

PROTECT YOUR RETIREMENT

With all of the economic and financial uncertainty today, it is unclear what the future will bring. Ensure that the money you are setting away for the future retains its purchasing power and consider diversifying your portfolio with precious metals.

Store and save your purchasing power in physical assets.





An IRA is an ideal place to store your physical precious metals, like gold and silver.





Since 1997, Lear Capital has been the vanguard of the Precious Metals IRA industry, with over \$3 billion in transactions. Lear Capital is one of the highest-rated precious metals dealers. That's over 25 years of happy, satisfied customers.

With all of the economic and financial uncertainty today, it is unclear what the future will bring. Buying precious metals isn't a get-rich-quick scheme, but a vehicle for wealth preservation.

Precious metals can be critical to the health and balance of your retirement portfolio. Use this guide to learn more as you open your Precious Metals IRA.

Our Independent Ratings Show Our Commitment to Our Clients*

Consumer Affairs: 4.9 / 5 stars (1,300+ reviews)

TrustPilot: 4.8 / 5 stars (1.850+ reviews)

Google: 4.8 / 5 stars (200+ reviews)

*Rankings as of December 2023.

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ADD PRECIOUS METALS TO YOUR RETIREMENT PORTFOLIO

- **Hard Asset:** Unlike traditional assets (cash, stocks or bonds), a Precious Metals IRA allows for certain types of physical gold, silver, platinum, or palladium to be held in your name.
- Tax Deferred: Rollover IRAs are tax-free and penalty-free when done correctly. Transfers from IRAs invested in traditional assets, as well as rollovers from qualified retirement plans such as 401(k), 401(2), 403(b), 457 and Thrift Savings Plans (TSP) are allowed. The best part is your earnings could grow tax-deferred.
- **Safe Storage:** Your physical metals are stored in your name with Delaware Depository Service Company. DDSC is the industry-leading, IRS-approved depository for the safeguarding of precious metals since 1999. Their state-of-theart depository meets bank vault standards and your metals receive protection insurance, including during transit.
- **Flexible:** When it's time to take a distribution, in addition to liquidating to receive cash, Precious Metals IRAs offer an option that other IRAs cannot:

you can take physical possession of your metals, and potentially benefit from price growth.



"I want part of my wealth in tangible form, such as gold. You can't hack gold, you can't digitally delete or erase gold, and you can't infect it with a computer virus because it's physical."

—James Rickards

BENEFITS OF INVESTING IN GOLD & SILVER



HEDGE

against an uncertain market Did anyone imagine the market could take such a swift turn in 2020 when the pandemic first hit, or think there was a problem one month before the 2008 financial crisis? Nobody can see these shocks coming. That's why the diversification of assets is important and could protect investors from unforeseen market upsets. Is your portfolio diversified? Gold and silver provide many investors with peace of mind for the health of their portfolio.

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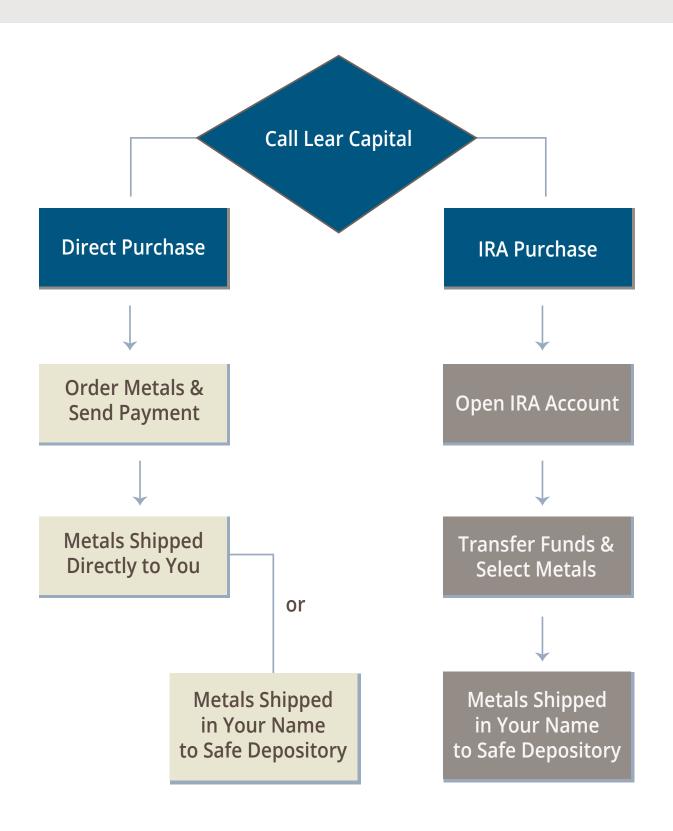
your purchasing power The national debt now exceeds the \$34 trillion mark and the dollar's purchasing power continues to dwindle. Meanwhile, gold has a centuries-long history of maintained purchasing power. Sixty (60) one-ounce gold coins in 2000, at \$279 an ounce, would have bought you a nice new car for \$16,740. At the end of 2023, with gold at \$2,078 an ounce, those same 60 coins would get you a \$124,680 new car. Now that's how you can preserve your purchasing power!

BUILD WEALTH

with a tangible asset

It is not just some blip on a statement, or a line on a chart. No government can simply print it into existence. Precious metals are tangible and rare. As finite resources, they have inherent value and are trusted by central banks, billionaires and informed investors.

TWO WAYS TO PURCHASE METALS





3 STEPS TO OPEN AN IRA

- **Open a self-directed IRA account** by completing a short application. It only takes 5-7 minutes.
- 2. Transfer funds. Your new Precious Metals custodian works directly with your current custodian to rollover all or a portion of your funds into your new Precious Metals IRA. We are always here to help along the way.
- 3. Select your metals. Once funds have been deposited into your account, you are ready to select and purchase your metals. A Lear Senior Account Representative will assist you, as not all coins are IRS-approved. We safely ship the approved coins to the insured depository, where your account is safe and secure. You can track the value of your holdings through a secure website and in quarterly mailed statements.

WHEN IT'S TIME TO TAKE A DISTRIBUTION

Precious Metals IRAs have advantages when you are looking to take a distribution or withdrawal. You have the choice between two different types of distributions:

- Cash Distribution: Lear Capital can help you liquidate all or a portion of your physical metals and you choose whether you'd prefer to receive a check or a bank wire in US dollars.
- In-Kind Metals Distribution: You may elect to have all or a portion of your physical metals shipped directly to you for private storage. Unlike stocks, which are liquidated for cash, you can hold on to precious metals after distribution and potentially benefit from price growth. All shipments are fully insured until the moment you sign for the package, so you can rest assured they are safe in transit.



PRECIOUS METALS IRA

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