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Help Protect Your Fortune: Diversify with Gold

You have to choose between trusting to the natural stability of gold and the natural stability of the honesty and intelligence of the members of the Government. And, with due respect for these gentlemen, I advise you, as long as the Capitalist system lasts, to vote for gold.

George Bernard Shaw

CHALLENGE

In the last ten to fifteen years, the volatility of the equities market has proven to be a harrowing ride for investors. In light of economic and political uncertainty, and with retirement looming large for the boomer generation, many investors are searching for ways to more effectively manage risk and ultimately enhance the overall performance of their portfolios.

Is there a safe haven from uncertainty? How can investors better manage risk in their portfolios to ultimately preserve wealth?

POTENTIAL SOLUTION

Investors may want to consider allocating a portion of their portfolio assets to gold bullion investments. As illustrated to the right, gold has typically shown a lack of correlation with other asset classes. That is, over the long term the price of gold has been largely unrelated to the price of traditional asset classes such as US equities, cash, fixed income, real estate or international equities. It is its low-to-negative correlation with other asset classes that makes gold an attractive portfolio diversification tool.

Gold is durable and highly liquid, and the economic forces that determine the price of gold are different from the economic forces that determine the price of many other asset classes such as equities, bonds or real estate.

Historically, gold has been used as a hedge against inflation and helped during economic events, political unrest and high inflation.¹

During periods of economic and political instability, when the value of many other assets may have fallen dramatically, gold has commonly remained a store of value. By building a broadly diversified portfolio that holds a wide range of asset classes including gold investors can pursue downside protection against short term underperformance risks, and potentially take advantage of asset classes that perform well during any given time period.

Adding gold to your portfolio potentially:

- Lowers overall portfolio risk

- Helps preserve wealth

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¹ Source: Gold Council, *An Investor's Guide to the New Gold Markets* (U.S. Edition). April 2010. Past performance of gold as a hedge against inflation does not ensure its future performance, and there can be no assurance that gold will continue to be a hedge against inflation.

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Shares (the "Shares") of the SPDR Gold Trust (the "Trust") trade like stocks, are subject to investment risk and will fluctuate in market value. The value of the Shares relates directly to the value of the gold held by the Trust (less Trust expenses) and fluctuations in the price of gold could materially adversely affect an investment in the Shares. Investors should be aware that there is no assurance that gold will maintain its long-term value in terms of purchasing power in the future. The Trust does not generate any income and as the Trust regularly sells gold to pay for its ongoing expenses, the amount of gold represented by each Share will decline over time.

The Trust has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the Trust has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the Trust and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the Trust or any Authorized Participant will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling 866.320.4053 or contacting State Street Global Markets, LLC, One Lincoln Street, Attn: SPDR Gold Shares, 30th Floor, Boston, MA 02111.

The prospectus contains material information about the Trust and its Shares which is material and/or which may be important to you. You should read the entire prospectus, including Risk Factors before making an investment decision about the Shares.

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