

Henley & Partners Discusses Sovereign Equity at Davos

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[Henley & Partners](#) was delighted to take part in a Davos panel discussion during this week's World Economic Forum, which considered innovation between the individual and the sovereign state, and the benefits that can be created through [investment migration programs](#).

Chairman [Dr. Christian H. Kaelin](#) built on the concept of sovereign equity, which he introduced at Davos last year. The concept has positively engaged multiple audiences over the past 12 months, with Dr. Kaelin commenting that "we are in constant conversation with sovereign states – over 30 countries have recognized the potential of sovereign equity. Sovereign equity is two sides of the same coin. States offer enhanced global mobility and security, with investors literally 'buying into a country', injecting debt-free capital that creates sovereign and societal value".

In addition, Dr. Kaelin noted the importance of technological advances that can help ensure that two vital requirements for successful investment migration programs are met: integrity and public approval. "It is through the intelligent application of new technology that sovereign states can protect both themselves and their citizens", Dr. Kaelin confirmed. "Data integrity – whether in relation to citizenship, health, or personal data – is extremely important to the individual. It is imperative that contracts between nation states and citizens are made with mutual trust."

At the panel discussion in Davos, Dr. Kaelin concluded: "What is without doubt is that the relationship between the sovereign state and the citizen is changing. Sovereign states are in constant competition for talent and capital and are proactively marketing themselves. Sovereign equity will very soon be the new normal."

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About Henley & Partners

Henley & Partners is the global leader in residence and citizenship planning. Each year, hundreds of wealthy individuals and their advisors rely on our expertise and experience in this area. The firm's highly qualified professionals work together as one team in over 30 offices worldwide.

The concept of residence and citizenship planning was created by Henley & Partners in the 1990s. As globalization has expanded, residence and citizenship have become topics of significant interest among the increasing number of internationally mobile entrepreneurs and investors whom we proudly serve every day.

The firm also runs a leading government advisory practice that has raised more than USD 8 billion in foreign direct investment. Trusted by governments, the firm has been involved in strategic consulting and in the design, set-up, and operation of the world's most successful residence and citizenship programs.

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