

VIP Tier 1 Investor Programme

Programme Summary

For applicants to the UK's Tier 1 Investor visa programme, capital must now be invested in either shares or as a loan in an 'active and trading' UK company. Applicants tend to default to a quoted corporate bond portfolio without realising that there is a range of other options that offer security, higher returns, and greater control of capital.

InvestUK is the UK's leading specialist in offering tailored visa-qualifying solutions. The VIP Tier 1 Investor Programme enables applicants to have a choice of visa-qualifying investments in the UK. We have proudly completed over 260 successful cases, providing bespoke, flexible solutions to discerning clients from 34 countries. Investments are managed by a leading fully-regulated London-based asset manager.

The first stage of any application process is opening a qualifying UK bank account to apply for entry clearance. InvestUK project manages the whole process, delivering stress-free AML and KYC procedures and liaising with immigration lawyers, giving clients certainty and peace of mind.

InvestUK then works with clients to create a bespoke portfolio that can be a mix of quoted and unquoted bonds to suit preference. Investors have a choice of Discretionary, Execution Only and Reporting Only mandates tailored to risk appetite, income requirement and desired control over funds. This may include the creation and management of a wholly owned active and trading UK company and/or the purchase of asset-backed bonds offering a gross annual income of £100,000 or above.

Programme Specifications

Suitability	'Sophisticated' or High Net Worth investors with provable and accessible funds seeking UK permanent residence. 'Retail' investors will be required to have a consultation with a qualified IFA.
Investment Amount	£2million of unencumbered capital available to be transferred to a UK investment account before or directly after grant of Entry Clearance.
Investment Type	Visa-qualifying quoted bonds and/or loan notes issued by an active and trading UK companies raising money for their own activities, including secured loans to UK energy infrastructure and other fixed income-bearing assets.
Investment Income	Variable according to strategy but typical annual yield of 5% after all management fees.
Other Requirements	Applicants must be over the age of 18, no English language requirement but UK residency required for 5 years (185 days a year until permanent residence is granted).

£2m
Investment Size

Programme Investment Strategies

InvestUK is the programme manager and oversees the whole process to give complete peace of mind. Our experienced and fully regulated asset manager operates the mandate according to client preference to ensure full visa compliance. There is a choice of three programme trading strategies:

- a. **Discretionary** Traditional portfolio of highly rated, quoted bonds issued by leading British companies carefully selected by our asset manager. Net income (after management fees) is negligible but this option is ideal for those wishing a completely passive low-risk investment strategy.
- b. **Execution Only** Specific quoted infrastructure bonds secured on renewable energy assets delivering 'peak power'. These are gas operated power generation facilities connected to the UK grid. Net income is 6% (after management fees) and this option is ideal for those looking for a regular protected income with a balanced risk approach.
- c. **Reporting Only** Bonds issued by a specialist unquoted active and trading UK company. The company is actively managed on the clients' behalf by InvestUK and the bond is fully visa compliant. This allows the investor to devise their own investment strategy and retain full control of their capital. Net income is variable depending on the strategy but gives the possibility of private-equity style returns.

Strategies can be combined and do not need to be agreed until 30 days **after** Entry Clearance has been granted. In all cases the asset manager is responsible for regular reporting to both the client on performance and the Home Office for visa compliance.

Capital may not be used for property purchase, development, or management but income may be used to service a mortgage on UK property or for students wishing to pay for tuition fees and benefit from InvestUK's unique work placement and career development programme.

The value of investments may rise as well as fall, and you may not get back the amount originally invested. The investments and services offered by us may not be suitable for all investors. If you have any doubts as to the merits of an investment, you should seek advice from an independent financial advisor.

Application Process

The application starts with an individual consultation with InvestUK and involves a simple 3-step process:

- 1 Account opening (including AML and KYC) with our regulated asset manager
- 2 Visa application with our recommended and highly experienced immigration lawyer
- 3 Selection of tailored investment strategy and mandate, and release of funds



Applicants should allow a minimum of 3 months for the application process.

About InvestUK

InvestUK is a market-leading advisory firm that specialises in helping foreign investors to make visa-qualifying investments into UK companies. Since our founding in 2012, we have completed over 260 transactions for clients from 34 countries and align closely with UK Government policy on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

Our professional and multi-lingual team is based in London's prestigious Mayfair district, and we work with a carefully selected group of leading London-based asset managers who each hold in excess of £1 billion under management.

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