



Building Wealth

through **INDIVIDUALIZED**
CONTROL

PRECIOUS METALS

A self-directed IRA allows you to buy a full range of investment options such as precious metals. Buying gold and silver as an investment with your IRA allows for diversified protection against inflation and an uncertain economy. A self-directed IRA allows you to make your own investment decisions such as metals allowing you to choose what IRA-approved bullion is held by your account. The metals are held on behalf of your IRA at a depository and available for you to save or liquidate at your discretion.

What are the benefits of holding precious metals in my self-directed IRA?

- **Diversification:** Investing in gold, silver and other metals enables you to diversify your portfolio, thus minimizing your exposure to losses when other types of investment options (such as stocks) lose value.
- **Hedge against inflation:** Precious metals can help preserve wealth despite the ever-declining value of the U.S. dollar. When Washington implements policies that further devalue the dollar, the result often is higher gold prices.
- **Alternative to riskier investments:** Many soon-to-be retirees seek greater peace of mind. As a result, many move their retirement funds to precious metals to avoid stock market volatility.
- **Growth potential:** As finite resources, precious metals such as gold have unique growth potential, allowing investment account holders to remain on track toward retirement goals. Moreover, these alternative investments also protect the money you already have.

How do I buy metals with a retirement account?

1

Open a Self-Directed IRA account

Precious metals can only be held in a self-directed IRA by a regulated custodian. Identify a custodian of choice.



2

Fund your account

Make a cash contribution or transfer funds from an existing IRA or former employer 401k program into your new self-directed IRA account. Transferring funds is not a taxable event as long as the custodian facilitates the transfer.



3

Submit a Buy Direction Letter

Initiate a qualified metals purchase by completing an Investment Direction Form at your custodian of choice. Include details regarding your metals broker and designated depository to hold the metals.



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Custodian purchases metals on behalf of your SD-IRA.

Depository Holds the Metals. You control what you purchase and hold long you hold your metals investment.



IRA Approved Products:

Gold <i>(.995 minimum fineness, with the exception of the American Eagle)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Eagle Coins (Bullion & Proof) • American Buffalo Uncirculated Coins • Canadian Maple Leaf Coins • Austrian Philharmonic Coins • Australian Nugget / Kangaroo Coins • Gold bars from approved mints & refiners
Silver <i>(.999 minimum fineness)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Eagle (Bullion and Proof)) • Canadian Maple Leaf • Austrian Vienna Philharmonic • Australian Kookaburra • Mexican Libertad • Silver bars from approved mints & refiners
Platinum <i>(.9995 minimum fineness)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Eagle • Australian Koala • Austrian Philharmonic • Canadian Maple Leaf • Platinum bars from approved mints & refiners
Palladium <i>(.9995 minimum fineness)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Maple Leaf • Palladium bars from approved mints & refiners



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