

# Exploring Alternative Assets with a Self-Directed IRA

*What is an “alternative asset” within the field of retirement investing? American IRA’s most recent post has answers on that and more about Self-Directed IRAs*

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, US, July 27, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- For Self-Directed IRAs, “alternative assets” are a way of life. But for many retirement investors, the concept is somewhat foreign. Just what are alternative assets, anyway? Is there some kind of different stock market out there that they don’t know about? A recent [post](#) at American IRA addressed what alternative assets are in the context of retirement investing, pointing to some specific asset classes that investors should be aware of.

What are alternative assets? In retirement investing, they typically refer to asset classes that most people don’t hold in a retirement portfolio, but legally can while maintaining the good standing of the retirement account. An example is real estate. An individual using a Self-Directed IRA can hold real estate within a Self-Directed IRA, which means that they can enjoy the retirement protections that come along with it. But since real estate isn’t a typical retirement investment for someone using a conventional approach to IRAs—typically through an employer-sponsored benefits package or a traditional broker—it’s an “alternative asset class” in the world of retirement investing.

American IRA made sure to highlight these key distinctions in its post, first addressing a basic definition of what Self-Directed IRAs are. They’re accounts that investors can hold while working with a Self-Directed IRA administration firm. In working with this firm, the investor can issue buy or sell orders. The firm carries them out as the Self-Directed IRA custodian. It’s this separation that makes all retirement accounts work—but typically, a traditional brokerage will handle those custodial duties on behalf of their clients. In a Self-Directed IRA, the administration firm in question can take on additional duties like buy/sell orders on behalf of an IRA with assets invested in real estate and other alternative classes, such as precious metals, cryptocurrencies, and private stock.

American IRA’s recent article served to highlight that there is more to the world of retirement



than stocks and bonds—at least for those looking for alternatives. For more [information](#) about how Self-Directed IRAs work, now's the time to visit [www.AmericanIRA.com](http://www.AmericanIRA.com) and review the blog. Additionally, interested parties may reach out directly to American IRA by dialing the firm's phone number at 866-7500-IRA.

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