

# How to Properly Evaluate a Self-Directed IRA Custodian

*For investors considering a Self-Directed IRA, American IRA recently released a guide on how to properly evaluate custodians.*

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EINPresswire.com/ -- For many investors, the Self-Directed IRA is an appealing way to invest in retirement, but with one hiccup: choosing a custodian. Investors who aren't used to the idea of Self-Directed IRAs may find it difficult to get their bearings and choose a custodian by weighing the positives and negatives. That's why American IRA recently released a guide for investors who are considering a Self-Directed IRA for the first time, explaining the key features investors should look for while weighing the potential options.

In the [post](#), American IRA explained that there are three keys that will help. The first key was low, reasonable fees. "The first element you should consider is a matter of dollars and cents," reported the post. To this end, American IRA advised that investors should look for reasonable and static fees. What are "static" fees? For many Self-Directed IRA custodians, dynamic fees—or fees that grow in size as the account itself grows in size—means that investors might not be getting the returns they hoped they were. But static fees, or fees that don't grow as the account gets bigger or has more transactions, give investors more freedom to grow the account in relative proportion to the fees charged on it. This one distinction has the potential to save a tremendous amount of money for the investor over the long haul.

American IRA also advised that investors look for Self-Directed IRA custodians who offer a lot of investment options. "This gets back to the first question in the world of Self-Directed IRAs," noted the post. "Why self-direct at all?" It noted that self-direction is popular with some investors precisely because of the increased possibilities that come with working through a custodian. This means investing in a wider range of investment asset classes than many traditional brokerages offer. Rather than being limited to stocks and bonds, for example, an investor can place retirement assets in real estate, precious metals, and much more.

American IRA frequently publishes content about Self-Directed IRAs, including specific accounts,



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