

# Self Directed IRA Custodian Sunwest Trust and Precious Metal Dealer Republic Monetary Exchange Announce Partnership



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*Top Self Directed IRA Firm And Leading Precious Metals Broker Pair Up To Provide Investors With Alternatives.*



Albuquerque, New Mexico December 3, 2009 - The New Mexico based self directed IRA firm Sunwest Trust ([www.SunwestTrust.com](http://www.SunwestTrust.com)) announced today that they have reached an arrangement with Republic Monetary Exchange ([www.RepublicMonetary.com](http://www.RepublicMonetary.com)), a leading precious metals broker based in Phoenix, Arizona. Under their arrangement, Sunwest Trust will provide exclusive self directed IRA custodian services for Republic's client investment accounts, described by Jim Clark, CEO of Republic Monetary Exchange as a "win-win situation for our clients".

For Sunwest, this partnership represents an extension of the firm's IRA custodial and escrow services to the precious metals market, a move likely to be adopted by an increasing number of firms in the [financial services](#) sector.

"Consumers are becoming interested in investment vehicles which are less vulnerable to the ups and downs of the stock market. We're seeing a lot of new IRA accounts at Sunwest from clients who want to purchase gold and other precious metals inside their IRA portfolios. Until 2007 it was primarily real estate, but now we're starting to see an increase in the number of gold or precious metal backed accounts," said Terry White, CEO of Sunwest Trust.

With a growing concern among the public about the possibility of inflationary pressures driving down the value of their IRA accounts and other investments, the number of consumers choosing to invest in gold, silver and other precious metals has been steadily increasing over the past few years, with brokers like Republic Monetary Exchange gaining market share in the financial services sector rapidly.

The relative stability of gold and other precious metals makes them an especially popular investment in a sluggish economy, especially when compared to traditional stock and securities [investments](#). Given the uncertain economic outlook for at least the next few quarters, Sunwest Trust Inc. and Republic's new relationship looks to be one, which is certain to attract investors looking for stable retirement investment vehicles such as the self directed IRA or a gold-backed IRA account.

**About Sunwest Trust:**  
Sunwest Trust [www.SunwestTrust.com](http://www.SunwestTrust.com) is one of a few companies in the entire country that will act as custodian for a completely self directed IRA.

**About Republic Monetary Exchange:**  
The offices of Republic Monetary Exchange are located in Phoenix, Arizona. Republic Monetary Exchange [www.RepublicMonetary.com](http://www.RepublicMonetary.com) is a leading gold, silver and precious metals brokerage company that offers confidential and sound advice to clients interested in building a strong investment portfolio.

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