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1031 EXCHANGES

A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE FOR INVESTORS + AGENTS

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AN OVERVIEW OF 1031 EXCHANGES:

A 1031 exchange, also known as a like-kind exchange, is a tax-deferred transaction that allows real estate investors to sell a property and reinvest the proceeds in another property **without paying capital gains taxes on the sale.** The name "1031 exchange" refers to Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code, which outlines the rules and regulations governing like-kind exchanges.

In a 1031 exchange, the investor must identify and purchase a "like-kind" property within a specified timeframe, **45 days, and complete the purchase of the replacement property within 180 days of the sale of the original property**. The value of the replacement property must be equal to or greater than the value of the relinquished property to fully defer the capital gains taxes.

The 1031 exchange has been an important tool for real estate investors since its inception in 1921. Prior to the creation of the 1031 exchange, investors were required to pay capital gains taxes on the sale of their property, which could significantly reduce their profits and limit their ability to reinvest in other properties. The 1031 exchange allows investors to defer taxes and reinvest the proceeds into other properties, thereby increasing their purchasing power and potential for long-term gains.

In real estate investing, the 1031 exchange is particularly important for investors who want to sell properties with high levels of appreciated value and reinvest the proceeds into other income-generating properties without incurring a significant tax liability. By deferring taxes through a 1031 exchange, investors can maximize their returns and build wealth over time.

4 BENEFITS OF 1031 EXCHANGES

There are several benefits to doing a 1031 exchange, including:

TAX DEFERRAL

Tax Deferral: The primary benefit of a 1031 exchange is tax deferral. By reinvesting the proceeds from the sale of a property into another "like-kind" property, the investor can defer paying capital gains taxes on the sale. This can significantly increase the investor's purchasing power and allow them to reinvest more money into another property.

INCREASED CASH FLOW

Increased Cash Flow: By deferring taxes through a 1031 exchange, the investor can reinvest the entire amount of the sale proceeds into another property. This can increase the investor's cash flow, as they can use the additional funds to make improvements to the property, pay down debt, or invest in other income-generating assets.

INCREASED RETURNS

Potential for Increased Returns: By reinvesting the proceeds from the sale of a property into another property, the investor can potentially increase their returns over time. This is because the new property may appreciate in value, generate higher rental income, or provide other benefits that increase the investor's overall return on investment.

DIVERSIFY

Portfolio Diversification: A 1031 exchange can also be used as a tool for portfolio diversification. By selling a property in one location and reinvesting the proceeds into a property in another location, the investor can diversify their portfolio and reduce their exposure to local economic fluctuations or other risks associated with a single property.

Overall, a 1031 exchange is a valuable tool for real estate investors looking to defer taxes, increase cash flow, and potentially increase their returns over time. It allows investors to maximize their purchasing power and reinvest the proceeds from the sale of a property into another income-generating property.

TYPES OF 1031 EXCHANGES

There are three main types of 1031 exchanges: simultaneous, delayed, and reverse exchanges. Each type of exchange serves a different purpose and may be appropriate depending on the investor's goals and circumstances.

SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE:

A simultaneous exchange occurs when the sale of the original property and the purchase of the replacement property occur on the same day.

This type of exchange is rare because it can be difficult to find a replacement property that meets the investor's needs and is available for purchase on the same day as the sale of the original property.

Example: Two farmers mutually agree on exchanging their parcel of land with each other on the same day.

DELAYED EXCHANGE:

A delayed exchange is the most common type of 1031 exchange.

It occurs when the sale of the original property takes place first, and then the replacement property is purchased within **180 days**. The investor has **45 days** after the sale of the original property to identify up to three potential replacement properties.

Example: An investor sells a rental property and has up to 180 days to find a suitable replacement property.

REVERSE EXCHANGE:

A reverse exchange occurs when the investor acquires the replacement property before selling the original property.

The investor must use a qualified intermediary to hold title to the new property until the original property is sold. This type of exchange is more complex and requires careful planning and coordination.

Example: An investor finds a great investment property but needs to sell an existing property to finance the purchase.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

There are several rules and regulations that govern 1031 exchanges. It is important for investors to understand these rules in order to successfully complete a 1031 exchange and avoid potential tax consequences.

Deadline: To complete a 1031 exchange, the investor must identify potential replacement properties within 45 days of the sale of the original property. The investor must then close on the purchase of the replacement property within 180 days of the sale of the original property.

Like-Kind Property Requirement: The properties involved in a 1031 exchange must be "like-kind" properties. This means that the properties must be of the same nature or character, but they do not need to be identical. For example, an investor could exchange a rental property for another rental property or a vacant land for a commercial property.

Reinvestment Requirement: To fully defer taxes on the sale of the original property, the investor must reinvest all of the proceeds from the sale into the replacement property. If the investor does not reinvest all of the proceeds, they will owe taxes on the portion of the proceeds that was not reinvested.

Use Requirement: The investor must intend to use the replacement property for investment or business purposes. The property cannot be used for personal use, such as a second home or vacation property.

Qualified Intermediary: The investor must use a qualified intermediary to facilitate the exchange. The qualified intermediary holds the proceeds from the sale of the original property and uses them to purchase the replacement property.

Title Requirement: The investor must take title to the replacement property in the same name as the original property was titled. For example, if the original property was titled in the name of an LLC, the replacement property must also be titled in the name of the LLC.

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In summary, there are several rules and regulations that govern 1031 exchanges, including strict deadlines, like-kind property requirements, reinvestment requirements, use requirements, and qualified intermediary requirements. It is important for investors to understand these rules in order to successfully complete a 1031 exchange and maximize their tax benefits.

TIPS FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT PROPERTY

After the sale of the relinquished property, the investor has a 45-day period to identify potential replacement properties and a 180-day period to close on the purchase of the replacement property. It is important to identify suitable replacement properties within the deadline, as failure to do so may result in the invalidation of the 1031 exchange and the imposition of capital gains taxes.

WORK WITH A QI

Work with a Qualified Intermediary (QI): The QI is a third-party facilitator that specializes in 1031 exchanges. They can help ensure that the exchange meets all the requirements of the IRS.

USE ONLINE RESOURCES

There are several online resources available that can help investors identify potential replacement properties, including real estate listing websites and databases. **Some companies, like MILLCREEK COMMERCIAL, have ID properties at the ready!**

NETWORK

Network with Other Real Estate Professionals: Real estate agents, brokers, and other professionals in the industry may have knowledge of potential replacement properties that are not publicly listed.

CONSIDER OFF-MARKET

Off-market properties are not publicly listed and may not be widely known. These properties may offer greater opportunities for negotiation and potentially better value for the investor.

When identifying replacement properties, it is important to consider a variety of factors, including the potential for appreciation, the quality of the property, and the potential for rental income. Additionally, the replacement property must be "like-kind" to the relinquished property, which means that it must be of the same nature, character, or class.

In summary, the process of finding replacement property for a 1031 exchange involves identifying suitable properties within the deadline and considering a variety of factors. Working with a QI, using online resources, networking with real estate professionals, and considering off-market properties are all strategies that can help investors find suitable replacement properties.

RISKS AND CHALLENGES:

While a 1031 exchange can offer significant benefits for investors, there are also risks and challenges associated with the process. Here are some of the potential risks and challenges:

Identifying suitable replacement property: One of the biggest challenges associated with a 1031 exchange is finding suitable replacement property within the allotted timeframe. The 45-day identification period can be particularly challenging, especially if the market is competitive. This pain point can be alleviated by working with MILLCREEK COMMERCIAL, which has ready to identify 1031 exchange replacement properties ready for investors.

Complying with IRS rules and regulations: The IRS has strict rules and regulations governing 1031 exchanges. Failure to comply with these rules can result in the invalidation of the exchange and the imposition of capital gains taxes. This includes meeting the "like-kind" property requirements, working with a qualified intermediary, and reinvesting all proceeds from the sale of the relinquished property.

Market risk: Like any investment, there is always the risk of market fluctuations, which could impact the value of the replacement property and potentially diminish the benefits of the exchange.

Property management: If the replacement property is a rental property, managing the property can be another challenge. Investors may need to find reliable tenants, handle maintenance and repairs, and navigate local regulations. Depending on the property type this can be avoided. For example. MILLCREEK COMMERCIAL seeks to alleviate this by having properties available that are NNN leased (which have fewer responsibilities for owners).

In summary, while a 1031 exchange can offer significant benefits, it is important for investors to carefully consider the risks and challenges associated with the process. Identifying suitable replacement property, securing financing, complying with IRS rules and regulations, managing market risk, and property management are all potential challenges that investors may face. Working with experienced professionals and conducting thorough due diligence can help mitigate these risks and ensure a successful exchange.

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We help each of our investors enjoy monthly passive income by co-owning premium commercial real estate that is both recession-resilient and fully managed.

How do we achieve this?

First, we hand-select the best properties. We strategically select properties that are recession-resilient—ideally, prosperous during both booming and struggling economic periods.

Once we have selected a property to develop or purchase, we do so without debt. We then sell portions of each property to 1031 Exchange buyers, self-directed retirement account owners, and cash investors. This gives each investor the freedom to purchase the percentage of the property that best fits their current investment plan—anywhere from one to one hundred percent. Our “have it your way” approach gives you flexibility.

By requiring a low minimum investment, we have removed the traditional barriers of investing in commercial real estate investment and made this investment vehicle much more accessible to the average investor.

Once you have specified the amount you want to invest and selected from our list of available properties, you receive a deed for your portion of ownership of the property. Based on timing, but likely within the first month, you will begin receiving monthly cash flow deposited directly into your account.

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