

VaultChain Gold

The Future of Physical Gold Investing

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Vault	The Royal Canadian Mint, Ottawa
Form	Pooled physical gold in investment formats
Purity	99.99
Deliverable	Yes
Trading Unit	One Troy ounce of fine gold
Storage Fee	None
Management Fee	None
Pricing Efficiency	Daily deposits and withdrawals
Market Makers	Bullion banks and physical dealers

Simple

Generic, fungible ounces of investment grade physical gold vaulted with the Royal Canadian Mint.

Secure

Title managed by a cryptographically secure blockchain database that secures accuracy of ownership.

Low Cost

No fabrication, management or storage fees. Investors can avoid the layers of expense associated with asset management products and physical bars and coins.

Execution

Traded on an interdealer electronic market powered by the exchange technology of IEX (www.iextrading.com). Liquidity provided via global bullion banks and physical commodities trading firms.

VaultChain Gold is enabled by the Tradewind Platform, an electronic market and blockchain technology solution for building simple, secure, and efficient physical commodity markets.

Investor FAQs

What is VaultChain Gold?

VaultChain Gold is investment grade physical gold vaulted with the Royal Canadian Mint, and is not a security, derivative, future or other financial contract.

What is the Tradewind Platform?

The Tradewind Platform is an electronic market and blockchain technology solution that connects market participants and enables them to deal in VaultChain Gold.

How does the Tradewind make money?

Tradewind charges fair and transparent trade execution fees to dealers of VaultChain Gold.

How does the blockchain add value?

The Tradewind blockchain database creates a direct and immutable connection between investors and their physical gold positions vaulted with the Royal Canadian Mint, a crown corporation of the Government of Canada. It allows owners to independently verify those positions and to instruct physical delivery.

Is VaultChain Gold a cryptocurrency?

No. VaultChain Gold leverages elements of the same technology underpinning Bitcoin and other decentralized cryptocurrencies. However, the Tradewind Platform is a private and permissioned ecosystem limited to regulated dealers and institutions.

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How does physical delivery work?

The Royal Canadian Mint legally recognizes the blockchain as the source of truth for title to physical gold registered on the Tradewind Platform. Owners can instruct physical delivery via a dealer or directly with the Royal Canadian Mint in a variety of formats, subject to manufacturing and delivery fees.

How does Tradewind maintain security?

The Tradewind Platform is a private, permissioned and cryptographically secure ecosystem limited to regulated dealers and institutions, which is moderated by legal and operating agreements. The Royal Canadian Mint is the single point of deposit and withdrawal, and VaultChain Gold balances are reconciled with physical gold inventories on a daily basis.

Are the identities of end customers protected?

Yes. The identities of customers are available on a "need-to-know" basis only.

What are the risks of blockchain technology?

The distributed ledgers in a blockchain offer a secure, tamper-proof log of financial transactions because each activity is encrypted and must be confirmed before being added onto the ledger. Like with all computer systems, there is a risk of technological or operational failure, however, the blockchain technology lowers this risk. Encrypted transactions on the blockchain provides increased security for your personal and financial information but it is still important to always protect your VaultChain account information.

Should I be aware of any regulatory risks?

Blockchain technology is new and continuously evolving. With these new developments come new regulatory requirements associated with its different uses. Sprott Digital Precious Metals (SDPM) and its affiliates are keeping up-to-date and are following applicable federal regulations and state laws to ensure our compliance in order to continually provide you the VaultChain program.

Is my gold worth more or less in the VaultChain program?

There is no guarantee that your gold in VaultChain is worth more or less than the average market price of gold. Many different factors such as supply and demand, market conditions, currency depreciation, determine the price of gold resulting in the fluctuating price per ounce. The price per ounce shown on the portal is inclusive of fees and commissions but excludes the additional costs of requesting delivery.

How secure are the pool credits at the RCM?

The Royal Canadian Mint is a Crown Corporation of the Government of Canada. The Royal Canadian Mint is ISO 9001:2000 certified which means it meets the standard of providing quality management systems with an emphasis on customer satisfaction. It is regularly audited to ensure compliance and the transparency of the business.

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