

### NEVER HAS IT BEEN MORE IMPORTANT TO DIVERSIFY YOUR ASSETS INTO PHYSICAL PRECIOUS METALS



Within this article we will clarify and hopefully demonstrate the supreme suitability of physical precious metals within your asset portfolio diversification and their far superior advantages over paper instruments.

We will help destroy any myths or false claims regarding tax commitments to the HMRC (HM Revenue & Customs) including capital gains tax obligations, the objective of course is to buy the various recognised precious metals classified as tax free with zero future tax obligations on any appreciation achieved.

Disclaimer: We are not tax advisors and we would always recommend you seek out independent tax advice.

Never has it been more important to diversify your assets into physical precious metals, we have written many pieces on why some of the world's most successful money managers, hedge fund managers and country sovereign reserve managers consider precious metals as an essential allocation at this time.

Global stock markets are valued at extremes, while bonds and corporate debt globally have attained disturbing levels thought impossible just a decade ago, with interest rates achieving 5,000 year lows.

Quite an accomplishment indeed when you consider interest rates are now lower than the Napoleonic wars, 1st and 2nd world wars and the Great Depression. An 'emergency policy only' we were told, but has been in place since year 2009.

The real estate market as an asset is now purely an extension of the bond (debt) markets bubble and with now rising global interest rates and extreme debt leverage; the over-weighted odds for a severe asset deflation is now accepted as common wisdom by experienced value investment professionals.

We have written this report with the aim of showing the best means of executing a wealth preservation 'hedge' against your historical holdings of wealth assets (stocks, debt instruments and property) and how such a trade can be done with zero tax obligations under present UK laws.

## SO WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY CONCERNS OF A UK BASED INVESTOR WHEN CONSIDERING PURCHASING GOLD AND OR SILVER?

We will also cover the complete unsuitability, risk and tax liabilities of paper gold investment instruments to UK investors such as the GLD or other ETF's (Exchange Traded Fund's) that your typical banker or financial advisor will point you too, or for that matter any other form of paper gold investment.

So what are the primary concerns of a UK based investor when considering purchasing gold or silver precious metals?

- 1. What are the tax obligations on buying and selling, if any?
- 2. How and where do I store the metals and what is the cost?
- 3. Is it easy to sell my holdings at any time, without paying large bid / offer premiums?
- 4. Why invest in physical assets and avoid paper precious metals at all costs?
- 5. Indigo Precious Metals, the major product cost and logistic advantages we offer our clients.





## 1. WHAT ARE THE TAX OBLIGATIONS ON BUYING AND SELLING, IF ANY?

For the benefit of UK citizens who are domestically based in the UK, under present UK tax laws purchasing physical gold is tax free (zero VAT), but only certain products have also been approved as Capital Gains Tax (CGT) free



### Purchasing silver or platinum is taxable in the UK with 20% VAT, but we do cover this below and how to legally avoid the VAT

Effectively you can save up to 20% regarding future tax obligations on your profits when selling, if you invest in UK Royal Mint precious metal coins.

Investors can make unlimited tax free profits on investments of any size and value on these British legal currency / tender coins or as we most of ten refer to them as 'coins of the realm'.

As British Gold, Silver and also platinum coins, they are given a sterling denomination and therefore are not chargeable for CGT (capital gains tax) purposes.

This can be found under the HMRC manuals for more detail: currently listed as CG76881 - Chattels: coins and bank notes

### How Does Capital Gains Tax (CGT) Effect the Investor?

Capital Gains Tax is a personal tax on the profit when you sell an asset. You are taxed on the gains you make not on the total monies received.

So for example: If you purchased an amount of silver & gold Britannia's for £50,000 and you sold the coins for £150,000 within the next few years. The gains made is £150,000 minus £50,000 = £100,000.

Therefore the appreciation of £100,000 would normally be subject to CGT of up to 20%, but because they are the 'coins of the realm' there is no tax to pay for UK citizens.

### Purchase Tax or VAT on Silver & Platinum purchases

When purchasing either silver or platinum in the UK, VAT at the present rate of 20% is currently payable, however by purchasing silver or platinum and having it stored in a Freeport (secure bonded-vault) then there is no VAT (purchase tax) to pay whatsoever.

## 2. HOW DO I STORE THE METALS AND WHAT IS THE COST?

Storing your private wealth allocation is all important, we of course very much support and encourage the investor who wishes to collect personally or take delivery via insured shipment of their precious metal investments.

This method works perfectly well for smaller allocations and certainly contributes to a regular saving scheme, but this does not solve the problem with VAT of 20% on silver and platinum in the UK which are the metals that present the highest prospective gains over and above gold.

However the difficulty arises when one wishes to make larger investment diversification plans.

Our solution is to offer our clients the opportunity to open their own private vaulted segregated box within a Freeport in one of the most secure vaulting facilities on the planet, audited and fully insured by Lloyds of London at incredibly low storage charges.

The trend of private gold and silver moving to the East has allowed investment safe-havens such as Singapore, to overshadow Switzerland's traditional role of being the go-to gold vault option of investment classes.

To fully appreciate the Jurisdictional Safety of Singapore then please contact us direct.

Singapore has many accolades to its name and brand, several of which are below...

- Singapore is ranked 1st in Asia for having the least corruption in its economy
- The country has a unitary parliamentary system. There is a special agency called CPIB (Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau) in Singapore to investigate and to take legal actions against corruption.
- The powerful judicial system in Singapore is globally known for its legitimacy and impartiality in law.
- In terms of economic performance, Singapore is ranked
   No. 1 worldwide as the city with the best investment potential as of 2017, after coming in second for 16 consecutive years.
- Singapore is one of the world leaders in foreign trade and investment.

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### LE FREEPORT SINGAPORE

Le Freeport Singapore is heralding a new era in wealth protection and creation with one of the world's most secure facilities and only completed in 2010, offering a highly confidential and attractive international free trade zone that makes for the ideal storage premises for precious metals.

To open your own segregated allocated vault in your own family name, held with our 3rd party storage vaulting houses Malca-Amit or Brinks Security is an extremely quick and efficient process, annual costs are in the order of 0.3% per annum when storing Gold.

#### Example -

£250,000 holding of gold = £750 a year annual storage cost (0.3%).

£250,000 holding of silver = £1,375 a year annual storage cost (0.55%).

Holding of paper GLD ETF, as you can see below its actually more cost effective to hold physical in a vault under your own name than to hold a paper representation.

GLD: £250,000 holding of gold = £1,000 a year annual storage cost (0.4%).

### 3. IS IT EASY TO SELL MY HOLDINGS AT ANY TIME, WITHOUT PAYING LARGE **BID / OFFER PREMIUMS?**

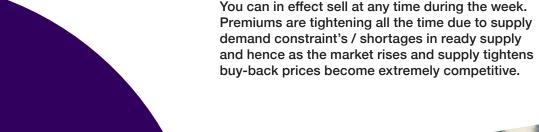
Gold is an enormous market, trading on an average daily volume estimated at over 250 Billion US\$

Hence precious metals are extremely liquid as they are considered the true monetary asset, Gold / precious metals hold no 3rd party liability (unlike any other monetary asset) and are considered the only true safe collateral in times of crisis.

The spreads (the difference between the buying and the selling price) at the time of this article are commonly 3% to 5% on gold Britannia's and 4% to 6% on gold sovereign's.

Indigo Precious Metals has instigated live buy-back pricing that is linked to the ever changing price of metals within world markets. We as a company will only be offering these product buy-backs to customers that hold their metals within the vaulting system in Le Freeport Singapore or in the London Vaults.

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate that we can provide relevant paper trails directly back to the refineries, where we initially purchased the metals as distributors and had delivered directly into our company vaults or in fact our client vaults.





## 4. WHY SHOULD I AVOID PAPER GOLD & SILVER AT ALL COSTS?

Apart from the obvious tax advantage physical has over paper representations sold by banks and financial institutions is the fact you are actually liable to Capital Gains Tax (CGT) on paper holdings!

We have written a thorough investigation into physical versus paper and if you would like that report please just ask us direct, but we raise the point....

Gold's appeal in the first place (and its stand-alone qualities over and above other asset classes) is the fact that it has no 3rd party liability and is recognised as a top tier monetary asset (see central bank accumulation since 2010).

Why would you then buy paper gold and attach and also layer it with multiple 3rd party liabilities to the very asset you are buying, which dilutes its purpose as the ultimate crisis 'wealth insurance diversification'?

The very logic of investing in the first place is negated by buying paper gold, when you actually consider why the trade was initiated in the first place.

Physical Gold 💙	Gold Paper ETFs 🗶
Control over your wealth	No real control
Full ownership	You never own any gold
Personal security and peace of mind	Trust in a third party is required
Secure investment	Speculative investment
Unique element in your portfolio	Similar to any other share or fund
Low risk	Higher risk
Crisis insurance	Open to same risks as all investments
Timeless asset	Not an asset
Keep for generations	Too risky to keep for generations

## 5. INDIGO PRECIOUS METALS, MAJOR PRODUCT COST AND LOGISTIC ADVANTAGES WE OFFER OUR CLIENTS.

The team at IPM Group (indigopreciousmetals.com) has many year's experience in the financial industry working directly in the investment and trading sectors, across numerous asset classes, acting both as principle and on behalf of customers.

We deal in precious metals on a daily basis, buying, selling, transporting, storing and insuring them.

We offer a simple asset diversification opportunity, both in the form of direct delivery of your investment coins or bars to your address, or indeed secure storage at fully allocated vaults operated by one of World's safest storage facilities in Singapore Freeport, or London vaults within the mint's premises

We pride ourselves on our relationships with our customer base, hence in our business model simplicity and transparency are paramount.

Of course we offer a very wide range of products that our clients can effectively purchase tax free by holding within one of our vaulting facilities in either Singapore Freeport or vaulting in London.

Contact us now to discuss what options are available to you with physical precious metals in Singapore & London. Email us atinfo@indigopreciousmetals.com

We also offer a wide range of the platinum group metals, which are all experiencing very dynamic supply / demand stresses.

We have written many investment examination reports on the various metals, please just ask us for the latest up to date information.







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