

The Vault Vetting Checklist.

Company: _____ Location: _____

Security

- ☐ Is the facility purpose-built for precious metals?
- ☐ What multi-layered physical security systems are in place?
- ☐ Are staff background-checked and continuously monitored?

Auditing

- ☐ Are third-party audits performed regularly?
- ☐ Are the auditors reputable (Big Four or similar)?
- ☐ Will you receive audit results automatically?

Insurance

- ☐ Is your gold fully insured at replacement value?
- ☐ What events are covered - theft, fraud, disaster?
- ☐ Who is the underwriter (e.g., Lloyd's of London)?

Reputation

- ☐ How long has the vault been in business?
- ☐ Any known lawsuits, scandals, or financial instability?
- ☐ Are there verified client reviews - beyond their own site?

Location & Jurisdiction

- ☐ Is the vault in a politically neutral, offshore-friendly jurisdiction?
- ☐ Are local laws favorable to private ownership and non-reporting?
- ☐ Is it outside of jurisdictions known for asset seizures or capital controls?

Access & Liquidity

- ☐ Can you visit the vault?
- ☐ Can you easily sell or transfer your holdings?
- ☐ Do they offer assistance with logistics and customs if you want to move metals?

Client Service

- ☐ Do they respond promptly to inquiries?
- ☐ Are they transparent and willing to explain policies?
- ☐ Do they make you feel like a valued client, not a file number?