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Physical Precious Metals vs. ETFs

Why many wealth-preservation-focused investors prefer direct ownership over paper exposure



Why physical ownership appeals to discerning investors

Direct ownership
A tangible asset held by the investor, not merely shares that track metals prices.

Reduced structural risk
Less reliance on custodians, subcustodians, and layered ETF structures.

Control and access
Direct possession, privacy, and ease of liquidation.

Diversification
Physical metals can provide a safe-haven asset when paper markets falter.

Bottom line: Physical precious metals can provide direct ownership, independence, and reduced counter-party risk compared with ETFs.

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