraud suit against [Lobsang Dargey](#), a Bellevue, Washington-based real estate developer and alleged fraudster, who also happens to be a brother-in-law of tennis star Andre Agassi. Dargey had ventured into the EB-5 Program as a developer and regional center owner, securing designation by [United States Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#) for two regional centers, [Path America SnoCo](#) and Path America KingCo. The complaint is relevant

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to both investors and regional centers in the EB-5 industry, as well as to lawyers advising issuers in EB-5 offerings.

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How Las Vegas' Tourism and Retail Industries Are Chasing Chinese Dollars

As senior marketing manager for two of the top shopping destinations on the Strip — Fashion Show mall and the Grand Canal Shoppes, both owned by General Growth Properties — Janet LaFevre strives to stay a step ahead of the pack when it comes to recognizing trends in Las Vegas' visitor demographics.

On the international front, LaFevre takes her cues from China.

"Las Vegas is an evolving city, and we need to ensure we continue to meet the growing demands of our international customers — specifically the Chinese," LaFevre said.

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Feds: Developer of Big Everett Project Skimmed Investor Money



The developer of a hotel, apartment complex and farmer's market in downtown Everett is under investigation by the federal government for allegedly bilking overseas investors out of millions of dollars.

Lobsang Dargey, the CEO of Path America and the builder of the Potala Place development, is being sued in federal court by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The civil complaint, filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Seattle, says Dargey fraudulently raised more than \$125 million through sales of securities to at least 250 investors.

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New Owner Considers Options for Historic Downtown Eola Hotel



The new owner of the crown jewel of downtown Natchez — the Eola Hotel — is going back to the drawing board to craft the future of the building.

Virginia based attorney Robert Lubin, who purchased the hotel at the end of last year and proceeded to close it, originally said the property would no longer function as a hotel. He later presented plans to the Natchez Preservation Commission to convert the building into senior living apartments.

After a visit from Mayor Butch Brown, Lubin is keeping the hotel option on the table, he says.

“Right now, I’m looking at keeping some hotel rooms, but also incorporating some apartments,” Lubin said. “Nothing is guaranteed, though.”

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More than \$3 Billion in Open Direct Job Projects Identified for the American Economy

Improvements to the EB-5 Immigrant Investor program are vital to ensure optimal investment for the U.S.

Projects representing more than \$3 billion in direct job opportunities utilizing the EB-5 Immigrant Investor program represent the importance of improving the efficiency of the EB-5 program. MAJA, the More American Jobs Alliance, supports these projects and voices serious concerns regarding the allowances given for indirect projects and the grandfathering clause which will cause significant delay to program reforms.

“As Congress looks to renew the EB-5 program in late September, serious consideration should be given to reducing the dependence on indirect job investments and removing the grandfathering clause to allow the more beneficial investment of billions of dollars in direct EB-5 projects”



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Q&A for investors, attorneys & advisors with analysts on which EB-5 projects contain the most and least risk and which are most suitable for investing. Free to USAadvisors clients.



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Pending EB-5 Legislation Provides a Comprehensive Response to the GAO



On August 12, 2015, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) identified three areas for improvement and provided recommendations to [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#) in relation to its administration of the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program. We summarized the GAO's report here.

This article will examine the way in which three pending bills in Congress address the GAO's recommendations. The American Entrepreneurship and Investment Act (H.R.616), the EB-JOBS Act (H.R.3370), and the American Job Creation and Investment Promotion Act (S.1501) have overlapping policy provisions designed to enhance agency oversight authority, promote program integrity, and enhance data collection. These bills provide Congress with a menu of policy ideas that answer GAO's recommendations. In its

response letter to the GAO, USCIS concurred in all of the GAO's recommendations and agreed to implement them. Pending legislation, however, provides lawmakers with the opportunity to further support USCIS in making the changes the GAO recommended.

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Boston's Booming Commercial Real Estate Market Attracts Diverse Capital

Ask any real estate investor and most likely they will tell you that Boston is the place to be, along with other major metropolitan areas like New York and San Francisco. The Greater Boston real estate market is booming right now, drawing attention and money from around the world. Boston's emerging identity as a technology center along with its rich history of educational and medical institutions has solidified the market as a global powerhouse.

It's an exciting time with developments popping up all over the city and a skyline peppered with cranes. Over the past year, almost 25% of the existing real estate inventory in Boston has changed hands and there's a substantial amount of new development underway or in the pipeline. The Seaport District continues to have significant development activity with office, retail, hospitality and residential projects underway. The Back Bay, Fenway, South End and Downtown Crossing are also seeing noteworthy development activity.



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EB-5 Investor Dollars Are Fuelling Development in Socal, but the Program Is Vulnerable To Fraud

Patriotic images and posters of Hillary Clinton in the storefront of an EB-5 investment firm in San Gabriel.

Foreign investment dollars are transforming parts of the San Gabriel Valley. Drive down parts of Valley Boulevard and one sees new hotels, grocery stores, mini-malls, restaurants,

many of them catering to a Chinese immigrant clientele.

There's something else peppering stretches of Valley: Banners on construction projects and plastic signs on storefront offices that read "EB-5."

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EB5 Capital Announces Appointment of Lulu Gordon as General Counsel



[EB5 Capital](#) announced that Leslie (Lulu) Gordon, Esq. is serving as the firm's Senior Vice President and General Counsel. EB5 Capital connects qualified investors with prominent real estate development partners to finance high-quality mixed-use, hospitality, and residential development projects that fulfill the mission of the U.S. government's EB-5 Visa Program.

EB5 Capital announced that Leslie (Lulu) Gordon, Esq. is serving as the firm's Senior Vice President and General Counsel. With over

25 years of experience in law and finance, Ms. Gordon oversees the firm's legal affairs including offerings, contracts, compliance and outside counsel. She also manages project filings, investor reporting, and other operational functions for the firm. She is admitted to practice law in both California and New York, holds Series 7 and Series 66 securities licenses, and operates out of EB5's San Francisco office.

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Oakland Developer Seeks Chinese Investors to Fund 250 Units of New Housing

Sunfield Development LLC is hoping to attract nearly a hundred foreign investors through the EB-5 program to partially fund a new housing project at 1800 San Pablo Ave. in Oakland.

The Oakland-based developer has filed a preliminary application with the city for 250 residential units and 25,000 square feet of commercial space at the site, which is near the Fox Theater and 19th Street BART station. Sunfield is looking to raise \$45 million through the EB-5 program for the estimated \$124 million project, said [Sid Afshar](#), the company's founder.

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Vietnam Doesn't Grant Overseas Investment Certificates to Facilitate Acquisition of Green Cards



residence) from the U.S. administration, a senior official has said.

Vu Van Chung, deputy head of the Overseas Investment Department under the Ministry of Planning and Investment, made the statement to Tuoi Tre (Youth) newspaper in response to claims that Vietnamese people can obtain green cards only by investing US\$500,000 to \$1 million in the U.S.

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Vu Van Chung, deputy head of the Overseas Investment Department under the Ministry of Planning and Investment

The Vietnamese Ministry of Planning and Investment does not grant overseas investment certificates to local investors as a necessary step for them to get green cards (permanent

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The SEC's Common Sense Approach to Private Placements and General Solicitation

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Earlier this month the SEC issued concurrently (i) the Citizen VC No Action Letter (in response to a request for guidance authored by Mintz Levin) relating to the use of 506(b) for a private placement online and (ii) a series of CDIs (compliance and disclosure interpretations) relating to private placements under Regulation D. Reading the Citizen VC No Action Letter together with the new CDIs, it

is apparent that the SEC is staking out a "common sense" approach as to whether a private placement offering involves a "general solicitation" (and is thus subject to the more onerous requirements of the relatively new Rule 506(c)).

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Jay Peak Fails To Meet Water Quality Targets in Settlement with State, Environment Group

Natural Resources and the Vermont Natural Resources Council, records show.

The state's environmental enforcement agency has imposed pollution control measures on development at the resort since 2006, but several streams have not fully recovered in the past decade, in part due to a wave of expansion since 2009.

Despite the streams' slow recovery, in April of last year the state issued four new permits allowing Jay Peak to discharge stormwater runoff into the impaired streams. With help from Vermont Law School, the Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC) appealed the agency's stormwater permits in environmental court.

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More Latin Americans Investing in U.S. Businesses for Green Cards



As Venezuela's economic and political situation became dire two years ago, David began looking at options to immigrate to the U.S. along with his wife and three children.

"In Venezuela, anything can happen at any given moment," said David, who still owns businesses in Venezuela and who did not want his real name used for his and his family's security.

After consulting with various attorneys, he determined the most viable option to secure green cards for the entire family was to invest \$500,000 into a U.S. business.

A year and one month after initiating the process, David's wife and three teenage children all have their green cards.

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Portals Ask: I'm doing a 506(B) Offering...Right?

This is a question that isn't asked often enough. Violations are scary, as it can mean forced rescission of your offering, regulatory fines and investor lawsuits.

And I see platforms violating this every day.

506(b) has one primary benefit – the ability to avoid having to confirm each investor's accreditation (they are allowed to self-attest).

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Overview of Latest August 2015 EB-5 Stakeholders Meeting with USCIS

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On Aug. 13, 2015, USCIS held a stakeholder engagement for individuals interested in the EB-5 program in Los Angeles and via conference call.

The engagement was attended by several leaders of the Immigrant Investor Program Office (IPO) of USCIS (including its Chief, Nicholas Colucci), who all emphasized USCIS' prioritization on the integrity of the EB-5 program

as well as its potential to create jobs in the U.S. In FY 2014, USCIS received nearly 11,000 I-526 Petitions, representing \$5.5 billion in future potential INVESTMENT. Already in the first three quarters of FY 2015 (Oct. 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015), there have been significant increases in the numbers of I-526 Petitions, I-829 Petitions, and I-924 Applications submitted to USCIS, likely due at least in part to the upcoming Regional Center program Sept. 30, 2015 expiration date.

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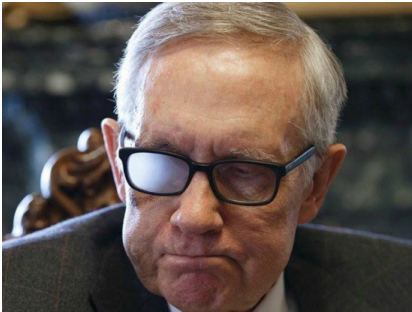
USCIS Releases Draft EB-5 Policy Guidance Clarifying Immigration and Project Related Issues Raised by Retrogression

Popularity of the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program has surged in recent years among foreign investors from mainland China. As a result, the demand for EB-5 visas by foreign investors born in mainland China has exceeded total annual availability, and for the first time in the history of the EB-5 Program, the U.S. Department of State imposed a visa backlog for Chinese investors in May 2015. This backlog, known as retrogression, impacts the amount of time an investor must wait to receive their conditional green card following Form I-526 approval. The current backlog is approximately two years, though unless there is a change in the law; it is anticipated to grow as demand for EB-5 visas continues.

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Investor Visas Get ‘Lipstick on Pig’ Treatment



America’s investor-visa program is ripe for fraud, a new investigation finds — but an immigration expert says the government’s proposed fixes fall far short of tightening security.

“If one is worried, as I am, about the fundamental problem of selling visas to aliens, which the EB-5 program does, then any modification of it is like putting lipstick on a pig,” said David North, senior fellow at the Center for Immigration Studies.

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Update on USCIS Active Termination of Non-Compliant EB-5 Regional Centers

As previously reported, since January 2015 USCIS has maintained a webpage listing the EB-5 Regional Centers that have had their designations terminated. As of June 4, 2015, USCIS has terminated 34 Regional Centers.

A Regional Center’s participation in the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program can be terminated by USCIS for several reasons under the regulations found at 8 CFR §204.6(m) (6), including when it (1) fails to submit Form I-924A to



demonstrate its eligibility on an annual basis or on a cumulative basis and/or as otherwise requested by USCIS; (2) fails to promote economic growth as required; or (3) engages in fraudulent activities.

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What Donald Trump Does Right



If Mr. Trump is to have any chance to build support beyond his xenophobic base, he should embrace his born again moment as a reformed big money donor.

There has long been a palpable sense of frustration with politics in the country that cuts across every traditional partisan, ideological, and geographic measure. If you’re not an elite in either party, you instinctively know that money corrupts, that handing elections over to the biggest donors, often shrouded in secrecy has left us saddled with a set of professional politicians who are focused on winning an ever slightly bigger piece of the pie for their campaign contributors rather than thinking about making the pie bigger for all of us.

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U.S. EB5 Investor Immigration Program: Does It Have A Future?

Earlier this year, Brian Ross of ABC News wrote a series of stories attacking the U.S. EB5 investor immigrant program alleging it was rife with fraud and corruption. As an indication of how wide-spread the problems were, ABC News later revealed that a federal Government Accountability Office report found,

“(F)or the first time ... between January 2013 and 2015, the SEC received more than 100 ‘tips, complaints and referrals of possible securities fraud’ connected to the EB-5 program, and there are currently 59 open investigations by various agencies into alleged EB-5 scams.”

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Greater Cincinnati Casino Company Grows With Hotel Acquisition

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Union-based Premier Gaming Group has purchased a Natchez, Miss. hotel along with an investment partner

A Cincinnati entrepreneur is growing his gaming company with the purchase of its second property.

Premier Gaming Group of Union partnered with the Virginia-based EB-5 investment company to form Casino Holding Investment Partners LLC and purchase the 141-room Isle of Capri Hotel in Natchez, Miss.

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EB-5 Regional Centers Naming Conventions



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Starwood to Open Dual-Branded Aloft and Element Hotel Development near Dallas Love Field Airport

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (NYSE:HOT) together with Atlantic Hotels Group and Civitas Capital Group today announced plans for a 224-room dual-branded Aloft and Element Hotel development in the fast-growing Love Field district in Dallas, Texas. Scheduled to open in December of 2016, Aloft Dallas Love Field and Element Dallas Love Field will anchor a new mixed-use development just one mile from Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL) and the Dallas Medical District.

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US Clarifies EB-5 amid Continued Chinese Demand



A policy memorandum earlier this week from [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](#) provides much-needed clarity on how the agency will treat what's becoming a long temporal gap between an EB-5 project's completion and an investor's receipt of a green card — a gap partly driven by a continuing influx of investors from China, lawyers say.

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Em busca de verbas para construção de um novo estádio, time de Kaká pode ser a saída para quem deseja migrar para os Estados Unidos

O sonho de morar nos Estados Unidos pode estar mais próximo do que você pensa, e custa “apenas” 500 mil dólares (R\$ 1,75 milhão). Essa é a quantia que o Orlando City, clube de Kaká, está

pedindo como investimento para a construção de um novo estádio, em troca do Green Card, documento que autoriza a estadia permanente no país, informa reportagem da revista Infomoney.

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Some Immigration Reform Is Coming!

Notwithstanding the years’ old gridlock in regard to immigration reform, some significant changes will take place on or before September 30th. It’s not that Congress has had an epiphany. Several important immigration laws will sunset on September 30th unless reauthorized by Congress. If Congress does nothing, four major immigration programs will come to an end: E-Verify, the Conrad State 30, EB-5 and the Special Immigrant Non-minister Religious Worker programs.



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Time De Kaká Vira Meio Para Brasileiros Obterem ‘Green Card’



Orlando City vende cota do estádio para investidores conseguir visto

Visando construir seu novo estádio, o Orlando City, equipe do brasileiro Kaká na MLS (Major League Soccer), a liga de futebol dos Estados Unidos, disponibilizou, recentemente, cotas de 500 mil dólares (R\$ 1,75 milhão) para investidores interessados em ajudar o projeto. O curioso é que muitos brasileiros vêm aderindo à iniciativa e o objetivo não é necessariamente os assentos permanentes ou ingressos que o clube oferece, mas sim o cobiçado ‘green card’.

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Firm Storms Nigeria With Juicy US, Canada Permanent Residency Offers

[JTH Lawyers](#), a specialised immigration services firm, has offered to assist Nigerians willing to acquire foreign citizenship through an array of immigration programmes within its expertise.

Three of such programmes, tailored for high net worth individuals (HNWI) are Quebec Immigrant Investor Programme (Canada Permanent Residency), US EB5 (US Employment-based Programme) and Antigua & Barbuda Citizenship are currently available.

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Green Valley Hospital- EB-5 Saving Lives



Wealthy investors from outside of the U.S. are pouring millions of dollars into Arizona development projects, including the soon-to-open Green Valley Hospital, in exchange for green cards to legally live in the U.S. Difficulties securing financing during the recession attracted McDowell Enterprises, the developer of the Green Valley Hospital, to the federal EB-5 immigration program, said David Wanger, CEO of Green Valley Hospital. The hospital, which opened on June 1, secured \$56 million of the \$79 million in capital needed for the hospital project from foreign investors, most of them from China, Mexico and Vietnam, Wanger said.

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Realising the Dream to Become a World Class Citizen

It is the desire of every ambitious and forward-looking person to have a successful business and even aspire further to be recognised beyond the shores of the country and ultimately be accorded a special status, especially as a citizen of a foreign country. Kunle Aderinokun writes about programmes offered by a specialised immigration firm tailored towards assisting individuals in making a giant leap to realise such dreams

Have you ever dreamed of acquiring a dual citizenship? Have you been looking for a safe haven to invest your idle funds and get huge returns or benefits on your investment? You may not need to search further as the opportunity is now somewhere close to you.

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An Inside Look at the Three Proposed EB-5 Authorization Bills

Representative Zoe Lofgren, Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, and Representative Luis Gutiérrez introduced H.R. 3370, the Entrepreneurial Business Creating Jobs Act of 2015. This is the third bill introduced in 114th Congress that focuses on reauthorizing the EB-5 program.

In January 2015, Representatives Mark Amodei (R-NV) and Jared Polis (D-CO), introduced H.R. 616, the American Entrepreneurship and Investment Act. In June 2015, The



American Job Creation and Investment Promotion Reform Act, S. 1501, was introduced in the Senate by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman [Charles Grassley](#) (R- IA) and Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member [Patrick Leahy](#) (D-VT).

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Chinese Investors, Immigrants Sue LA Investment Firm for Misusing Money



Chinese and local investors filed a class action lawsuit this week claiming an investment firm that targeted them through Chinese-language media and investment seminars for oil exploration instead used some of the money to buy a luxury home in Fremont and other personal expenses.

They're seeking damages from [Luca International Group LLC](#), which describes itself as an "upstream energy company" on its website.

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Opera House Revival Calls on Foreign Cash

Part 4 of the history of Fayette's "New Opera House" series is titled "Historic Fayette Priority LLC."

For the past week in this space, you have read about the past of the three-story brick building that sits abandoned on the southeast corner of the Fayette square, a relic of failure overshadowed by the resplendent Howard County Courthouse, just a few yards to the northwest.

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Miami Taps EB-5 Visa Program to Help Fund Affordable Housing

Chinese seeking U.S. residency help finance new construction

Miami is turning to the Chinese to help solve its affordable-housing problem.

Last week, Miami Mayor Tomás Regalado called on housing developers to build more apartments targeted to teachers, police officers, young professionals and senior citizens—groups that have been on the sidelines during the city's luxury-housing boom.

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Chinese, Mandarin-Speaking Realtors in Hot Demand

SoFla firms are expecting and preparing for an increase in Chinese real estate buyers

In an effort to reel in investors from China, South Florida developers and brokerage firms are recruiting real estate professionals who are fluent in Mandarin and are of Chinese

descent. At the same time, Chinese-owned real estate companies are establishing offices in Miami to capture a share of the Asian buyers' market.

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Maine Considers Program to Attract Foreign Investors by Offering Permanent U.S. Residency

A similar program in Vermont has generated \$500 million worth of investment in ski areas and other projects.

The LePage administration is considering establishing a state-run program that would help Maine businesses lure foreign investors by giving those investors permanent U.S. residency. Maine would be the third state, after Vermont and Michigan, to create such a program, which allows foreign nationals to obtain a green card if they invest in projects that create jobs.

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Related Story: [Maine DECD Says It Will Consider Starting State-Run EB-5 Program](#)



Commercial Real Estate Outlook Tempered by Cyclical and Interest Rate Concerns, “External Threats”



Despite Strong Fundamentals, Capital Flows, Industry Execs See Growth Plateauing

Commercial real estate market fundamentals remain strong — amid continued, gradual improvement in the broader U.S. economy — yet participants in The Real Estate Roundtable’s latest quarterly “Sentiment Survey” remain uneasy about a multitude of overseas threats, expected

monetary policy tightening, and typical cyclical issues. Reflecting this sense of uncertainty — which has persisted through six-plus years of economic recovery — and a slight softening in expectations for future growth, the surveys “Future Conditions Index” has fallen 11 points since this time last year (from 67 in Q3-2014 to 56 in Q3-2015).

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EB-5 Processing Times: Continued Delays with I-526, I-829 and I-924 Adjudications

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On August 3, 2015, [United States Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#) published updated processing times for EB-5 immigration benefits. The news

continues to be bleak. USCIS is taking at least 13 months to review and adjudicate I-526 petitions. Applications for regional centers and similar filings (e.g., EB-5 exemplars) are now also taking in excess of one year in many cases, though the stated processing times for I-924 cases is 11.5 months.

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Finally, Your Deal Might Get Foreign Money

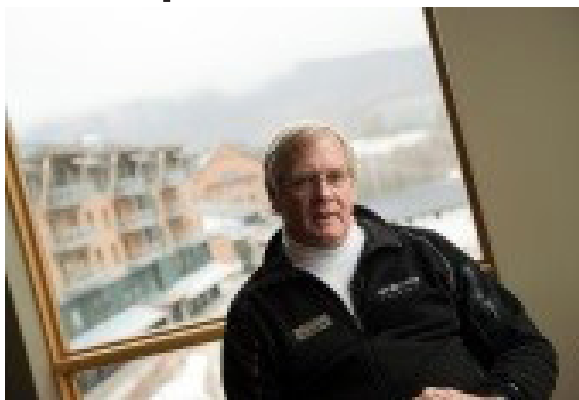
Foreign capital has finally gotten comfortable with Chicago—it's accounted for \$2B in Chicago office building deals in the last year and a half alone. So far, it's been limited to core deals, but it's starting to trickle through the market.

That was the main takeaway from Bisnow's The Real Estate Money Machine: Chicago's Capital Markets Power Brokers event this morning, where 220 joined us at the Trump International Hotel & Tower to see the women who rule Chicago's capital stack discuss current trends influencing the debt and equity markets and what they predict will happen in the future.

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International Airport Planned In Newport



[Bill Stenger](#), a developer in the Northeast Kingdom, unveiled plans for a 10,000-square-foot airline terminal, warehouse and flight design assembly facility at the Newport State Airport in Coventry last week.

The \$20 million facility is a key part of Stenger's master plan for more than \$600 million worth of developments in the region, including a [Renaissance office building in downtown Newport](#), a \$300 million expansion of Jay Peak ski resort, a \$110 million [biotech plant](#) in Newport and a \$198 million overhaul of [Q Burke ski resort](#) in East Burke.

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Aemetis, Inc. Reports Second Quarter 2015 Financial Results

Aemetis, Inc. (NASDAQ: AMTX), an advanced renewable fuels and renewable chemicals company, today announced its financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015.

“Our US ethanol business delivered sequential improvement in profitability and revenue,” stated Eric McAfee, Chairman and CEO of Aemetis. “Our India biodiesel business grew 161% sequentially through the development



of a sustainable domestic customer base, which was made possible by key government policy changes earlier in the year. Continuation of this rapid customer acceptance and adoption places us on a strong path to year over year revenue growth.”

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Who Can Source Investors for EB-5 Projects: The World of Finders, Consultants, Attorneys, and Broker Dealers



Use of EB-5 as part of the capital stack for an EB-5 project is a highly complicated prospect. Identifying the right Regional Center or forming a Regional Center and structuring the project so that it is compliant with the myriad of USCIS/DHS rules are a daunting endeavor.

The other very real concern for these projects is how to actually find the investors and fill the EB-5 raise. Most of the EB-5 investors come from China, but other countries are beginning to also see their citizens apply for the U.S. EB-5 program.

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National Company Buys EB5 Funded Country Home Products

A publicly traded company has acquired a company that manufactures power tools in Vergennes and Winooski.

Generac Holdings acquired Vergennes-based Country Home Products on Aug. 1 for an undisclosed sum. Country Home Products started in 1985 making log splitters and machine chippers, and owns brands such as DR and Newton.

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An Economic Recovery, Brimming With Industrial Complexes, in Southern California

The Inland Empire could be considered Southern California's backlot, with its vast warehouse complexes and staging areas.

Typically defined as the region east of Los Angeles and Orange Counties, and encompassing San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, this area of industrial development has been on a long march to recovery since the 2008 financial crisis.

Tens of millions of square feet of warehouse and logistics space have been built since 2011, and tens of millions more are on the way.

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Court Oks 'Receiver' to Oversee Troubled Palm House



He will oversee long-delayed project, devise 'coherent plan.'

A circuit court judge has agreed to the appointment of Delray Beach Mayor Cary Glickstein as a "receiver" to oversee the beleaguered Palm House condominium-hotel project, which has been under construction for several years on Royal Palm Way.

Palm Beach County Judge Donald W. Hafele appointed Glickstein as part of an agreement among several parties to resolve an internal ownership dispute that had raged since last fall. The appointment slammed the brakes on multiple legal actions filed at the county courthouse involving key Palm House players.

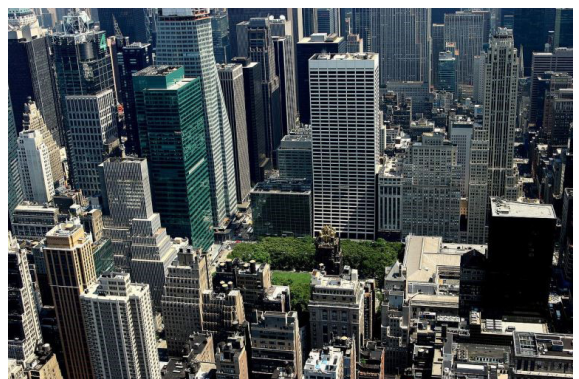
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New York Law Firm Wraps Up \$1B in EB-5 Deals

New York-based law firm Rosenberg & Estis closed seven EB-5 construction mezzanine loans totaling \$1 billion in the last year, Commercial Observer can first report.

"EB-5 lending is an extraordinarily powerful tool for developers, providing greater control, a more attractive rate and greater long-term upside," Eric Orenstein, a member at the law firm who worked on the financings, said in remarks provided to CO.

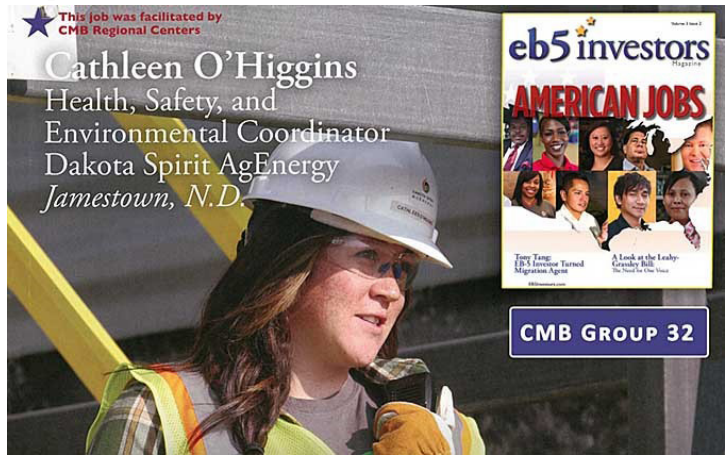
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EB5 Investors Magazine Article on Group 32: Dakota Spirit

For some people, their passion leads them to a specific job. For others, like Cathleen O'Higgins, however, her job led her to discover a passion.

O'Higgins is the health, safety, and environmental coordinator at Dakota Spirit AgEnergy, a company in the ethanol industry. In this position, she works to ensure the safety of the employees and the workers. On the environmental side, she oversees compliance with OSHA and the EPA. "I have a degree in exercise science, and I kind of fell into health and safety when I moved to Jamestown," said O'Higgins, who is currently pursuing a master's degree in personal hygiene.



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Immigration & Business Expert, Dr. Gregory Finkelson, Heading to China



[Dr. Gregory Finkelson](#), President of [American Corporate Services, Inc.](#), announces that he will be traveling to China in September to follow-up on contacts established during the Silicon Valley Mayors' China Trip in May of this year.

During his 12-day visit, Dr. Finkelson will be meeting with investors, and CEOs of prosperous, high tech companies in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen and other cities yet to be announced. In addition, his schedule includes meetings with potential new clients, Partners and Agents.

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Rockford Hotel Plan Pins Hopes on Chinese Investors

A developer planning to turn a former factory in downtown Rockford into a hotel is trying to attract Chinese investors looking to get U.S. green cards to help cover the costs.

He told the Rockford Register Star that he and Mayor Larry Morrissey met the first of those investors at a presentation they made in Shanghai, China, and last month.

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[Gary Gorman](#) plans to spend \$67 million to turn the Amerock-Ziock building into an Embassy Suites hotel.



Todd Wilcox Says Republican Voters in Florida (Will) Like What He Has to Offer



Orlando-based entrepreneur Todd Wilcox says that it was around April of last year that he first thought about the possibilities of running for U.S. Senate, a considerable feat to undertake for a lifelong nonpolitician in the nation's third-largest state.

He didn't go into exploratory mode until this past April, though, after Marco Rubio made it official that he wouldn't be running for re-election to his seat, and the presumptive GOP front-runner to replace him, Jeff Atwater, stunned the Florida political world by announcing he also would not run.

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Should You File an I-924 "Exemplar" Petition before September 30th?

Since the introduction on June 3, 2015 of the bipartisan American Job Creation and Investment Promotion Reform Act by Senators Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) the Grassley / Leahy Bill, there is increased discussion on whether potential projects should file an I-924 "exemplar" petition prior to September 30th, 2015, the date on which the Regional

Center program is set to expire, and the impetus for the bill. While most EB-5 practitioners understand that changes to the program are imminent, there remains debate on what actions are most prudent to pursue in the short term to address the upcoming changes.

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Coventry Airport to Grow As Developers Look To Attract Visitors, Residents to NEK



Northeast Kingdom developer [Bill Stenger](#) has unveiled the design for a new airport terminal to be built at the state airport in Coventry.

Stenger showed the architectural rendering at a meeting this week of the Northeast Kingdom Airport Committee, a group of policy makers and citizens overseeing changes to the runway and adjacent buildings.

The terminal is on state land but the building is owned by Stenger and his partner, Ariel Quiros Jr. They have been tapping the federal EB-5 program, which offers visas for investments in this and other economic developments in northeastern Vermont. Stenger says a good international airport and amenities are crucial to all the other projects, including ski resorts, a bio-tech lab and a small aircraft manufacturing plant at the airport.

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EB5 Capital Receives USCIS Approval



The [United States Citizenship and Immigration Services \("USCIS"\)](#) has begun to issue I-526 Petition approvals for investors in [EB5 Capital's Dock 79](#) (formerly known as Riverfront at the Navy Yard) mixed-use project in the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

EB5 Capital today announced that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") has begun to issue I-526 Petition approvals for investors in EB5 Capital's Dock 79 (formerly known as Riverfront at the Navy Yard)

mixed-use project in the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood of Washington, D.C. The I-526 Petition is the first step in the process for immigrant investors seeking to become permanent residents of the United States by investing through Regional Centers in new, job-creating enterprises. The initial I-526 Petition approval confirms that the Dock 79 project meets the federal government's economic development and job-creation requirements.

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Stenger's 'Renaissance' Raises Hope — and Skepticism — in Newport

In March, wrecking crews demolished one of four commercial blocks in downtown Newport. Where a four-story apartment and commercial buildings once stood, only cellar holes remain. The demolition, by [Jay Peak Resort](#) president [Bill Stenger](#), was touted as a key step toward the economic rebirth of this city on the shores of picturesque Lake Memphremagog, just miles from Canada. A colorful banner tied to a chain-link fence around the property known as [Renaissance Block](#) hints at a huge project to come.

But on closer inspection, the banner is missing something: any mention of future plans. There is no "coming next" or "future home of" notice — only photos of the block in the



decades before it became just a hole in the ground.

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2nd Batch of Post Larvae



On Tuesday September 2nd, Alpine Shrimp LLC will be adding a 2nd batch of Post Larvae Shrimp to their proof of concept facility. This is being done in order to test their alternating tank theory that shrimp will be able to be constantly available vs. the current train of thought that shrimp must be raised in one harvest cycle, and are usually only available once every 4 weeks or so.

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SLS Las Vegas Suffers Net Loss of \$48.6 Million in Second Quarter Of 2015

The SLS Las Vegas reported a net loss of more than \$48.6 million in the second quarter of 2015. According to a securities filing, the total net loss for the first six months of the year reached \$83.9 million.

Stockbridge/SBE Investment, the resort's owner, said that the SLS had incurred net losses as well as negative operating cash flows "for the six months ended June 30" in the filing with the [Securities and Exchange Commission](#). Stockbridge Capital Partners, a California based private firm that owns 90% of the company, revealed it has funded capital contributions to the casino-hotel of more than \$28.1 million through June. According to the information provided in the filing, Stockbridge has intentions to transfer SLS Las Vegas enough funds through December in order to meet the establishment's obligations.

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U.S. Government Approves EB-5 Investment for Caffe Primo San Diego



"We are thrilled about the I-526 approval for [Caffe Primo San Diego](#)," said Richard Shinn, President of [PDC Capital Group](#). "This is a wonderful project that will enhance the economic vitality of downtown San Diego and create new jobs, which is always the goal for EB-5 investment."

PDC Capital Group announced that [United States Citizenship and Immigration Services](#) have approved an I-526 petition filed by an investor in a new Caffe Primo restaurant in San Diego.

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The Westin Downtown Cleveland EB-5 Project

CIF's third EB-5 project was the transformation of the former Crowne Plaza hotel at the corner of East 6th Street and Saint Clair Avenue in downtown Cleveland into a new [Westin Hotel](#). The Crowne Plaza had long been in disrepair and was in desperate need of renovation, reflagging the hotel as a Westin – complete with new amenities and significant upgrades – was an excellent way to prevent the building from sliding into further dilapidation and disuse.

The need to preserve the hotel at the corner of East 6th and Saint Clair was only made more pressing by

the construction of the Cleveland Convention Center and attached Global Center for Health Innovation, which was underway just a block to the east of the property.

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PhoenixMart: VIP Tour Highlights Progress

Opening about 1 year away, company says

Convergence is a word the folks at [PhoenixMart](#) use quite a bit. Another word they want to circulate more in their vocabulary is transparency.

"We are certainly committed to the city of Casa Grande to be transparent and to communicate as openly and honestly as possible," said Brian Wright, PhoenixMart's marketing director.

Representatives of AZ Sourcing, PhoenixMart's parent company, invited a number of community leaders to the



PhoenixMart construction site Tuesday to answer questions and give an update on when the massive wholesale trade center might open.

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City Council: Rockford Hotel Loans Delayed by Housing Fray



An application for federal loans tied to two downtown hotel developments was pulled into Rockford's deepening public housing fray Monday.

And it was pulled out of City Council for at least two weeks.

[Gorman & Company](#) and Joseph James Partners have asked the city to help them land \$3 million

each in Section 108 loans for their projects. Gorman aims to turn the former [Amerock](#) building into a \$67 million, 150-room Embassy Suites. Joseph James wants to redevelop 134 N. Main St., into a \$16.4 million, 76-room boutique hotel.

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Chinese Firm, Local Partner Start Bellevue Apartment Project

Tom Yang, left, president of the Chinese company Create World Group, stands with local developer and partner Kevin Daniels at the site in downtown Bellevue that will become Create World's first.

A private Chinese real-estate company broke ground Monday in downtown Bellevue on a six-story, 162-unit apartment building, and the first of several it plans on the West Coast.

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Crain's Detroit Business from July 21, 2015

The site of the old Detroit Artillery Armory in Oak Park is being cleared to make way for a new 300,000-square-foot FedEx Ground distribution center.

FedEx Ground already has distribution centers in Livonia, Pontiac and Ann Arbor. They are comparable in size to the planned Oak Park center.

"We are growing in the Detroit area; it is an important market for us," said FedEx Ground spokesman David Westrick. "We located in Oak Park to be close to major highways, a work force and businesses."

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Hotel Astor, Iconic Art Deco Property in Miami Beach, Now Approved Under the EB5 Program to Undergo Multi-Million-Dollar Refurbishment



[Hotel Astor](#), managed by “true Boutique hotel” management company STEM™ Hotels, is announcing a 2 million dollar refurbishment program to enhance and reposition the property, a landmark 1936 Art Deco hotel located in the heart of South Beach, Miami.

The hotel aims to recapture its iconic status on Miami Beach by restoring all guest rooms & suites to their original glory while adding modern amenities and services befitting of a high quality boutique property. The Hotel’s

aim is to bring back the glamorous South Beach of the Art Deco days, through carefully curated cultural programs and events.

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Related Story: [Hotel Astor in Miami Beach Granted EB-5 Status](#)

Zenith Capital, Village Concepts Plan \$25 Million Project for Seattle

Zenith Capital, a company that provides alternative financing for the senior housing industry such as EB-5 funding, is teaming up with Federal Way, Wash.-based Village Concepts to build a new 100-unit, \$25 million assisted living and memory care facility in Seattle.

[The Linden Village Assisted Living Community](#) will be constructed at 13524 Linden Avenue North in north Seattle’s Bitter Lake neighbourhood.

The community will offer 79 units of assisted living in studio, one- and two-bedroom floor plans; and 21 spaces available in the building’s memory care wing.



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Douglas Development Secures Uline Construction Financing

Douglas Development Corporation, which began work to reshape D.C.’s historic Uline Arena this spring, has secured a total of \$94 million in construction financing for the mixed-use project.

That will cover about 75 percent of the project’s expected cost. Douglas Development is covering the rest.

Natixis Real Estate Capital has provided a \$75.5 million

construction loan. [EB5 Capital](#) is providing \$18 million in preferred equity.

The Uline overhaul is expected to be completed in the fall of 2016.

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Related Story: [Douglas Development Takes \\$75M Loan from Natixis for Historic D.C. Conversion Project](#)

Houston EB5 Presents Arabella – Another Opportunity to Invest and Gain US Citizenship

On the backdrop of the success of the just concluded capital-raising partnership for the Marlowe residential project in Houston Texas, [Houston EB5](#) has yet again partnered 3INVEST for the capital raising drive in the Africa region for another real estate investment opportunity – a residential project, [ARABELLA](#). Speaking at the press briefing the Chief Executive- 3Invest,

Ms. Ruth Obih stated how excited her team is to see yet another new project from Houston EB5. “This is the 2nd project this year and the 3rd project we have been privileged to exclusively to promote in the region she says” and we glad that investors are embracing the EB5 Investment program.

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Year-Round Market Still Lies in Flux



The concrete walls are exposed and the floors unfinished. The wide-open 8,500-square-foot future year-round farmers market in Everett is bare but for a few models produces racks and a smattering of construction leavings.

But ask Alicia Moreno, the project’s general manager, for a tour and the gray place becomes vibrant as her voice echoes through the building, filling it with a unique vision of a year-round, fresh, local food emporium.

“It is real. The thing is coming to life,” Moreno said. “We’re looking to open sometime in October or November at this point.”

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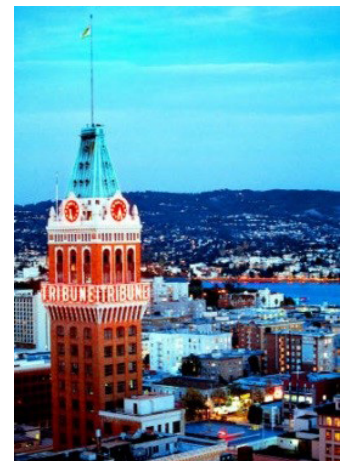
Oakland: Tribune Tower Owner Hit with another Lawsuit

The owner of the iconic Tribune Tower and several other downtown Oakland office buildings is facing a lawsuit from a business partner accusing him of diverting funds from their enterprise to help amass his growing real estate portfolio.

The lawsuit, filed last month in Alameda County Superior Court, marks the second time in the past year that [Thomas Henderson](#) and his sons, [Matthew](#) and Michael, have been sued by an estranged partner.

Working with his two sons, Henderson, 66, has made a name for himself in recent years for his participation in the federal EB-5 program in which wealthy foreigners, primarily from China, bankroll projects that create domestic jobs in exchange for permanent residency in the U.S.

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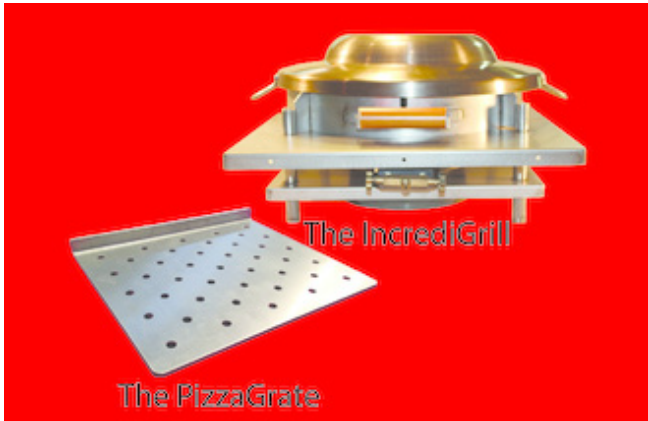
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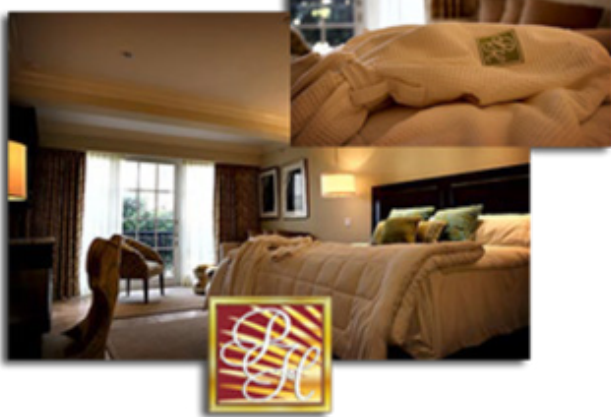
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Regional Center	Firm & Managers	Certified	Projects	Mentions & Participations	I-924a	I-526	I-829	Media	Profile Rating	Activity
 Delaware Valley Regional Center (49%) ID: 1313451137 Designation Date: May 27, 2014 States: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania NAICS: ?	Managers: Young Min Ban	No	Open Projects: 	Mentions: 	2014	-	-	Reports: 0 Video: 1 Audio: 0 Photos: 0 Updates: 0	Rating: ○○○○○ Profile: Low Completion: Good Projects: Good Site Activity: Excellent Knowledge: Not Rated Experience: Low I-924A Rating: Transparent	Follower: 3 Fans: 0 Last Update: Last Update Last Login: Last Login

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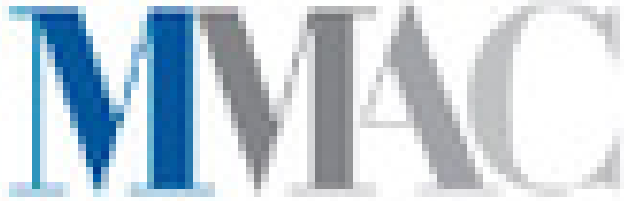
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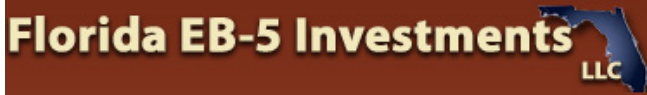
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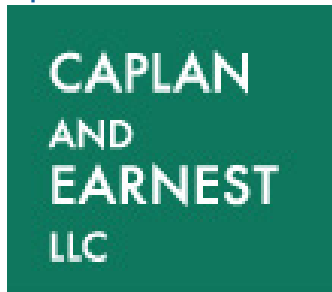


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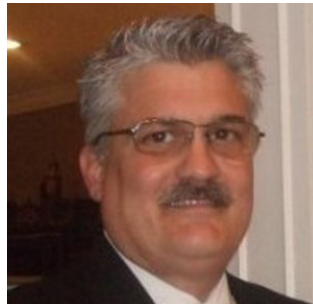
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ID	Plaintiffs	Defendants	Filing Date	Jurisdiction	Status	Causes of Action	Description	Attorneys, Regional Centers & Firms	Views
20	AVVA LLC Mehrdad Elie	U.S. Immigration Investment Center LLC U.S. Immigration Investment Center LLC USIIC LLP USIIC ILP Mahnaz Khazen and Michael Shadman	July 27, 2015	Federal District Court for the Northern District of California	Pending	Securities Violations	In approximately October 2010, Elie sought to invest in a bank located in Washington, D.C. that was in jeopardy of failing due to a diminution in the value of the Bank's total assets. Several other... Documents: 1	U.S. Immigration Investment Center LLC	33
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SEC VS PATH AMERICA, LLC, ET AL



Since February 2012, defendants Lobsang Dargey; Path America, LLC; Path America SnoCo LLC; Path America Farmer's Market, LP; Path America KingCo LLC; Path America Tower, LP; Path Tower Seattle, LP; and Potala Tower Seattle, LLC (collectively, "Defendants") have exploited a federal visa program to defraud investors seeking investment returns and a path to United States residency. To date, Defendants have fraudulently raised at least \$125 million through their sales of securities to 250 investors and collected at least \$11 million in additional fees.

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Zhao argues that the denial of his Petition violated the Administrative Procedures Act, and requests that the Court direct the Government to approve his Petition. On September 26, 2012, USCIS denied Zhao's I-526 Petition. The USCIS reasoned that Zhao failed to demonstrate sufficiently that: (1) his required capital investment had been, or would be made available to Berkeley Dog; (2) his investment in Berkeley Dog resulted in creating the required number of full-time jobs for qualifying employees; and (3) that Berkeley Dog had a comprehensive business plan sufficiently detailed to establish the requisite job-creation potential.

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