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# INCLUDING A SHELTER IN YOUR WEALTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

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When the COVID-19 pandemic occurred, people discovered that there is no safe place on earth. Climate change's increasing effects will soon confirm that today's world is dramatically different from the one that existed when we were born. Before, everyone believed that living in a big city, close to a hospital, was enough to ensure their family's safety. Today, this belief is being called into question. In the event of any crisis whatsoever, the overpopulation and the centralization of the heat and the air conditioning systems, as well as mandatory public transportation, make any escape from a collective threat almost impossible.

Many smart people understood this, so they decided to live in safer locations during the coronavirus lockdowns. It was a good move. So, why not invest in a shelter?

## Here are some criteria to consider before you invest in a shelter:

## Accessibility:

Can I reach my shelter easily? What can happen on the way to my shelter? How long will it take me to complete this journey? How many people can I travel with? Do I need a visa?

You must be able to reach your shelter in less than one day in whatever circumstances.

#### **History:**

What are the track records of the people who live where I decide to locate my shelter in a difficult time? How do they generally react to strangers? How did they behave in the past? Were they hostile or friendly? Between them, were they hospitable or violent?

Obviously, you should avoid hostile places.

#### **Catering:**

Will I find resources to live a normal life? What will be my everyday life be like?

Don't forget that you never know how long it will last.

#### **Medical infrastructure:**

Are there any hospitals? Good doctors? Will they be able to treat my disease (if I have one)? Will they have the resources to cure many patients at the same time?

You should seek a place that is safer than the one you will leave.

#### **Management of issues:**

Will I find all telecommunication facilities in good condition to remain connected with my employees and relatives? Can I transmit bank orders from this territory? Can I access my company's online network?

You will not leave if you know that you will find your life upside down when you return.

### Quarantine and returning:

Does my country have special ties with my shelter territory? Will I need special authorizations to go back and forth? Who will provide them? Where is this authority located? Will my mode of transportation still be operable after the crisis?

You should secure your return before leaving.

## **Maintaining costs:**

Are they high? Can I rent my shelter sometimes to pay the maintenance costs? Is this long-term investment good or bad? *Because you should put your money only into profitable assets.* 

This checklist provides you with the main criteria that you need to meet. When you have completed it, you will discover that there are very few places on earth that can match your personal criteria. These are the places where you should invest.