



Offshore Gold and Silver Ownership – Perhaps the Safest IRA Alternative

We work most of our adult lifetime to save and prepare for retirement. None of us want to be subject to significant market corrections or crashes, thus finding ourselves having to “make it back and recover” within our IRAs. In 1998, we gained an additional IRA option, self-directed IRAs. A self-directed IRA is the form of IRA that allows you to hold physical precious metals, real estate, vacant land or a business within your retirement account. But there is even greater flexibility within your precious metals IRA – the ability to store your precious metals offshore, outside of the U.S.

Diversity is Key

Let’s begin with investment product diversity within your IRA. Typically, an IRA is invested in stocks, bonds, ETFs and mutual funds. In good economic times, this is a prudent idea and has proven successful. However, as economic instability has increased throughout the globe, there is need for additional diversification.

Physical precious metals are sometimes assumed to be in the same category as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc., but they are not. Each of these aforementioned investments can, and may go to zero – think back to Lehman Brothers.



All throughout history, gold and silver have always maintained some value, and have never gone to zero. Many reputed analysts are warning us that stock and bond markets are well into the bubble stage. All that remains is the question of the timing of a market correction, or even a crash. The bottom line is that if we are invested in a retirement fund, we need, more than ever, to make sure that it will be unaffected by the crashes that are to come, as it will come with no forewarning. Precious metals provide additional diversity as a way to store wealth with the assurance of always maintaining some value.

Offshore – The Accessible and Safe Jurisdiction

Remember, governments are far more indebted today than they were before the last financial crisis. This excessive debt and the threat of financial insolvency is an increasing threat in countries around the globe. Of course, when any country becomes so indebted as to be on the verge of insolvency, as so many countries are today, there exists a great danger that their governments will do all they can to save themselves. Historically, this has always meant increasing regulatory controls, new currency controls, increased taxation and, if all else fails, confiscation of bank accounts. In the US, increased regulatory controls, currency controls and taxation are already in place, we only have yet to embark upon bank account confiscation.

The proof is in the pudding. Events in the EU and other countries are proving that governments are fully willing to increase currency and regulatory controls, inflate taxation and worse yet, confiscate bank accounts. The government of Cypress decided to take all uninsured deposits above 100,000 euros to apply to recapitalizing the island's failing banks. This style of bail-in was proposed in the new Canadian government budget, and is now considered the new collapse template for the Western banking system.

As a result, our U.S. clients increasingly feel it necessary to find offshore storage for their precious metals, including those within their IRA accounts. Offshore locations have traditionally included Singapore, Zurich and Hong Kong – locations that are far less accessible than many of our clients are comfortable with. We felt compelled to find a safe and more easily accessible offshore alternative for our clients.

We identified an offshore precious metals depository solution that met all of the stringent criteria necessary to protect our clients. Fisher Precious Metals thus partnered with Strategic Wealth Preservation, Ltd. (SWP) in Grand Cayman. There is good reason to consider the Cayman Islands, specifically Grand Cayman, as the ideal place to store your IRA precious metals. In the Cayman Islands, your precious metals are not subject to any Cayman Islands import or export duties, income, capital gains or local taxes. The country is recognized as a 'tax-neutral jurisdiction', provides a stable government with no history of war or violence, and intentionally does not involve itself in any international disputes. In keeping with its position as the world's fifth-largest financial jurisdiction, Grand Cayman boasts first world infrastructure, including an international airport, and is only one hour from North America by numerous daily commercial flights.

Even better, SWP offers transparency and accessibility:

- The SWP depository location is fully disclosed to our clients and they are welcome to visit and inspect their metals with 24-hours' notice. Simply call us and we will schedule your appointment with SWP.
- All of your precious metals are stored in allocated and segregated storage within the vault, coupled with state of the art inventory management and security practices in place.
- All metals stored at SWP are fully insured under their comprehensive insurance policy underwritten by Lloyds of London.
- All of our clients receive an Activity Report each time a deposit is completed, a monthly Statement of Holdings, as well as an annual 3rd party auditor's report issued by Bureau Veritas - Inspectorate. You will also receive quarterly valuation statements from New Direction IRA, your precious metals SDIRA custodian.

A Simple Process

An offshore precious metals IRA may sound exotic and complicated, but it is truly a simple process that can be facilitated within a few weeks. Here are the straightforward steps to take in order to establish your offshore IRA:

- Open a self-directed account with New Direction IRA. Fisher Precious Metals is happy to guide you through their paperwork, as well as provide the application to you.

- Rollover from your existing IRA/401k, transfer and/or directly contribute funds into your new self-directed IRA account. If you are transferring funds from an existing account, the time in transfer is dependent upon the originating institution.
- Choose Fisher Precious Metals as your bullion dealer to provide your metals. Discuss investment objectives with our team to help you identify the best IRA approved products for your IRA. Note: We truly believe that all you should store low premium, highly liquid bullion coins and bars in your IRA. Do not let a dealer talk you in to unnecessarily expensive proof coins for your IRA.
- Elect SWP as your depository in Grand Cayman.
- Select the precious metals you wish to purchase through Fisher Precious Metals. We provide the metals onsite at SWP, thus eliminating the need for shipping. This creates a fully integrated solution for investors seeking to add precious metals to their IRA's.

There are no minimum purchase requirements in your offshore precious metals IRA. SWP's storage rates for IRA metals are competitive with US domestic rates (0.24% of average value per annum, \$400 minimum, per account, per year).

Holding precious metals in the Cayman Islands assures that you have all of the tax advantages of an IRA, plus all of the tax advantages of the Cayman Islands, in addition to the insurance policy of holding wealth outside what may well prove to be a risky jurisdiction. We personally store IRA metals in Grand Cayman for offshore diversification and safety.

The Final Step

Until recently, many US citizens were comfortable holding their precious metals within the US, but as conditions have deteriorated, investors are now moving their precious metals out of the US into those jurisdictions that provide the greatest measure of safety for their investment. Protect your wealth through an offshore precious metals IRA. Call (800) 390-8576 today to let us answer all of your questions.

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