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## SCHEDULE



### Registration 8:00 am



8:00am	Registration
9:00am - 9:40am	Panel 1: GLOBAL MOBILTY FOR TAIWAN HNWIs: Key factors to
	consider for EB-5 and global program selection, projects and fund transfers.
	Moderator: Alvin Wong Speakers: Ahmed Khan - Christos Vardikos -
	Michael Shribman
9:40am - 10:20am	Business Presentations: Pacific Plaza Premier Development Group -
	Green Card Fund - APS Global Partners Inc 🦙
	Manhattan Regional Center
10:20am - 10:35am	Networking Break
10:35am - 11:15am	Panel 2: THE AMERICAN DREAM ROUTE: How to move your family
	to the United States with the EB-5 program and select a project to fit
	your needs.
	Moderator: David Van Vooren Speakers: Chris Foulger - Frank Yuan -
	Zoe Wollenschlaeger

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11:15am - 11:55am	<b>Business Presentations:</b> ASAP Holdings - HomeFed Corporation - American Lending Center - Latitude Group
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch sponsored by Pacific Plaza Premier Development Group
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Panel 3. VIP PANEL - MIGRATION AGENTS:</b> Trend and market discussions with local agents. Moderator: Ali Jahangiri Speakers: Charles Wang - Jean Lu - John Lin - Jordan Chen - Mark Lin
2:00pm - 2:20pm	Business Presentations: EB5 Franchising - EB5AN
2:20pm - 2:35pm	Networking Break
2:35pm - 3:15pm	Panel 4: SMART PROJECT STRATEGIES: How to successfully select and advance with your EB-5 investment and best due diligence methods. Moderator: Kyle Walker Speakers: Brennan Sim - Leo Zhou - Sam Newbold
3:15pm - 4:00pm	Networking



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yle Walker is the co-founder and managing partner of Green Card Fund, LLC. In addition to his diverse responsibilities as CEO of NewGen Worldwide, he leads NewGen's EB-5 business, Green Card Fund. Over the years, Walker has been involved with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council's (GPEC) International Leadership Council, the board of directors of Invest in the USA (IIUSA), the founding circle of Opportunity Zone Association of America (OZAA), and supporting his business partners in their leadership of the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) and American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA). With over 15 years of EB-5 experience, deep hospitality experience, and a personal passion for travel and the outdoors, Walker is uniquely positioned to deliver successful EB-5 outcomes with the Terra Vi hotel projects.





### CHRIS FOULGER HOMEFED CORPORATION

hris Foulger is the president of HomeFed Corporation, providing overall strategic direction for HomeFed's operational and development entities. Before joining HomeFed in 2005, he was vice president of Cottonwood Partners, an office building developer and pension fund advisor with assets throughout the country. A member of the Urban Land Institute, Foulger has a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Utah and a master's degree in real estate development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



### **JORDAN CHEN**

#### METROPOLITAN IMMIGRATION CONSULTING GROUP

Chen entered the field of international immigration Consulting Group, Jordan Chen entered the field of international immigration in 1995, and established the Metropolitan brand in 2005. Metropolitan has set up five offices in Taiwan's main cities and one office in Hong Kong. In addition to its immigration business that encompasses outbound, inbound and citizenship matters, the company's services also include international education and international real estate businesses. Upholding the key principles of "value, loyalty, sustainability," Metropolitan has earned a solid reputation and built a strong corporate brand, achieving mutually beneficial outcomes for both the company and clients, continuously creating value in the international immigration business.





#### MARK LIN LUBY INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING CO.

Mark Lin, once an international student on an F-1 visa, earned degrees in chemical engineering and secondary education from a U.S. university. Following graduation, he faced the reality of uncertain H-1B visa selection and, regrettably, had to leave the U.S. without valid immigration status. This not only took away his job opportunity but also dashed his hopes of thriving in the U.S. – a story that resonates with countless other families and students residing and studying in the United States. Today, Lin is a manager at Luby International Consulting Co., specializing in U.S. immigration matters. With nearly a decade of experience, he has successfully guided numerous families through the complex immigration process. His journey from student visa uncertainty to immigration success for others stands as a testament to his dedication to in U.S. immigration service, offering hope and solutions to those in need.



### JOHN LIN WELCOME CONSULTING CO.

ohn Lin established Welcome Consulting Co. in 1990, with offices in Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung, specializing in immigration and study abroad in many countries. Lin is honored to represent the predecessor of the Republic of China Immigrant Business Association (TICA) and participate in the legislative process of Taiwan's Immigration Act from beginning to end. It was promulgated and implemented by the Taiwan government in 1999. There was no competent authority for immigration matters until 2007, when the National Immigration Agency was born. Lin also spearheaded the establishment of TICA in 2001 and served as its first chairman.



### JEAN LU MASON'S IMMIGRATION

She has assisted thousands of Taiwanese and Chinese families to immigrate to the United States. Mason's Immigration Services is one of the most experienced pioneers in immigration services. Lu, who has more than 35 years of immigration experience, has always insisted on providing top-notch professional services to customers. The company has handled more than 70 successful investment cases, with a total investment of more than \$150 million, all of which has been successful and paid back. In recent years, Mason's has also assisted customers who want to apply for L-1 (company internal transfer personnel), E-2 (treaty investors) and NIW (national interest exemption) to successfully obtain visas and green cards. They have also helped students who want to study in the United States to successfully enroll in their preferred universities.



### CHARLES WANG

Charles Wang studied abroad and devoted himself to social services for many years after returning from the United States. He currently serves as the president of the Tainan Alumni Association of Soochow University, and the chairman of three temples in Tainan City: Yuanhe Temple, Bailong Temple, and Shennong Temple. In terms of corporate leadership and corporate governance, he is currently the chairman of three companies: Ji-Zen International Development Co., Ltd.; Zhiren Enterprise Management Co., Ltd.; and Juren Energy Technology Co., Ltd. The focus of his business activity is broad and diversified, spanning immigration services, corporate management, property management, international manpower and energy technology fields.





AHMED KHAN EB5AN

A hmed Khan is an EB-5 immigration attorney and regional center executive with over a decade of experience within the EB-5 industry. In addition to working at three of the top EB-5 and immigration law firms in the U.S., Khan has spent over three years as a top executive at two of the industry's largest EB-5 regional centers. He has a wealth of knowledge in all aspects of EB-5, including source and path of funds, project structuring and selection, and immigration processes.



### **ALVIN WONG** MANHATTAN REGIONAL CENTER

A livin Wong is the chief operating officer of Manhattan Regional Center, with a mandate to ensure its operational efficiency. Fluent in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin, Wong maintains a strong network with industry professionals and regularly collaborates with securities and immigration counsels to help ensure that MRC and its associated projects are in compliance with EB-5 and securities laws and regulations. Prior to joining MRC, Wong spent over 12 years in progressively senior roles at Canada's third-largest and most international bank. Wong has extensive financial experience in international trade finance, having held leadership roles in back-office operations, global product management, as well as client relationship management. Wong earned his Hon. Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Toronto and received his MBA, specializing in management consulting and organizational design, from the Rotman School of Business at the University of Toronto.



#### MICHAEL SHRIBMAN

APS GLOBAL PARTNERS INC

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### LEO ZHOU AMERICAN LENDING CENTER

eo Zhou is the co-founder of ALC Regional Center and has extensive experience in private banking, commercial and government guaranteed-lending as well as structural financing. Before ALC, he worked for a top 3 national bank in the U.S. for about 10 years, where he received the Top 10 Producer Award for four consecutive years. Zhou is also member of the National Rural Lenders' Association. He graduated from Beijing Foreign Affairs College in 1997 with a B.A. majoring Diplomatic English & Administration then earned a M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Washington (Seattle) in 2000.







**FRANK YUAN** ASAP HOLDINGS

rank Yuan is the CEO and chairman of the Texas Future Fund, LLC. He has extensive experience in the appeal international trading, banking, insurance, B2B internet commerce, commercial real estate and capital markets, including the acquisition of over 35 U.S. hotels and partnerships with high net-worth Chinese family offices and state-owned companies since 2010. Yuan founded the US Fu-Jen University Foundation, United National Bank, EverTrust Bank, Western Cities Title Insurance Company, and ServAmerica National Title Insurance Company, in addition to several other business ventures. He also assisted with multiple companies' public listing on OTC, Frankfurt, and Singapore Stock Exchanges. Yuan earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Fu-Jen Catholic University in Taiwan and his M.B.A. from Utah State University.



### DAVID VAN VOOREN DAVID HIRSON & PARTNERS LLP

D avid Van Vooren joined David Hirson & Partners, LLP in 2014 and currently leads the Seattle office as a partner. He concentrates his practice in corporate and investment-based immigration law. Van Vooren has substantial experience advising foreign investors and entrepreneurs on U.S. immigration matters. He also advises corporations on immigration compliance issues and developing long-term immigration strategies. In addition, Van Vooren works on EB-5 immigrant investor program matters, including the creation of new EB-5 Regional Centers, advising businesses on EB-5 corporate structuring and financing, and working closely with service providers to ensure compliance with EB-5 program requirements. He prepares and files I-526 and I-829 petitions and guides investors through the entire EB-5 immigration process. He has assisted Regional Centers and investors in responding to complex Requests for Evidence. Van Vooren has been named as a Top 25 Attorney by EB5 Investors Magazine for multiple years, most recently in 2023.



#### BRENNAN SIM EB5 UNITED

B rennan Sim has been working in EB-5 since 2013. He possesses an ability to adapt to other cultures, find common ground with others, and build strong foundations for business development. After running another regional center for five years, Sim joined EB5 United with a drive to bring value to the group. He received his bachelor's degree in finance and MBA from the University of South Alabama. Sim was a graduate assistant wide receivers coach for South Alabama's football team while getting his MBA. After grad school, he worked as a financial advisor where he developed knowledge that has translated well into the EB-5 industry.



### CHRISTOS VARDIKOS

**VARDIKOS & VARDIKOS** 

hristos Vardikos is an Athens-based attorney at law and the Consul a.h. for the Commonwealth of Dominica in the Hellenic Republic, acting also as Special Advisor to the Honorable Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica for Maritime Affairs. Vardikos is the Vice President of the Greek Consular Corps. And a member of the Athens Bar Association, accredited to the Supreme Court. The attorney manages the boutique law firm Vardikos & Vardikos with associated offices in Cyprus, Dominica, Antigua & Barbuda, Saint Lucia and Grenada.





### **ZOE WOLLENSCHLAEGER**

MEYER LAW GROUP

Z oe Wollenschlaeger, the global EB-5 and immigration manager at Meyer Law Group, is dedicated to assisting a diverse range of clients, from start-ups to publicly traded companies, investors, and entrepreneurs. Her expertise spans various complex visa categories, including L-1, O-1, E-2, E-3, R-1, EB-1, and EB-5. As an immigrant herself, Wollenschlaeger brings a unique and empathetic perspective to her work, understanding the challenges faced by foreign nationals seeking a better life. Her personal connection fuels a commitment to providing compassionate and effective legal support. Beyond immigration law, she is a Registered Securities Representative, holding Series 7, Series 82, and Series 63 certifications with FINRA. Combining her legal proficiency with a keen understanding of the financial landscape, Wollenschlaeger is uniquely positioned to address the nuanced aspects of the EB-5 visa.



### SAMUEL NEWBOLD

CSG LAW

Samuel Newbold is the chair of the Immigration Law Group at CSG and is a member of CSG's Alternative Capital Group, where he heads the firm's EB-5 Practice. Newbold represents regional centers, EB-5 issuers, as well as individual investors. Newbold serves on the American Immigration Lawyers Association National EB-5 Committee and is the co-founder of PRXY; a blockchain based EB-5 fund administration software platform that provides comprehensive end-to-end tracking and compliance reporting of EB-5 expenditures and job creation for EB-5 fund administrators.



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Premier Plaza Premier Development Group is the leading and fastest-growing Taiwanese-owned real estate development company in California. Pacific Plaza Premier has a 100% proven track record of taking its projects from conception to completion using its experienced team of project managers, architects, engineers, and contractors. Pacific Plaza Premier's development pipeline includes more than 1.3 million square feet in nine projects, including multifamily, hotel, and mixed-use retail projects, all located in the San Gabriel Valley of Los Angeles County. The San Gabriel Valley is home to many famous Taiwanese brand names like 85°C Bakery, Meet Fresh, and Din Tai Fung. While many Asian-owned real estate developers in Southern California purchase, entitle, and sell their properties, Pacific Plaza Premier is the only one in the region that takes multiple projects from start to finish. Pacific Plaza Premier is the utmost reliable investment partner for real estate projects in Southern California.



**G** reen Card Fund (GCF) is a proven EB-5 Regional Center supporting international families seeking residency by investment in the United States. Founded in 2009, GCF has supported more than 290 families, and \$425M of project developments that have had significant economic impact across the United States. Delivering reliable immigration outcomes for investors, GCF's projects have achieved a 100% approval rate with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Their dedicated team spans across the United States, with offices strategically located in Phoenix, Arizona; Columbus, Ohio; and Washington, DC. Their representatives on the ground in foreign markets provide personalized support to the company's esteemed partners and investors. As a subsidiary of NewGen Worldwide, a dynamic hospitality investment platform, GCF has unrivaled expertise in the hospitality and EB-5 industries.

## PRXY

The PRXY platform redefines industry best practices through a state-of-the-art, interactive software solution for fund administrators, issuers, developers, regional centers and investors. With cutting-edge, proprietary fund tracking, draw down, and job creation technologies, PRXY provides the benchmark in EB-5 fund administration software solutions.

# HOMEFED CORPORATION

omeFed Corporation is a public real estate development company that specializes in creating vibrant, mixed-use master plan communities that combine innovative placemaking techniques and environmental stewardship. Incorporated in 1988 and headquartered in Carlsbad, California, HomeFed is known for undertaking large, complex, environmentally challenging projects that require long-term investments. The company owns a portfolio of successful projects in California and along the East Coast, from the state of New York to the panhandle of Florida. In addition to its community development projects, HomeFed owns several undeveloped properties in various stages of planning and entitlement, as well as income-producing real estate assets.



uby International Consulting Co. is one of the largest and most prominent immigration and investment consulting firms in Asia. Established in 1983, Luby International strives to provide the highest level of services in a wide range of immigration channels in the market. With its successful track record, Luby International has been recognized by the world's leading immigration organizations such as Uglobal Immigration Magazine. A L C American Lending Center

A merican Lending Center (ALC) is a private nonbank lending institution and nationally recognized leader in commercial lending. ALC has operated multiple USCIS-designated regional centers for over a decade and invested in EB-5 projects across the United States. Safety and security of EB-5 investments have been ALC's primary goal since day one. Every project is fully assessed with ALC's extremely conservative underwriting guidelines. At closing, EB-5 capital always stays in a senior loan secured by fixed assets in the capital stack. ALC had fully financed senior loans to 83 qualified EB-5 projects by the end of 2022, created over 13,000 new jobs since 2009, and achieved an impeccable record of zero EB-5 losses and a 100% approval rate of immigration petitions. It also launched a new rural EB-5 program in 2022, which successfully built a fast track for Chinese investors to take advantage of quick immigration processing under the new EB-5 law.



PS Global Partners Inc. is a business advisory company devoted to innovative entrepreneurs from around the globe willing to start their business in Canada. The company is a pioneer and innovator in the Start-Up Visa Program. Their mission is to provide advice and unique, tailor-made business consulting services to immigration professionals and their international entrepreneur clients willing to establish business and get permanent residence in Canada. The company connects clients with leading business advisors, financial services, and designated support organizations, with an aim to ensure that they succeed in Canada as an entrepreneur by providing active and ongoing management of their Canadian business. APS Global Partners believes that Canada has an excellent entrepreneurship environment within a start-up support ecosystem for those who wish to become a part of its landscape.



## **SASAP**

SAP Holdings is a Chinese-owned private equity firm headquartered in Pasadena, CA, focused on acquiring Hospitality and Commercial real estate in the United States.

Since 2010, ASAP has been an active hotel buyer and successfully acquired over 35 hotels with over \$2 billion dollars Asset Under Management (AUM) portfolio.

The firm measures performance by short- term and long-term financial results and by successfully executing the business plan for each acquired hotel.

ASAP currently maintains presence in major real estate markets throughout the U.S.



David Hirson & Partners, LLP offers national and international clients nearly 40 years of experience in immigration law. Their practice provides a full range of legal services with a strong focus on the areas of business, investment, and family immigration as well as immigration litigation. David Hirson is the founding and managing partner of DHP and has been certified as a specialist in immigration and nationality law by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization continuously since 1990. His success with investment immigration has spanned decades, since the EB-5 program's inception in 1990. Hirson EB-5 Strategies & Compliance, LLC is DHP's sister company that offers regional centers and projects the one-stop solution to EB-5 planning and operational compliance. As a full-service immigration law firm, DHP works closely with both families and companies to understand their needs and customize an immigration plan that surpasses expectations.





B5 Affiliate Network (EB5AN) helps foreign investors obtain U.S. permanent residency, or green cards, through investments in U.S. direct and regional center investment projects within the guidelines of the EB-5 immigrant investor program. EB5AN is a national EB-5 direct project sponsor, regional center operator, EB-5 consulting firm, and global fund manager. The company has offices in the United States, India, Brazil, and China. More than 2,000 EB-5 families from more than 60 countries have selected EB-5 projects sponsored by EB5AN.



B5 Franchising has14 years of experience in the franchising space and has helped
300+ franchises onboard 1,000+ new franchisees in the United States.

EB5 Franchising seeks qualified EB-5 immigrant investors to assist as franchise area developers for various franchise concepts, ranging from cookie stores to Asian food quick-serve restaurants to Nordic-style sauna and cold plunge bathhouses.

Investment ranges in franchises range are between \$800,000 - \$1,050,000 for a 25% stake in a new franchised location. The firm helps EB-5 immigrant investors obtain a US green card while helping build the American dream by becoming stakeholders in the backbone of American small businesses, franchising.





**RESIDENCY & CITIZENSHIP** 

atitude Group is a leading international firm in the residency and citizenship by investment industry. Over the last decade, their team have assisted over 6,500 high net worth private clients in obtaining a second citizenship or residency in Europe, North America and the Caribbean. Latitude Group has a local focus with a global reach with offices in over 20 countries and 140 staff internationally. The management of Latitude Group have been advising governments on residency and citizenship programs for over 20 years and have been involved in the set-up and launch of some of the leading programs in the world.



Since January 2011, Manhattan Regional Center (MRC) has successfully helped hundreds of EB-5 investors by providing attractive projects in New York City. Under the leadership of its managing member, a prolific real estate developer, attorney, and financier with over 30 years of experience, MRC has a world-class team of seasoned professionals from the immigration law, banking, accounting, financing, construction development and management sectors, working together to achieve immigration and investment success for its investors.





The deep understanding that a client's investment represents their family's future guides EB5 United. EB5 United has evolved into a global financial services firm providing both EB-5 and private equity investment opportunities. Acting as a fiduciary, the firm utilizes its due diligence processes earned through various market cycles to navigate appropriate deal structures and provide global mobility for its clientele and their capital. EB5 United has helped over 1000 investors obtain more than 2,000 green cards for family members. They work with industry leading networks and attorneys to ensure their clients' cases receive the best treatment possible from a source of funds perspective.



eyer Law Group is a U.S. immigration law firm based in San Francisco, California. They provide legal and immigration services to investors, multinational corporations, small businesses, and start-ups. With over 20 years of experience, they offer their clients unparalleled knowledge, unflagging quality, and long-term value. Meyer Law Group's global team of experts speak over nine languages and secure timely approvals for clients due to their impeccable attention to detail. Brandon Meyer, founder and managing partner of the firm, has been ranked among the Top 25 Immigration Attorneys by EB5 Investors Magazine since 2014.



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