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For more than two millennia, gold performed the function of money. It was the “precious currency”, and supply grew along with the global economy. Later, the world transitioned to manageable currency, forgoing the gold standard. Volatile fiat currencies allowed economies and growth stimuli to be controlled by adjusting the money supply. Global wealth is no longer equivalent to the global gold reserve, whereas the value of gold is determined by supply and demand.

Thanks to its high liquidity and material worth, gold remains valuable and sheltered from inflation, as opposed to the risk of devaluation inherent to fiat money. Gold’s price stability (and even growth) in the face of political events, social shocks and economic crises has shown it to be a hedge asset that is necessary in an investment portfolio.

What is investment gold?

Investment gold is high-proof gold officially issued by manufacturing countries and available as bullion bars with a purity of no less than 995 parts per 1000, which is equivalent to 23.88 carats, as well as bullion coins, with a purity of no less than 900 parts per 1000 and manufactured after the year 1800. A European Union directive prescribes that sale of gold bullion and bars with more than 99.5% proof is exempt from value added taxation.

Thus, if you have the wish to purchase investment gold, a number of questions arise concerning the purchase location, pricing, storage, and further sale of the asset.

Bilderlings Investment in Gold

The purpose of the Bilderlings Investment in Gold programme is to provide clients with services that involve purchase, storage and sale of investment gold in Switzerland, Latvia, and other countries upon the client’s request. We provide exceptionally convenient mechanisms for purchasing

investment gold thanks to the terms and conditions we have achieved through cooperation with major Swiss banks and supplier companies. The company has every permit it requires to conduct these activities. We analyse shifts in the price of gold and other precious metals on global markets and use an in-house risk assessment system.

ETF shares and metals accounts

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) exist in a number of countries. Some of them have physical gold as their only underlying asset, such as SPDR Gold Trust and Physical Swiss Gold Shares. Other gold ETFs hold stocks in gold extraction companies, although most invest in securities that are tied to the price of gold. Their portfolios are constructed so that the price of stocks tracks the price of gold precisely.

Investment in these gold ETFs offers high liquidity and relatively low spreads, although the reliability of such an investment is significantly lower than investment in physical gold.

An alternative investment option is a metals account. This way, once funds are remitted, a bank credits the account with the weight of metal that may be purchased at the current price. This cashless gold does not belong to the client. The bank only undertakes to provide the client with either the amount equal to the price of such gold or to dispense the appropriate amount of gold bullion if the account is closed (this will depend on the agreement provisions). The advantages of this kind of account include high liquidity and lack of minimum deposit requirements.

Bilderlings allows acquisition of ETF shares and opening of metals accounts with banks in Switzerland, Latvia and other countries as the client desires.

Bilderlings recommends purchasing physical investment gold, which affords a higher degree of security and perfectly complements a long-term wealth preservation strategy.

Purchase and storage

Bilderlings enables purchase of gold investment coins and investment gold as pressed and moulded bullion from leading refineries. The necessary amount may be provided as reference-weight bullion of various weights as the client prefers. The resulting price is based on the going market price (spot) or the fixed London Metal Exchange price as of 10:30 and 15:00 (exchange time), plus a predetermined fee that depends on the amount and weights of reference bullion that the client selects. On average, the commission is less than 2 per cent for 1 kg bullion, 3 per cent for 100-gram bullion, and may reach 4 per cent if gold investment coins are purchased. Purchased gold will be stored at individual deposit boxes with Swiss or Latvian banks or at a Bilderlings safety deposit box. The fee for storing physical gold will be less than 0.2 per cent per annum on the average year-round value of gold stored, a minimum among leading physical gold custody providers.

Buying investment gold is easy

Buying investment gold is a very simple process that provides a truly unique type of investment for capital preservation. Experts believe that storing 10 to 20 per cent of one's wealth in gold is prudent.

To acquire gold under the Bilderlings Investment in Gold programme, you only need to take these simple steps:

1. Meet with our representative to discuss individual conditions and sign an agreement on provision of investment gold sale/purchase services.
2. If a need for investment gold arises, you report the amount and denomination of bullion (or coins) in which you would like to purchase this asset.
3. The Bilderlings representative contacts you and reports the cost of gold accounting for the commission, purchase location, and storage conditions.
4. Purchase and physical delivery/storage of gold takes place following payment, and custom provisions may be discussed with the client.

If you would like to discuss the option of investing in gold or receive more information about buying and storage options, please get in touch with our consultants:

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