# Self-Directed IRAs 101: Master the Basics







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# Agenda

- Defining Self-Directed IRA & Key Roles
- Permitted vs. Restricted Investments
- Disqualified Persons & Prohibited Transactions
- Benefits vs. Risks
- Account Comparison & Common Investment Strategies
- 6 How to Get Started
- **7** Q&A





### Meet Your Presenter

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### **About Entrust**





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- Self-Directed IRA administrators
- Knowledgeable staff with CISP designations
- Nationwide offices
- In-person events and virtual webinars
- National Continuing Education program for other credentials
- Bi-annual IRA Academy

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### What is a Self-Directed IRA?



A retirement account in which the individual investor is in charge of making all investment decisions



Greater opportunity for asset diversification outside of traditional stocks, bonds, and mutual funds



All securities and investments are held in a retirement account administered by a regulated custodian or trustee



# Defining the Key Roles









### Plans for Individuals

Traditional IRA

Roth IRA

Education
Savings
Account
(ESA)

Health
Savings
Account
(HSA)



### **Small Business Plans**

Individual 401(k)

Savings
Incentive Match
Plan for
Employees
(SIMPLE) IRA

Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) IRA



### What You Can Invest In







#### ✓ Real estate

- Commercial, residential, multi-unit, developed and undeveloped land, etc.
- **✓ Private equity/Private placements** 
  - LLCs, LPs, joint ventures, start ups, crowdfunding
- ✓ Private lending
  - Secured or unsecured notes
- **✓** Precious metals
  - Gold, silver, palladium, etc.
- **✓** Cryptocurrency
- **✓** And much more

### **Investments Restrictions**







**Collectibles** 

**S** Corporations

### What is a Prohibited Transaction?

- Any improper use of your IRA by you, your beneficiary, or any disqualified person (IRS Publication 590)
- No Self-Dealing/'must be arm's length' transactions
- Prohibited transactions can be direct or indirect

#### **Acceptable Transactions**

- ✓ Partnering with yourself on a new deal
- ✓ Partnering with your cousin
- ✓ Partnering with your spouse on a new deal
- ✓ Leasing the property to your siblings

# Learning The Rules: Disqualified Persons



- You
- Your Spouse
- Your lineal descendants and their spouses
- Your lineal ascendants
- A beneficiary of the IRA
- Any corporation, partnership or estate that you (or any disqualified person) have at least a 50% stake in
- Your trustee, custodian, or anyone providing services to the IRA

### Benefits of Self-Direction









# Remember: Risk is Always Involved





Losing IRA tax qualified status

**Prohibited transaction penalties** 

Poor maintenance can be costly



Consult your tax or financial advisor before entering into any transaction.



## Purchasing Assets: A Wealth of Options

#### **Direct Purchase**

Vesting must read:

#### The Entrust Group Inc. FBO [Client name] IRA [account #]

- Subscription Agreement must be signed by Entrust
- Client will sign as "read and approved"
- All dividends and capital flow into, and out of, the IRA

### **Partnering**

- Identify partner (personal funds and/or other IRAs)
- Combine your IRA fund with your partner's funds for investment
- All income and expenses (on a proportionate basis) from the property flow in and out of your IRA



# Purchasing Assets: A Wealth of Options

### **Single-Member LLC**

- Designate member of LLC: The Entrust Group Inc. FBO [Client name] IRA
  [account #]
- Assets will be titled in the name of the LLC instead of you. Your IRA owns the LLC, not you
- Expenses and income flow into and out of the LLC

### Leveraging

- IRAs can leverage (non-recourse loan) to purchase real estate
- if the borrower (IRA), defaults the lender can seize only the collateral
- Be aware of UBIT and UDFI
- Get a list of non-recourse lenders at: <u>www.theentrustgroup.com/investments/real-estate/strategies/non-recourse-loans</u>





# Getting Started with a Self-Directed IRA

	Open SDIRA	Research Self-Directed IRA custodians, identify which one best meets your criteria, and open an account
2	Fund SDIRA	Fund your IRA via a transfer, rollover or contribution
3	Identify Investment	Define your preferred investment strategy and complete market research
4	Complete Due Diligence	Review all available investment information, vet key stakeholders, and audit with professionals if needed
5	Make & Maintain Investment	Expenses & income must flow in & out of your IRA



### What's Next?



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