

# CASEY INVESTMENT ALERT

## A Limited-Membership Club for Select Precious Metals Investors

**Members of this group enjoyed 117.3% total portfolio gains in 2009, and another 81% in 2010.**

**From the November 2008 precious metals bottom through the end of 2010, members' invested capital multiplied 3.5 times.**

**Now we're coming out of another slump in precious metals, giving investors a brief window of opportunity for gains that could easily surpass those of 2009 and 2010.**

**However, this opportunity isn't right for every investor. To take advantage of it requires the willingness to build positions in the face of extreme volatility.**

**If you're the rare kind of investor who can do that – and you'd like gains like those mentioned above – then you'll need to take advantage of the limited registration period opening now to secure membership.**

Dear Friend and Fellow Investor,

Look at any group of randomly selected investors. 10% will be what you might call "informed investors" – going above and beyond the *Wall Street Journal* and CNBC in their investment research.

1% are "independent investors." These investors see bubbles and manias as they happen, and take profits while the crowd piles in.

But rare indeed is the "elite investor."

This active, high-net-worth individual seeks out high-profit investment opportunities wherever they lie. He adapts and profits in any market – and will go to foreign or even private investment markets for the right opportunities.

He understands the value of information and often spares no expense in retaining advisors, experts, and researchers to collect intelligence that could double or triple his money on a single investment.

Seeing opportunity, he acts in the face of risk, volatility, and even derision from

his peers – and has a long string of investment wins to show as a result.

If you count yourself among these select few – or aim to – the service I'm about to describe may be for you.

## "The Most Volatile Stocks on Earth"

That's how *Casey Investment Alert (CIA)* Senior Analyst and Editor Louis James regularly refers to the thinly traded junior precious metals and resource exploration stocks he recommends to *CIA* members.

With good reason, too – when the S&P 500 dropped nearly 10% in a week to start the bloodbath in October 2008, taking many juniors down with it, Bravo Venture Group reported promising drill results and shot up 130.4%.

I don't know if there's any better textbook example of volatility than that.

Take an intelligent approach to speculating on these companies, though, and frequently you'll double your investment – or more. For example...

*CIA* members recently collected 111% gains in just 6 months on Andean American Mining

They collected 132% gains in 9 months on Rainy River Resources

And in 24 months, Staccato Gold increased members' investments 321%

Sometimes the gains are even bigger. From recommendation to sell date...

Romarco Minerals rose 400%

Rare Element Resources gained 451%

Salares Lithium was perhaps members' favorite pick, as it gained 1,714% in 12 months

It's important to note as well that these figures are all from initial recommendation to sell date. If we included opportunities members took to buy on weakness or sell at peak prices, the figures would in some cases be much higher – including quite a few 10-baggers, or even higher multiples.

You'll never see gains like this from blue chips – or even from precious metals producers. It takes a tiny company multiplying in value quickly, which is exactly what happens when junior precious metals explorers announce big discoveries.

That's why you have such tremendous volatility in this sector...

And such explosive profit opportunities.

Of course, it's not all roses. With higher volatility comes higher risk – there will be some losers when you speculate on junior precious metals explorers (even with the thorough research that goes into every *CIA* pick).

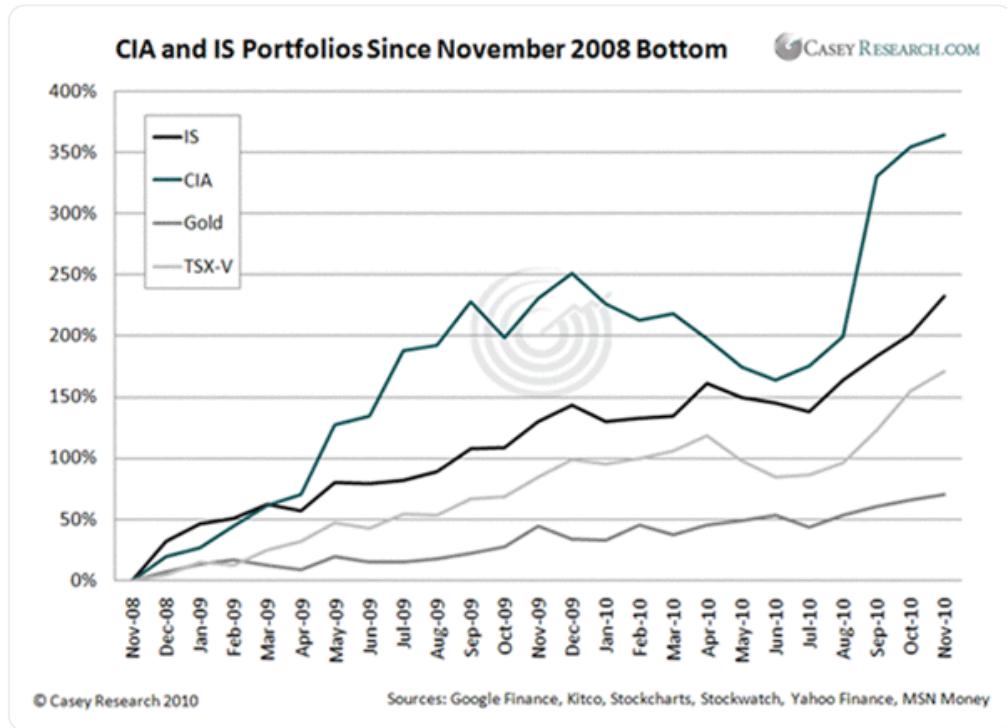
Take GoldQuest Mining Corp. or Rye Patch Gold. They dropped 68% and 34% respectively after they were recommended earlier this year (and while they're down right now, they're by no means out – in fact, we're suggesting that subscribers who haven't yet added these stocks to their portfolios do so).

*CIA* members know that accepting this kind of risk is necessary to consistently reap big profits in junior miners. That's how they were able to realize 12 winners out of 14 picks in 2010 and enjoy 81% gains for the year.

This was after 2009, when the portfolio gained 117.3%.

In fact, from the time gold bottomed in November 2008, the *CIA* portfolio multiplied members' total investment by more than 3.5 times.

This chart says it all...



It's important to understand that the severe downdraft that shocked the markets in 2008 helped make these gains possible...



Most investors panic in the face of steep sell-offs like the one highlighted in the above chart, where physical gold, as represented by the AMEX Gold Bugs Index, lost 26.13% in 2008 – and was down as much as 62.97% on October 27, 2008.

CIA subscribers, however, recognized this drop for what it was: an outstanding – but short-lived – profit opportunity.

Consider the following chart of the Market Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF...



This Index plummeted 59.19% from December 6 2010 to July 23, 2012, going from \$43.94 to \$17.93. A drop that sharp would scare off most investors – but not *CIA* subscribers. They saw it as a signal to take action.

That's the kind of vision that put them in position to gain 44% on Atna Resources, 31% on Banks Island Gold, and 57% on Brixton Metals so far this year (as of November 9, 2012).

It's also what enabled them to post 117.3% gains in 2009 and 81% gains in 2010.

And all these gains don't take into account certain exclusive, invitation-only investment opportunities members have enjoyed as a result of membership.

Frankly, I can't go into much detail on these investments in this letter. But as a *CIA* subscriber, you will be presented with additional investment opportunities not available to the general public – including private-placement opportunities for accredited investors – which you'll be able to take advantage of if you meet certain financial requirements.

Let me get back to the current situation, though: the chance to capitalize on it is fading. The GDXJ has already recovered 33.5% since its July 23 low.

That's why Louis and his team are urging *CIA* subscribers to immediately position themselves in select junior miners. They made the same

recommendation four years ago, enabling subscribers to enjoy 117.3% gains in 2009 and 81% gains in 2010.

I'd like to show you how Louis and his team are able to consistently rack up such big wins. Then I'll tell you why this service is limited to such an elite cadre of investors, and the criteria you can use to determine if membership might be a fit for you.

## The CIA Secret to Explosive Profits from Junior Resource Stocks

Put simply, the world's elite investors – judged by size and consistency of wins – have a proven effective due-diligence system for selecting investments.

Louis James and the team at *Casey Investment Alert* are no different.

Louis is approached multiple times per week – at conferences, over the phone, and any way he can be found – to give his "stamp of approval" to specific metals and resource explorers.

When *yet another* flyer is shoved in his hand peddling *yet another* junior explorer and *yet another* potential discovery, he has to be able to cut through the hype to find the truth...

"Is this company worth investing in?"

The sad truth for intelligent speculators is that very few junior explorers are – even in a big bull market. Poor management, low available capital, a hostile political climate, or the inability to market a new discovery could keep shareholders from gains, even if the rocks in the ground are good.

It takes a complete look at the company, the resources, and the market to know when the risk-reward ratio shifts heavily in your favor.

The system Louis and the *CIA* team use is rooted deeply in Doug Casey's "Eight Ps of Resource Stock Evaluation." For over 30 years, this system has proven itself time and time again and made Doug and countless other investors millions as a result (of course, *CIA* subscribers likely acted ahead of Doug and thus had the best profit opportunities, as Doug's own investing is governed by strict ethics that preclude him and all Casey editors from buying or selling stocks before subscribers, or taking action contrary to any Casey Research recommendation – subscribers' interests always come first.)

## It Starts with People

Much more than a trite marketing claim, in the resource sector it's an unassailable truth – the people matter most. And this is doubly true in early-stage companies, like the ones covered in *CIA*.

After years working neck-deep in the industry, Louis knows someone at just about every notable metals and mining company. He knows who the winners are and who the losers are.

So when he starts evaluating any company, he looks at management. If there's anybody he knows (or has heard from a trustworthy source) is **not** reliable, that K-Os the deal right off the bat.

"It doesn't matter how good the rocks look – if you can't trust the people, then forget it," Louis says.

And it's not just crooks running a company that makes it a bad investment. If management is known for maintaining a Taj Mahal-style office in downtown Vancouver while diluting the heck out of shareholders and not adding value on the ground, he'll steer clear. As he puts it, "There are lots of different ways management can fail."

Of course, he's looking for the good guys, too. The right management team can often make all the other cards fall into place quickly. So he'll check out management's track records in other, similar companies and projects, and look for proof that the team knows how to turn a nice mineral deposit into hefty profits for shareholders.

Louis is not afraid to use his connections, either. If there's someone he doesn't know personally but their bio says, "He worked at XYZ company as VP, North American Operations," Louis will call up his contact who worked at XYZ company over the same period. Time and time again, this trusted network pays off with the deeper story behind a company's selective presentation of its management teams.

## Checking Off All Eight Ps to Find Profit Potential

After leaving no stone unturned in checking out the people behind the company, Louis proceeds through the

### Full Disclosure

Louis' site visits are paid for by the companies he visits – but they do so at their own risk.

Whenever he books a trip, he advises:

rest of the Eight Ps – fine-tuned for higher-risk, higher-reward picks for elite investors.

People. Who are the key players involved with the company?

Property. Does the company have a credible ore body or a moose pasture?

Phinancing. How are they going to pay for everything?

Paper. What is the structure of the company?

Promotion. How will they get their story out?

Politics. How stable, safe, or meddlesome is the jurisdiction?

Push. What's going to move the stock?

Price. How much will the company be worth if it achieves its objectives?

Combined, these questions cut through just about every metals and mining company to show why they do NOT make a good investment.

A few make it through, though, and then it's time for Louis to kick some rocks.

## Proving Opportunities by Getting on (and in) the Ground

For those few companies that pass muster, Louis arranges with management for a site visit. He spends nearly half his waking hours crisscrossing the globe, visiting mining sites to kick rocks, check drill cores, assess the technical people who will actually do the work of advancing the project, and generally get a sense if a project looks as good in person as it does on paper.

In fact, this is exactly how Louis got started with *CIA* in the first place – going on site visits with Doug Casey and becoming his eyes and ears underground.

Meet Doug in person, and you'll see he's a big guy – noticeably over six feet tall. And after breaking too many bones to count in polo accidents, he's lost most of his interest in spelunking – crawling around and exploring underground, often through tiny mining tunnels. He was ready to hand his hard hat over, and Louis signed up.

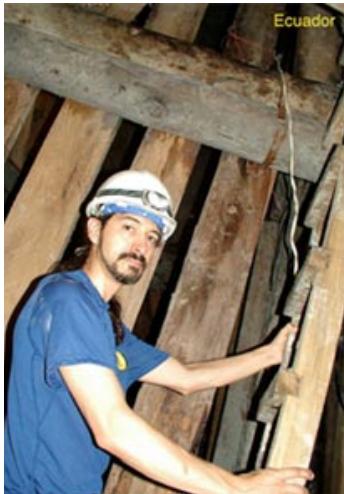
management that the trip *does not* come with a guarantee of positive coverage, even though it's happened that a "buy" has become a "sell" as a result of a visit.

Also, analyst tours are infamous for perks like fishing trips and sight-seeing tours. When practical, Louis asks insistently to book an early flight home – or on to the next project.

Louis is there to get the facts, and anything that obscures that mission is, in his opinion, superfluous.

Soon Louis' combined knack for geology, stock analysis, and communicating the results to readers – plus his track record of wins – grew so strong that Doug handed *CIA*'s reins over to him.

But back to the site visits. Louis is looking for management to prove – in person – all its claims about drill-core quality, deposit size and grade, and the team's ability to deliver value to the market. He'll go just about anywhere, above or below ground, to find out what's really going on.



Here's Louis James scouting out a potential discovery deep in a mine tunnel in Ecuador.

When Louis sees something he likes – and remember, these companies have already checked out through the rest of the Eight Ps – he'll report back to readers, sometimes from the mining base camp via satellite uplink to provide his analysis.

(When there's competition, Louis wastes no time getting these remote check-ins out to members, because he doesn't want to wait for other analysts on-site to get home, do their write-ups, and drive share prices above an ideal buy-in price.)

## And That's How CIA Members Get Winners Like This

About three years ago, Louis was visiting a Red Back Mining site in Ghana to check out a new deposit that just kept getting better with every drill result.

On the ground, Louis was standing with about three dozen analysts and big-money investors, watching the drill core come out of the ground. The assays would take time, but Louis could see that the drill core looked just like others that ran high numbers. Knowing what he was looking for in the rocks, he knew from the drill core that this was probably going to add a lot of gold to a big discovery. So he started typing a report on his phone and sent in a buy recommendation from the field, before the other analysts could get home to do their write-ups.

On this recommendation, Red Back handed members 69% gains as the market was peaking in 2008, before Ghana's political situation shifted and the recommendation changed to sell. When Ghana's political situation settled down in 2009, Louis re-recommended Red Back, partly due to this new, deep discovery he'd recognized earlier. From there, share prices went up a full 153% in 12 months before Red Back was bought out by Kinross Gold.

## Another Secret to CIA's Profits: Louis Knows the Rocks and Mines at Most Major Properties Around the World

Sometimes Louis doesn't need to visit to know when a company's probably sitting on pay dirt.

Take Bayfield Ventures, for example. It was a good company (the Eight Ps checked out) with a claim adjacent to a highly successful project owned by Rainy River. And the more Rainy River developed the property, the more it pointed to the deposit extending straight into Bayfield's territory. Louis knew the area. He knew Rainy River's success (that company had been another big winner for *CIA* members). He knew what it would mean for Bayfield Ventures' share price if drill results confirmed the suspected continuation of the deposit.

Louis didn't need to visit the site or see drill core to know that Bayfield was sitting on good rock. And he knew that Rainy River would likely need Bayfield's land, even if there were no extension.

So when Bayfield published its intention to raise capital through a private placement on advantageous terms, Louis put out a *CIA* alert on the company. Public stock was available, plus accredited investors could participate in the private placement, which he strongly recommended to investors who could get a seat at the table.

In four months, the public stock gained 20% – a respectable 60% annualized gain. The private placement did even better, yielding 112% gains over the same four months – not including warrants. At this point, Louis recommended taking the initial investment off the table and enjoying a "Casey Free Ride" for any additional gains. Later drill results gave the stock another double, which members enjoyed without any risk capital left on the table.

## Other Times, the Casey Connections Net You Solid Gains

On rare occasions, the people are so good, it makes the investment a go even if the other Ps are still coming together.

When Sprott Resource Corp. acquired the small junior General Minerals and

sold off the entire portfolio to raise cash, Louis knew something big was happening. Eric Sprott – the world-famous Canadian hedge fund manager, entrepreneur, and resource investing expert featured multiple times by the *Wall Street Journal*, *Barron's*, and countless other publications – had a great reputation, as did the other team members.

So on a pure people play – based on the observations and opinions of Louis, the entire Casey team, and the Casey Research network – Louis recommended Sprott Resource Corp. to *CIA* members. As of this writing, investors who purchased shares on the open market have seen shares rise over 25%.

Investors who got in on the limited private placement Sprott was offering at the time have since seen a 160% gain.

And it's worth noting again that when I mention the private placements and increased profits investors have enjoyed, these are not factored into the 81% portfolio gains in 2010, 117.3% in 2009, or any other total portfolio calculation. If we requested members' broker statements and other private records, we're sure we could show many examples of members doing much better.

## And the Opportunities Don't Stop There

Louis and the *CIA* team are always seeking out strong profit opportunities for *CIA* members, wherever possible – even if this means stretching beyond precious metals, and even beyond the public stock exchanges.

For example, the *CIA* team recognized the lithium bubble as it was coming (thanks to the Obama administration's "green energy" push). After running a number of lithium companies through the Eight P's – designed to work on all resource companies – Western Lithium was a clear winner. And they were right – Western Lithium handed subscribers a 597% gain (including a recommendation to take profits) in the 10 months between the December 2008 buy recommendation and the October 2009 sell recommendation.

In the middle of the lithium bubble, the *CIA* team uncovered a second, even more powerful way to play the trend – and handed members truly life-changing profits.

In September 2009, Salares Lithium offered a first-come, first-served private placement opportunity for accredited investors. Louis alerted *CIA* members, and those who got in were able to buy shares for C\$0.11 each. Share prices went through the roof, and members took profits at C\$0.59 per share on the way to cashing out at C\$3.40 when the company was sold to Talison Lithium, a major

producer. All told, the total gain on the Salares private placement was 1,714% in one year.

*CIA* members also collected big gains from the rare earths mania, with 451% gains on Rare Element Resources from October 2007 to October 2010.

And Doug Casey called the uranium bubble before it happened and recommended Paladin Energy – if you would have followed Doug's recommendation to buy at 8 cents, take partial profits at 44 cents, and close out your position at \$1.29, you would have realized a gain of 981.3% (those who didn't take profits at 44 cents and closed out at \$1.29 realized a 1,512.5% gain).

Time and time again, *CIA* members are at the forefront of these resource bubbles, with their chips down on the early-stage companies that can provide explosive gains when a mania ensues.

As I write this, many of Louis' current recommendations are selling for absurdly cheap prices – a situation that has put *CIA* members in perfect position for more outsized gains.

One is a North American gold explorer that continually delivers excellent drill results from multiple discoveries. On one of its projects, it's teamed up with another company that's footing all the bills and assuming all risk. Louis is urging subscribers who haven't already taken a position in this company to do so now.

Another of Louis' favorite picks is a Canadian company that gave subscribers a 37% gain in just one day. Right now he's recommending that subscribers load up on more shares – but only on a day that gold drops sharply.

Then there's a little-known outfit with promising projects in Europe. Right now there are drill results pending at one site that could be a game-changer, although Louis is cautioning subscribers that this is a particularly speculative outlook.

Of course, the most speculative plays are where you'll make the biggest gains in this game...

## How Much Should You Invest in Volatile Stocks?

We're commonly asked how much of your total portfolio should be allocated to the high-volatility stocks covered in this issue.

The answer? It depends.

The Casey company line of 1/3 cash, 1/3 bullion, and 1/3 stocks is best suited for more risk-averse investors, such as those looking to guard and grow their nest egg.

Whereas in Doug Casey's case, he could invest 90% or more in high-volatility juniors and still sleep like a baby. No, I'm not telling you that he'd tell you it's the smartest thing to do, but for the purpose of illustration, that's a threshold he'd be comfortable with.

You'll have to make your own decision. Some people will tend to go for a higher percentage in these stocks, especially if we're seeing mania coming in the metals market. But if you're going to do this, it's only if you can afford to lose your entire investment without any significant effect on your lifestyle.

So that's probably the best answer: Whether you're looking for explosive gains in "The Next Big Volatile Stocks on Earth..." only invest what you can afford to lose.

You'll stomach the volatility better, whether you're still enjoying the gains.

## How Not to Lose Money on "The Most Volatile Stocks on Earth"

It's one thing to talk about gains and how a single drill result can hand you a near-overnight double – or how as a discovery develops, the company grows threefold, fourfold, or more. But volatility swings both ways. So it's equally important to note how Louis and the rest of the Casey team behind *CIA* help you ***not to lose money***.

For one, they watch the market news like a hawk – Louis, Doug, and everyone here at Casey Research are ever-vigilant for both micro- and macro-trends that may have a negative impact on your investments.

For example, when the financial system was imploding in 2008, *CIA* members were warned well in advance and given the recommendation to put at least 2/3 of their capital in cash and bullion. The remaining 1/3 in play on these volatile investments could fluctuate wildly (and it did), without keeping them up at night. When the situation turned at the end of 2008 and the precious metals' near- and mid-term prospects improved, members could put more capital back in play and enjoy the gains from 2009 and 2010's massive movements up in metals and especially the junior explorers.

Louis issued a similar warning ahead of the 2011 sell-off of precious metals stocks, enabling subscribers to have capital to deploy when he recommended aggressive buying in select companies earlier this year. Those who averaged down aggressively were sitting on total gains of 8.8% as of November 15, despite this being an especially tough year for junior miners (by contrast, the TSX-V – the Canadian stock market where you'll find most junior mining companies – lost 18.8% during the same period).

## "The Casey Free Ride" – the Other Secret to Not Losing Money

There's another technique used in the *CIA* portfolio to protect your wealth while still letting you profit on "The Most Volatile Stocks on Earth." It's called "take profits," or "The Casey Free Ride."

Here's a funny little story Louis likes to tell to illustrate this concept.

Louis was on his very first field trip for Doug Casey, at a Lukas Lundin company called International Uranium Corporation. (Like I said above, Doug was the one who called the uranium bubble before it happened, and members made a bunch of money from uranium plays, including this one.)

After the first night's dinner, the other visiting analysts decided to play Texas hold 'em. Well, Louis is a self-described "cultural illiterate and geo nerd." He'd never heard of Texas hold 'em and didn't realize what a phenomenon it had become.

Perhaps the other analysts – already drinking – thought Louis would make a good mark, so they cajoled him into coughing up \$20 to join the game and taught him the rules.

Note: Louis doesn't drink on these trips.

Clear-headed and fresh off a lesson in Texas hold 'em basics, Louis started playing. He did well off the bat – and doubled his money.

Here's where "The Casey Free Ride" comes in.

Louis proceeded to take his original \$20 off the table. This was the risk capital he'd set down up front – but by "taking profits" or taking "The Casey Free Ride," it was no longer at risk. He was now playing with everyone else's money. Even if he lost all the money he still had on the table, he'd come out even on the night. This allowed him to play more aggressively, knowing there was nothing to lose.

Well, he doubled his money again... and took another \$20 off the table, locking in 100% profits – and continuing to enjoy "The Casey Free Ride" with the money still in play.

Although he turned in early to go back to work on an article he was writing, he collected enough from that poker game that – to this day – these analysts remember the night they met Louis James from Casey Research.

"The Casey Free Ride" works just the same in the stocks as it did in that poker game. Every double comes with the recommendation to take profits, put that capital to work where it will serve you better going forward, and enjoy any further gains without any risk on the table.

Sure, this ruffles a few feathers when subscribers have already taken profits and a stock keeps going up. Yet in a situation like the one that happened in 2008, members are quite happy that they've taken profits and reallocated appropriately.

## Invest Like Doug Casey

I recently asked Louis why he thought Doug Casey handed him the reins to *Casey Investment Alert*, after so many years working under Doug and acting as his eyes and ears on the ground. His answer was clear.

*"I'm quite happy to stand on my track record because I have made a lot of money for a lot of people. It's been my decisions, and Doug trusts that."*

Simply put, while working in the background under Doug's tutelage, Louis had been behind enough winning recommendations to have earned Doug's complete trust – even with his own investments.

But then, what Louis described next was quite interesting.

You see, because Louis spends all day, every day thinking about these junior metals explorers and resource companies... talking to the people, visiting the properties, going over balance sheets and corporate finance reports... he has his finger on the pulse of the industry like no one else.

And Doug trusts Louis to dig up the most reliable, actionable intelligence about who the top players to invest in right now are. And especially when Doug wants a second opinion about investing in a junior metals explorer, he'll turn to Louis. In fact, after giving members ample time to get in on a new recommendation – in line with the Casey Research ethics policy that all employees, partners, and contractors must follow to prevent conflicts of interest – Doug does put his own money into Louis' recommendations.

A great example was back in 2010, when Doug had a couple million extra in US funds that needed to be invested in some US-listed picks. So Doug asked Louis what he'd recommend. Louis suggested Fronter Gold, which he'd already told readers had excellent takeover potential. On this recommendation, Doug got in at \$8.95, and in under 3 months the stock went up to \$14.50 – for 62% gains – based on a takeover offer from gold mining giant Newmont. Doug normally prefers to invest in Louis' private-placements picks, but in this case, he sure was happy he asked for a high-potential, open-market pick.

So in many cases, by following the *CIA* recommendations, you'll be investing right alongside Doug Casey.

## Following in Doug Casey's Footsteps to Investment Genius



Here's Louis James on an intelligence-gathering mission,  
on top of Freegold Mountain in the Yukon.

I briefly mentioned above that Louis got his start with *CIA* as Doug Casey's eyes and ears on the ground, spelunking mining tunnels and kicking rocks.

But really, it was a lot more than that.

Louis is to date perhaps the one person who's received more direct mentorship from Doug in "intelligent speculation" than anyone else in the world.

Louis learned the mining business inside and out from Doug. He also got personal introductions to Doug's connections – including our Explorers' League honorees – until Doug's network became Louis' network as well.

In countless field expeditions with some of the most successful geologists and mine-finders in the world, Louis learned what to look for in drill core, rock alteration, and other tricks of the trade. He learned how to consider the cost implications of rugged terrain and other economic factors. He learned how to read assay results and penetrate technical jargon in company press releases to get the real story (not the cleverly crafted interpretation many companies put out in their press releases).

At first, Louis was Doug's right-hand man, helping Doug gather the exact intelligence he needed to hand *CIA* subscribers tremendous profits speculating on junior resource explorers.

Now, after the passing off the baton, Doug is Louis' right-hand man when it comes to digging up profits for *CIA* members. Louis does the heavy lifting of research and analysis (with the help of the *CIA* and Casey Research team). But he constantly checks in with Doug, discussing his findings and drawing on Doug's greater experience.

In fact, through their almost daily conversations, Louis probably has more personal access to Doug than anyone else on the planet. And by extension, you get that access to Doug's innermost thoughts and best advice on how to profit from the resource sector when you read *Casey Investment Alert*.

Louis was recently describing how longer-term *CIA* subscribers were picking up Doug's top investing techniques simply by investing along with the recommendations in *CIA*. He called what's happening with *CIA* "an ongoing education of a cadre of elite investors that will be able to invest smart, move quick, do things right, and greatly increase their returns." Many longtime members agree.

In addition to profiting from the *CIA* recommendations, these investors are learning to invest like Doug Casey and other top speculators whose fortunes and names were made with big wins in this sector.

In fact, Louis was contacted a while back by a member who said that thanks to following Doug's advice and strategies, his portfolio gained 923% from December 31, 2000 to December 31, 2010. He asked to be quoted anonymously as – like most members – he prefers to keep a low profile (this is also why I haven't sprinkled this letter with testimonials or members' results – they simply don't want their faces and information about their wealth shared where the whole world might see).

But suffice it to say – these near-100% per year gains (24.9% compounded return) don't come by accident. They come by following proven methods, such as those shared in the *CIA* alerts.

## 3 Reasons to NOT Become a CIA Member

In a minute, I'll tell you what exactly you get with your *CIA* membership and how

much it costs. But first, I'd like to give you a few reasons for NOT joining, in case I haven't made them clear enough already.

1. You can't handle risk. You think the gold and silver bullion markets are volatile? Well, they're nothing compared to the junior explorers. *CIA* stocks got hit harder than many in the crash of 2008 – and even with "The Casey Free Ride" it was hard to stomach (as is the case right now). Yet with mental strength and intestinal fortitude, members pulled through and enjoyed bigger, more explosive gains on the rebound... just as they will again.
2. You simply don't have enough money. This service is not cheap. Sure, you'll be able to make back your investment and have a nice night on the town with a double on a \$5,000 investment. But if the idea of putting \$5,000 each into a dozen or more highly volatile stocks makes you worry about your nest egg, you probably don't have enough money for this service.
3. You're not willing to go out of your way to collect these profits. Almost every *CIA* pick trades on the Canadian Stock Exchange – specifically the TSX Venture exchange. Yes, we have a report for members called *The Casey Research Guide to Investing in Canadian Stocks*, that helps American investors get started. But if you don't have the ability or the wherewithal to open up an account with a broker that can give you full access to the Canadian markets, you might as well not sign up.

I know these recommendations *against* joining may sound contrary to what you often read in letters like this describing investment-recommendation services and financial newsletters. And that's fine. You know at Casey Research we're not known for going with the crowd.

## More Information on Your CIA Membership

Membership levels in *CIA* are capped to prevent excessive trading volume on our recommendations. (Remember, these are the most thinly traded, volatile, and explosive

### What's the Difference Between CIA and *Casey International Speculator*?

If you're a *Casey International Speculator* (CIS) subscriber, or have been considering that service, you may wonder what the difference is between these two services. After all, Louis James is at the helm of both, and they both focus on junior explorers with explosive upside.

Good question. One big difference is companies covered in *CIA* are often too low-volume to be covered in CIS. Th

junior resource explorers.)

We only open the service once or twice a year, when normal attrition opens enough spots to justify it. Investors who miss this window must wait until the next opening, no exceptions. We do maintain a sizable wait list for this service.

Regarding timing, we don't force the alerts on a set publishing schedule – when there's opportunity or news, you'll get it. When there's not, you won't hear from us. (More often than not, there's opportunity – 2011 had 41 alerts and through November 9, 2012, there have been 39, so you'll get plenty of updates and recommendations for your portfolio.)

Also included with your membership are complimentary subscriptions to the ***International Speculator*** and ***BIG GOLD*** monthly newsletters from Casey Research.

So you'll get regular market commentary into the precious metals explorers and producers markets. Plus you'll have access to each portfolio if you'd like to allocate your investment capital across a wide swath of the risk/reward spectrum.

(Current *International Speculator* and/or *BIG GOLD* subscribers will automatically receive a credit for their current subscription balance toward their *CIA* membership when joining.)

Yet the core value of your *CIA* membership still comes from the research and intelligence Louis puts together and sends directly to your email inbox in the *CIA* alerts.

## There's No Other Service Like *CIA*

*CIA* is unique in that it presents fast-moving opportunities, based on in-the-field research. The only other people standing around Louis when he's watching a drill core coming out of the ground are the company geologists and a handful of analysts representing the world's most elite resource investors.

I asked Louis if on his site visits and analyst tours he'd ever met another analyst who is there for a service like *CIA*.

"No," he said, "I don't think anyone out there does what I do, on the scale I do it

larger readership base of CIS piling in these stocks would create a spike that would ruin the profit potential for most readers. Because of the lower volume, the *CIA* picks are more volatile as well as has been proven time and time again with bigger gains.

Occasionally, reduced risk and increased trading volume will "graduate" a stock from *CIA* to CIS. This is not to create profits for *CIA* members (on rare occasions, CIS members get in at low prices). This simply represents the stock's increased profile and appropriateness for a larger audience of Casey Research readers.

Also, private placements and other similar opportunities, when available, are best suited to *CIA*, as *CIA* members are more likely to be accredited investors who qualify for this type of opportunity.

Finally, there's the simple matter of timing. Some opportunities just won't wait for the next monthly edition of *CIA*.

– I don't think there's any other service quite like *CIA*."

This means that when Louis recognizes rock he believes will produce positive assay results – and he shares this info with you through a *CIA* alert – you and just a few of the world's most elite resource investors will be acting on that information before it shows up in the company's press release. And often because of Louis' in-the-field reporting style, you'll be first in line acting on the information.

You don't get that anywhere else.

## The Fee for Joining CIA

The published rate for a one-year *Casey Investment Alert* membership is \$4,500.

In order to fill all available spots as fast as possible, we've reduced that fee by 20% for this limited-time reopening of *CIA*, to \$3,600. Alternatively, you can choose to pay quarterly, at \$989 per quarter automatically charged to your credit or debit card.

And yes, like all services provided by Casey Research, *CIA* comes with our 90-day guarantee. At any time within the first 90 days if you decide this is not for you, we will refund your entire purchase price minus a 10% transaction fee to cover our order-processing costs. Though I think it's worth saying that if your decision swings on the guarantee, you should really think twice about whether *CIA* is a fit for you. That said, we do maintain this refund policy because we insist that you are entirely satisfied with your purchase, especially given the premium price.

And again, this includes both *International Speculator* (\$995 per year) and *BIG GOLD* (\$129 per year) – and the balance of your subscriptions to either service will automatically be rolled into *CIA* when you place your order or you can call customer service at (888)512-2739 or for international calls, at +1-602-445-2736 for assistance.

## And What Could Your Membership Be Worth?

I'm sure you've already done some of the math in your head. But in case you haven't, let me do it for you. If you were to invest \$5,000 in *CIA* recommendations when the buy alert was issued, take profits when recommended, and sell when recommended, here are some gains you could have

realized – cash in the bank – in the last few years:

Andean American turned every \$5,000 into \$10,550

Rainy River turned every \$5,000 into \$11,600

Staccato Gold turned every \$5,000 into \$21,050

Romarco turned every \$5,000 into \$25,000

Rare Element Resources turned every \$5,000 into \$27,550

And Salares Lithium handed *CIA* members life-changing gains, turning every \$5,000 into \$90,700

Every million that *CIA* members had invested across the *CIA* portfolio at the November 2008 low turned into \$3.5 million by the end of 2010. And our firm belief in the current precious metals bull market is that the best – by far – is yet to come.

## But Remember – We're Only Looking for Elite Investors

*CIA* is best suited to "elite investors." Or perhaps select "informed investors" who are well on their way to "elite" status.

The bottom line is, people often look at the Doug Caseys and Rick Rules of the world and wonder, "How'd that guy make all his money?"

Well, the smart money isn't made by people who do average, everyday investing. It's made by people who are willing to step outside the box and do something a little different. You have to have the right psychology and the right attitude. And you have to have the desire and wherewithal to do things like get yourself a broker who can help you with Canadian stocks and private placements.

You have to want to go out of your way to be involved in these different investment types, and not just log on to Fidelity or E\*TRADE to buy a stock.

We're not going to ask for your brokerage statements, bank account, or personal vault to verify your qualifications. We just know the best fit for this service is a certain caliber of "elite" investor. If that's you, I encourage you to join today.

## Activate Your CIA Membership

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Call (888) 512-2739  
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Available 9AM to 7PM Eastern Time, M-F

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If all available spots are gone, the activation link above will forward you to the Wait List registration form, so you can receive first notice the next time we re-open *Casey Investment Alert*

Remember, this is a limited-membership alert service, and spots are only offered once or twice per year. You have two weeks to respond before the window closes – on December 18... that is, if it does not close sooner due to registrations being full. Please factor this into your response decision – we won't be able to make exceptions.



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