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PRIVATE CLIENT COUNTRY GUIDE

LATVIA

A Baltic perspective. Room to build your future.

A guide to investment residence and the 2026 transition

€50,000

Qualifying company equity, plus €10,000 state payment

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01 / THE DESTINATION

A European base with Baltic character.

Riga combines a historic old town, distinctive architecture and riverside neighbourhoods. Beyond the capital, Latvia’s forests, lakes and Baltic coastline offer a different rhythm.

For an investor, the decision starts with the business or asset itself: its quality, obligations and suitability for a long-term plan. Residence is one part of that decision, alongside how your family would use a base in Latvia.

CAPITAL

Riga

LANGUAGE

Latvian

EU MEMBER / EURO (EUR)



RIGA

A capital shaped by its old town, architecture and the Daugava River.



BEYOND THE CITY

Lakes and green landscapes in the Jurmala area offer a quieter setting.



02 / INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Find your qualifying route.

Current framework as at 8 September 2026. A new Immigration Law takes effect on 15 September 2026. Read the transition note on page 4 before committing funds. [4]

€50,000

Qualifying smaller-company equity

Company with no more than 50 employees and annual turnover or balance sheet not exceeding €10 million. Add €10,000 to the state budget for the initial permit. Up to ten investors per company under this category. [1]

€100,000

Qualifying larger-company equity

A separate threshold applies to qualifying larger companies or group structures. The €10,000 initial state-budget payment also applies. Company compliance must be assessed. [1]

€250,000

Real estate under the current law

Add 5% of purchase value to the state budget: €12,500 at the minimum price. Location, cadastral value, seller and payment conditions apply. Agricultural and forest land are excluded. [2]

These are qualifying amounts, not all-inclusive package prices. Do not assume that a transaction started under the old rules will secure an old-rule application.

03 / INVESTMENT IN PRACTICE

Plan around the September transition.



LOOK BEYOND THE HEADLINE AMOUNT.

New law effective 15 September 2026

01 Company investment

The new law provides up to two years for the share-capital route and sets continuing company tax requirements, including €40,000 annually for the smaller-company category. [4]

02 New investment provision

It provides a €150,000 minimum, maintained for at least five years through a state-established alternative investment fund manager, plus €10,000 to the state budget. Confirm operational availability. [4]

03 Real estate & legacy cases

The new route list does not carry forward the old property-investment category. Existing permits and pending cases require a specific transition review. [4]

04 Eligibility comes first

Nationality restrictions, security checks and the applicable filing date can affect access. Confirm your case before signing or transferring funds. [4]

BUILD YOUR FULL BUDGET

In addition to capital and the state-budget payment, allow for application and card fees, professional advice, insurance, translation, legalisation and travel. For a company, investigate operating costs and recurring tax obligations; for property, include transaction and holding costs.



Built around your family.

04 / FAMILY & EVERYDAY LIFE

Partners & children

A spouse and minor children can generally seek accompanying residence, subject to the applicable family provisions and individual checks. [3]

Prepare together

Collect relationship documents, passports and financial evidence for the whole household early. Each family member’s position needs review.

A base in Latvia

Residence enables a Latvian base. Check the employment entitlement on your permit and arrange education and health cover to suit your family.

Longer-term plans

Permanent residence and citizenship require separate residence, language and other conditions. A passive investment is not a guaranteed passport route. [6]

SCHENGEN TRAVEL

A valid permit and passport support short visits to other Schengen states, generally up to 90 days in any 180-day period. Residence in one country does not grant an unrestricted right to live or work across the EU. [5]

05 / YOUR APPLICATION

From first conversation to residence.

01 **Confirm the legal framework**

Check nationality eligibility, intended filing date and the September transition.

02 **Investigate the investment**

Review the company or qualifying asset, financial records and continuing obligations.

03 **Prepare the evidence**

Assemble personal, family, financial and investment documents in the required form.

04 **Lodge the application**

Use the appropriate PMLP or consular channel and pay the applicable fees.

05 **Complete local formalities**

Attend required appointments and supply biometrics, originals and health evidence.

06 **Manage ongoing compliance**

Follow the decision, card and registration requirements and maintain the investment.

YOUR DOCUMENT FILE

- Valid passport and application form
- Proof of sufficient means and lawful investment funds
- Criminal-record certificate where required
- Health insurance and required medical evidence
- Company subscription or qualifying asset documents
- Marriage and birth certificates for family
- Translations, legalisation and payment evidence

TIMING Document preparation, checks and appointment availability determine the schedule. A processing estimate is not an approval guarantee.

06 / THE LONGER VIEW

Plan beyond the first permit.

Is this permanent residence?

The investment route initially provides temporary residence. Under the current PMLP guidance, qualifying investment permits may be granted for up to five years, with registration formalities. The September reform changes the company-route period; see page 4. [3,4]

Can my family live elsewhere in the EU?

A Latvian permit is not an unrestricted right to settle or work throughout the EU. Another country's long-stay and employment rules apply.

When might citizenship be possible?

Naturalisation generally requires five years of permanent residence, Latvian-language knowledge and other statutory conditions. Earlier temporary residence does not automatically satisfy that period. Dual-nationality rules also require review. [6]

Is the headline investment my total cost?

No. State contributions, residence fees and ongoing investment obligations are separate. Ask for an itemised budget and written confirmation of the law applying to your case.



SOURCE NOTES / CHECKED 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

1. PMLP | Share-capital investor

2. PMLP | Real estate owner (current framework)

3. PMLP | Permit periods and family provisions

4. Latvia Immigration Law | Effective 15 September 2026

5. EU Council | Schengen area

6. PMLP | Naturalisation

General programme information, not an investment offer or personal legal or tax advice. Eligibility, fees and rules can change; the authorities decide applications. Images illustrate destinations, not qualifying investments.

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YOUR NEXT CHAPTER

Let’s begin with your plans.

Lawlane Partners supports individuals and families exploring residence and citizenship by investment. From our Dubai base, we help you understand your options and organise the next steps around your family, priorities and long-term goals.

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