

STORING YOUR PRECIOUS METALS OFFSHORE

A GUIDE TO SELECTING THE BEST
SECURE STORAGE OPTION



Once an investor has committed to owning physical precious metals as part of a well-diversified portfolio, he or she is inevitably faced with the question “Where should I keep it?”.

The obvious answer would be at home, or somewhere very close, so that it can easily be accessed if needed. For many, this may well mean in a safe deposit box in a bank, but in times like the present, when governments (the United States and Canada amongst others) have recently passed laws allowing banks to raid safe deposit boxes, the last choice for safe storage should be a bank.

This leads us to the home storage option. This is actually a good one. If you have a secure home located in a safe

area, it may indeed be a good solution for small amounts of gold or silver storage. But, when turbulent times come, as they have recently, this only works well if you own a small amount of gold or silver, say \$20,000 worth or less. If you hold more at home, you may run into the problems; theft, seizure, or the simple lack of ability to obtain home insurance that will cover your gold and silver bullion.

Ten ounces of gold may be regarded as an emergency stash, but beyond that, another jurisdiction is needed – one that’s not threatened by confiscation laws. There are several offshore jurisdictions available to investors, they key is to select the best and safest. **What we recommend to investors is to first choose the best jurisdiction that’s relatively near to you, then pick the safest storage facility within that jurisdiction.**

The jurisdiction comes first. Here’s what to look for:

DISCRETION FROM WEALTH REPORTING

You want to select a place where your personal information and holdings are not going to be reported to the local or foreign governments or tax authorities.

TAX AND TARIFF FREE

Ideally, a country that does not impose any sales tax on the purchase or storage of precious metals, nor any import tariffs on precious metals (in the case of a delivery).

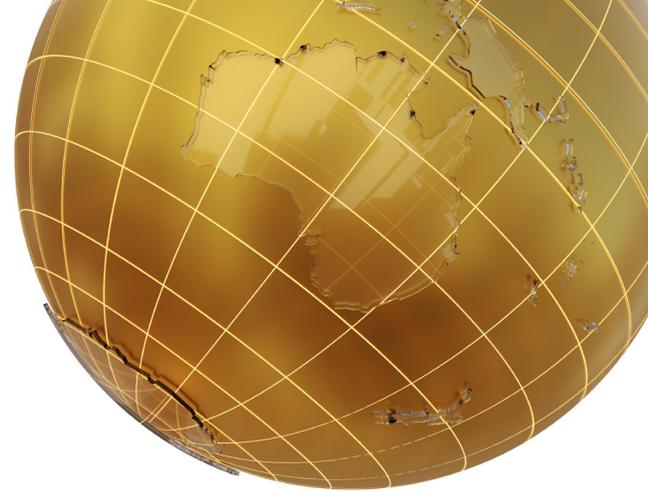
METALS FRIENDLY

A place whose government is not only stable, but who understands and appreciates the importance foreign investment and values investor privacy.

PROXIMITY

You’ll want to maintain proximity to your metals, so select a country that is within a half-day’s travel, shares a similar time zone and whose residents speak the same language.

Find the best storage facility in the jurisdiction and take a close look at its policies:



1

RETAIN DIRECT OWNERSHIP ✓

Understand the form of precious metals you are buying and how it will be stored. Ideally, 100% allocated and segregated, clearly defined as your personal property.

2

VISITATION AND SELF-AUDITS ✓

You'll want to select a facility that allows you to visit your metals upon request. There is no better way to know that your metals are safe and actually exist.

3

INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY AUDITS ✓

The facility must perform independent audits and provide you with a statement from a recognized third-party auditor at least once per year.

4

INSURANCE POLICY ✓

Make sure that the facility maintains a robust insurance policy against events including theft (also employee theft), fire, flooding and mysterious disappearances.

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LIQUIDITY ✓

This is a critical item, often overlooked by investors. Make sure that the facility can provide you with a liquid market to buy and sell your precious metals on demand. If you are selling metals, they must be able to pay you within 48-72 hours. The last thing you want is for your metals to be stuck in a facility where you can't sell them quickly, if needed.

If the jurisdiction and storage facility you select successfully checks all the above boxes, it's very likely that you will have addressed the initial concern that led you to seek out offshore storage in the first place.

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