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.