

## *Do you know the 3 ways to fund a self-directed IRA?*

There are multiple options for funding a self-directed IRA, however, each approach has its own set of time constraints, some out of the control of IRA Services Trust. It's important for the IRA investor to understand both investment deadlines and account funding time frames to insure that funds are readily available for completing an Alternative Investment.

**Custodian-to-Custodian Transfer.** The most common form of funding an IRA for an alternative investment is to authorize a transfer of funds from an existing IRA. It is recommended to liquidate investments prior to initiating this "custodian to custodian" cash transfer. Depending on the releasing custodian the transfer can take from 2-4 weeks to complete.

**Qualified Plan Rollover.** You can rollover funds from a former employer's 401(k), 403(b), 457 or other Qualified Plan by contacting the plan administrator (usually listed on your statement) to determine the rollover process. Rollover checks should be made payable to IRA Services Trust Company and should be accompanied by an IRA Services Trust Deposit form. IRA Services Trust check clearing time frame is 5 business days. Review the IRS Rollover Chart, available on the IRS.gov website, to understand your rollover options.

**Partial in-service Rollover.** If you are enrolled in your employer's 401(k) plan you may be able to take a "partial in-service rollover" to fund your self-directed IRA. Contact your plan administrator to determine if your current 401(k) allows for an in-service rollover and follow the procedures described above for Qualified Plan Rollovers.

**Traditional and Roth IRA Annual Contributions.** You may be able to fund a self-directed IRA by making an annual contribution. The current annual contribution limit for Traditional and Roth IRAs is \$6,000 for those under 50, and \$7,000 for those over age 50.

**SEP and Simple IRA Annual Contributions.** For small business owners or those self-employed, 2019 the contribution limit for Simple IRAs is \$13,000 for those under age 50 and \$16,000 for those over 50. Contributions to SEP IRA can be the lesser of 25% of net earned income not to exceed as \$56,000.

IRA owners are encouraged to review **IRS Publication 590A** for details on Traditional and Roth IRA contributions and **IRS Publication 560** for SEP and Simple IRA contribution limits.

IRA Services Trust has decades of experience in the custody and administration of Alternative Investments held in self-directed IRAs. This experience translates into efficient, accurate and cost effective custody and administration services for investors, investment issuers, investment platforms and marketplaces. We are dedicated to providing high quality services that focus on the needs of our clients.

***IRA Services Trust Company holds over \$11 billion in assets under custody and is chartered by the State of South Dakota and regulated and audited by the South Dakota Banking Commission. We look forward to helping you reach your financial goals with a self-directed IRA.***

**Our Client Service Team is be happy to answer  
any questions you may have. Please call:  
800.248.8447 for assistance.**

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