From Novice to Pro:
How to Invest in
Storage Units
With Your IRA





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Understanding Storage Operations & Investments

Identifying Risks and Benefits for Each Strategy

Reviewing Current Market Conditions

Researching Storage Markets to Find Investments

Learning How to Invest In and Outside an IRA





### Meet Your Host



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7 Years at Entrust



Educates investors and professionals on tax-preferred retirement accounts to make informed decisions in alternative investments





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### **About Entrust**



**\$5B**Assets Under Administration



**45k**Investors
Empowered



**40**Years of Service



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### Let's Take a Poll

What's your biggest hurdle with self-storage investing?

**Finding investments** 

Investments have poor liquidity

Learning how to invest with an SDIRA

Investment minimums are too high

Market conditions like inflation or high interest rates

Verifying legitimacy of investments with proper due diligence





### **About Reliant Real Estate Management**

Reliant Real Estate Management, LLC ("Reliant"), founded in 2010 and headquartered in Roswell, GA, is a fully integrated owner and operator of self-storage facilities.

As of August 2024, Reliant ranks as the 16th largest self-storage operator in the United States with over \$1.6 billion AUM. The company's portfolio spans 9 states and comprises more than 100 properties, 60,000+ units, and over 8 million net rentable square feet.

Reliant specializes in the acquisition of existing value-add and opportunistic self-storage facilities, as well as the development of ground-up Class A self-storage facilities in secondary and tertiary markets across the United States.

### **Operational Overview**

100+

**Properties** 

\$0

Invested Principal
Lost

60,000+

Units

8,000,000+

Net Rentable Sq ft

\$1.6 Billion

**Estimated Portfolio** 

Valuation

~200

**Employees** 

### Full-Cycle Track Record: 67 Assets

3.93 yrs

Average Investment Holding Period



## Why Self-Storage

### Reasons to Consider Self-Storage in Your Portfolio

Recession Resistant

Dynamic Pricing

Limited Capex

- Short Duration Leases
- Low Operating Expenses
   Diversification



# Why Self-Storage

## 3 Types of Tenant Demand

- Lifestyle
- Commercial
- Transition





## **Drivers of Self-Storage Demand**

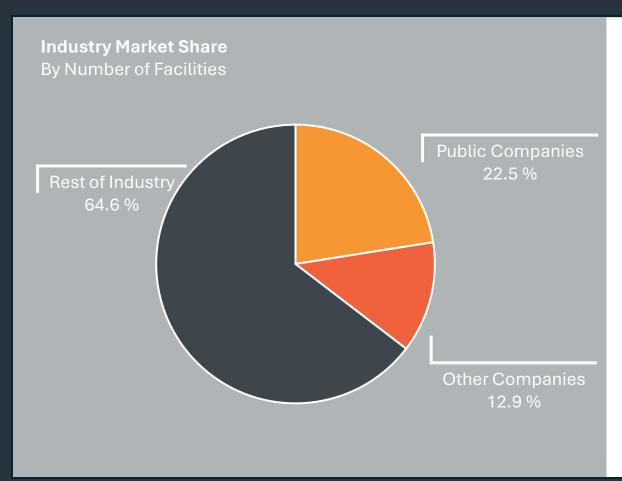
# The industry benefits from an economy or population in some form of transition:

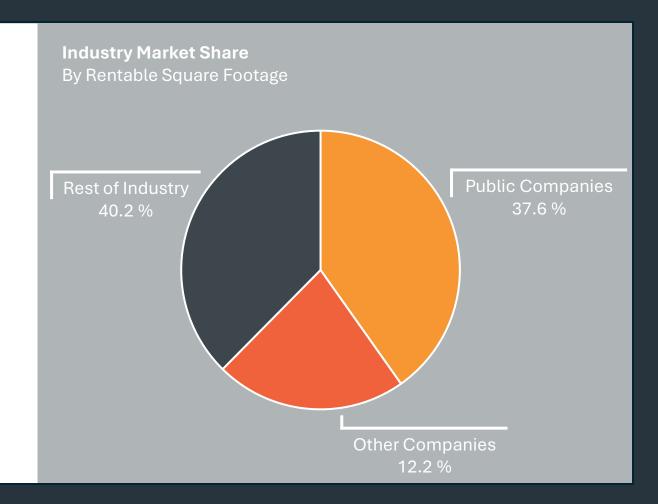
- Population Growth
- Home Sales
- Increase in regional migration
- Strong local economy

- Downsizing
- Dislocation
- Divorce
- Death



### Self-Storage Overview: Macro Backdrop





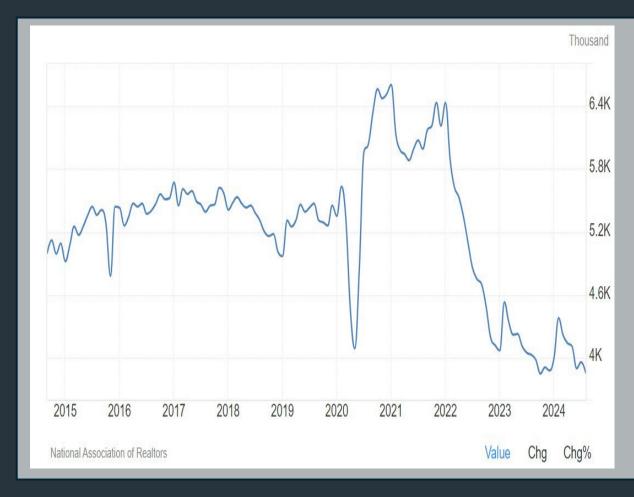
\*2023 Top Operators Survey

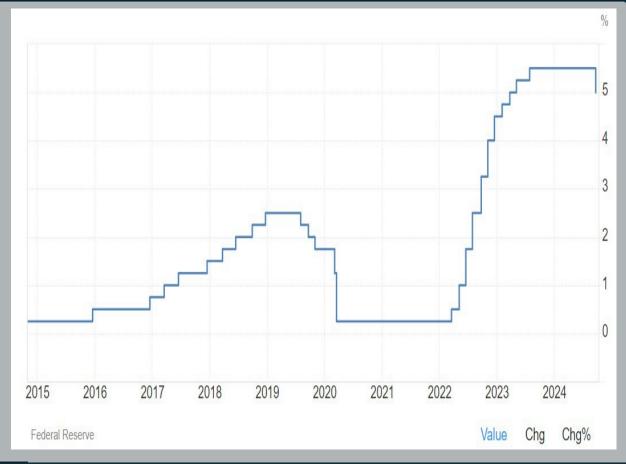
Today, 64.6% of self-storage facilities are operated by "mom-and-pop" or individual owners who operate just one facility. This figure is down from 76% in 2017 and 73% in 2019, providing evidence of the pending consolidation in the industry. "Mom-and-pop" operators typically lack managerial experience and expertise to maximize property value.



## **Current Self-Storage Market**

### **Transition Demand Has Slowed**





**U.S. Existing Home Sales** 

U.S. Fed Fund Rate



## **Current Self-Storage Market**

## **New Supply**

- Performance during pandemic created surge in new development
- New supply has hit market and is impacting rates
- Additional new supply scheduled for 2025,
   but significant number of projects on hold



### Self-Storage Market Projections

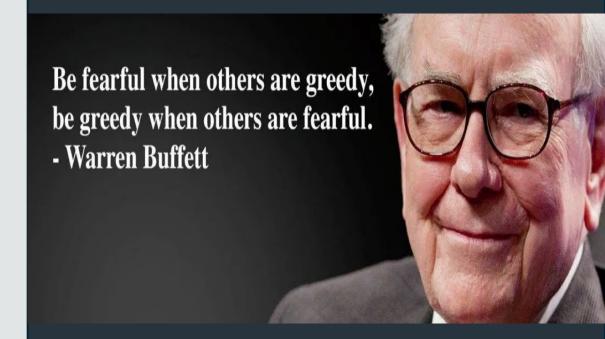
### New Supply and Demand Expectations

- Development starts have slowed since 2023
  - Construction costs, lender apprehension, interest rates, lower street rates
- 2026-2029 New supply is projected to be muted
- Transition demand is expected to increase slowly through 2025 and greatly expand in 2026



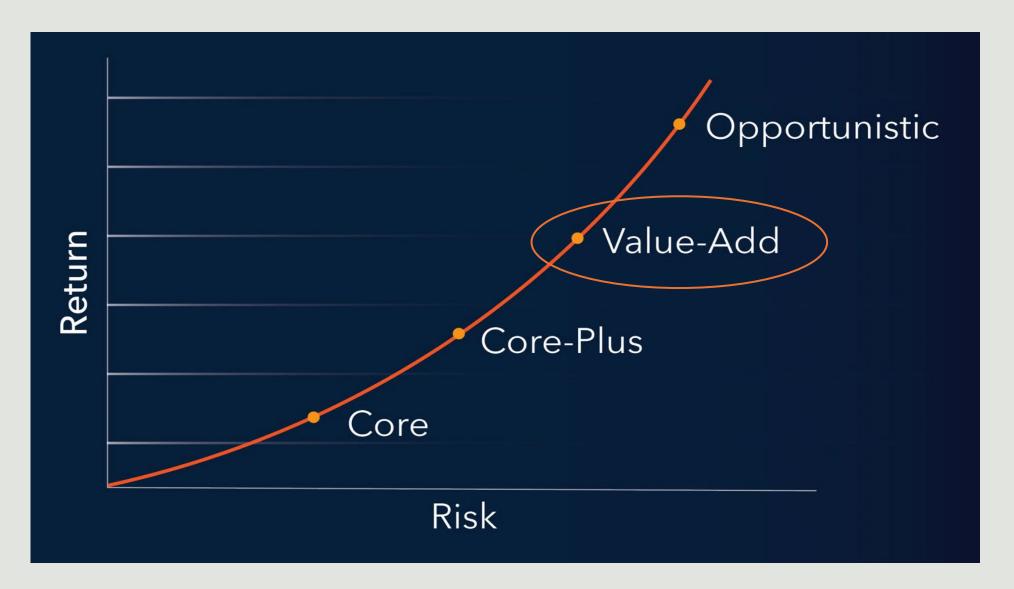
#### What Can We Do in this Market?

- Transaction volume is down
- Property values are down
- Gap between Bid & Ask
   Expectations is shrinking
- New development starts are down
- Future supply is projected to be muted





### Real Estate Risk and Return

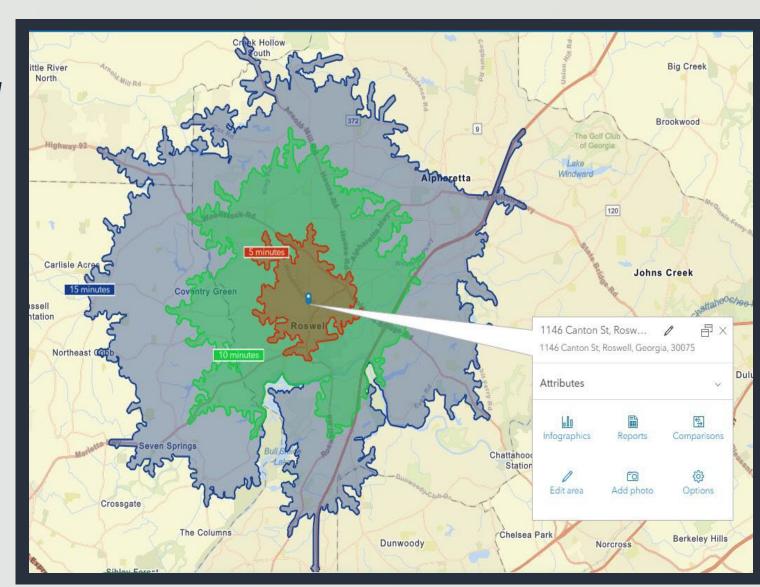




### **Market Analysis**

### Self-Storage is a Micro Market

- Use drive time to determine addressable market
- No single data point determines demand
- Evaluate competition
  - Occupancy
  - Unit Mix
  - Condition/Management of facility
- Look for growth
  - New apartments
  - New neighborhoods
  - Business/Jobs moving to area
- Location
  - Traffic count
  - Visibility

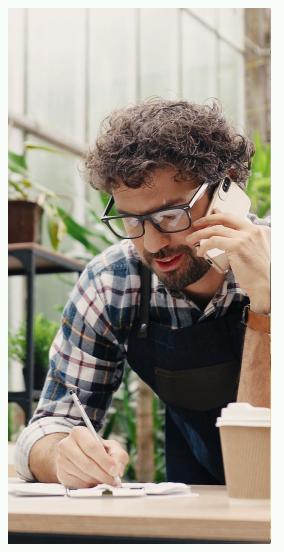


# How it Works in an IRA



# What is a Self-Directed IRA?

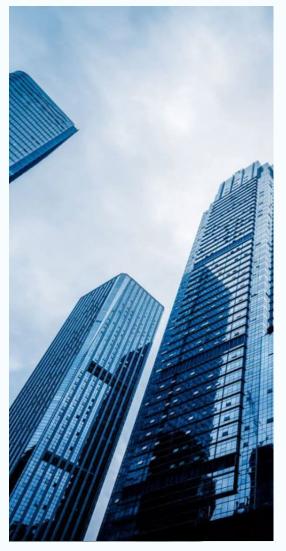
A retirement account in which the individual is in charge of making all investment decisions





# What is a Self-Directed IRA?

Greater opportunity for asset diversification outside of traditional stocks, bonds, and mutual funds





# What is a Self-Directed IRA?

All securities and investments are held in a retirement account administered by a regulated custodian or trustee, following Internal Revenue Codes





### Tax Deferred Accounts:

Funding vs Earnings



### Tax-Deferred Funding

With Traditional IRAs, you can invest with pre-tax income, allowing you to defer taxes until you withdraw earnings



## Tax Deferred Accounts:

# Funding vs Earnings



### Tax-Deferred Earnings

With Roth IRAs, you can invest with taxed income, allowing your investment earnings to grow tax free





# UBIT: Unrelated Business Taxable Income

#### How does it work?

Unrelated business taxable income (UBTI) is money earned by a tax-exempt entity that's not related to its tax-exempt purpose.

The IRS defines unrelated business taxable income for most organizations as "income from a trade or business, regularly carried on, that is not substantially related to the charitable, educational, or other purpose that is the basis of the organization's exemption."

Consult your tax advisor to verify if your investments are deemed UBTI.







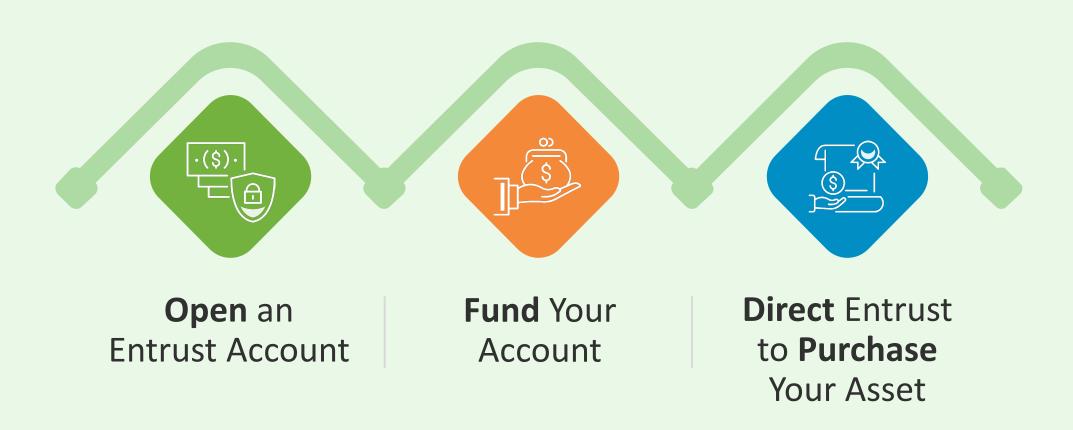


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