

# 5 Alternative Ways to Invest Your Self-Directed IRA

When planning for retirement, most people turn to the stock market as an effective long-term investment. What many people don't realize is that you have several alternative retirement investing opportunities at your fingertips.



## ✓ 1. REAL ESTATE

- Owning rental property, whether residential, commercial or agricultural, provides a steadily increasing income stream; as many as 19% of retirees receive some income from rental properties.
- Flipping properties on either a wholesale or fix/flip basis offers another avenue for profit.
- You can also purchase property to resell through a lease/option or contract for deed.

## ✓ 2. PRIVATE LENDING & TRUST DEEDS

- By investing in trust deeds, you can earn passive income from interest while securing your investment with a deed of trust on the property.
- There are plenty of options for private lending, from mortgage loans to business expansion loans.
- You can also lend money to other private investors or provide smaller personal loans for purposes such as home improvement or debt consolidation.

## ✓ 3. PRECIOUS METALS

- In times of crisis, the price of gold actually increases.
- You can use your Self-Directed IRA to buy gold or silver bullion coins and bars, which are stored in a qualified facility until you're ready to cash out.

## ✓ 4. TAX LIENS & DEEDS

- You can use your Self-Directed IRA to purchase these liens on residential, commercial or undeveloped properties, which the property owner must then repay with interest.

## ✓ 5. VENTURE CAPITAL

- You can use your Self-Directed IRA to help startup companies get off the ground.
- Invest your money individually as an angel investor or participate in a venture capital fund.

Safeguard Advisors can help you [navigate the rules and complexities](#) and choose the most effective options for diversifying your retirement portfolio.