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Confucius said, "Better a diamond with a flaw, than a pebble without". Diamonds have emerged as portable wealth that can be enjoyed while it appreciates. People who have been investing in

large rare diamonds know this to be true. According to Forbes, a five-carat fancy yellow diamond increased in value by 180 percent from 2001 to 2011. A \$600,000 investment in a five-carat

fancy pink diamond would yield about \$3 million today. While large colourless diamonds are also appreciating in value, the rate of appreciation for rare fancy coloured diamonds is much

higher, as these diamonds are naturally more valuable. Some coloured diamonds that possess exceptionally fine colour have no fixed price and can be sold at auction for unimaginable amounts.

If you are out looking for large rare diamonds your obvious choice should be fancy vivid coloured diamonds or a superior colourless gem. As an investment the best fancy vivid coloured

diamonds may be red diamonds. Rarest of the fancy colour diamonds, fancy red diamonds are not often seen even by most diamond collectors or some of the best jewelers. Fancy vivid blue

diamonds are also extremely valuable. In the year 2009, a 1 carat, radiant cut fancy vivid blue diamond possessing IF clarity grade was sold at auction for a price of 1,494,000 US dollars.

The shades of rare blue diamonds are said to be in the hues of the sea, sky or a pale winter day. The fancy vivid yellow diamonds are the most commonly found coloured stones in the market.

And while these may be beautiful to look at, the appreciation in value is not as impressive.

Other options include pink diamonds, which are quite popular amongst connoisseurs. These beauties are in hues that exude femininity, grace and love, making them perfect for wedding jewelry

settings. Green diamonds are also very rare and thus valuable. Only about a handful of fancy green coloured diamonds enter the market each year and are sold at record prices. The reason for

this is that it takes eons for the natural green colour to develop in the rough. Orange diamonds can also be a good investment, if the diamond has a pure orange grading. Finding such a stone

may be a challenge, though not entirely impossible. You could also keep a look out for excellent cut purple diamonds, which make a good investment.

Fancy coloured large rare diamonds can be a great investment if done right. Educate yourself about the trade and diamond business by reading up online or subscribing to diamond brands'™

newsletters. Attending celebrated auctions held all over the world can be another way of finding a stone that is unparalleled. However, if you have your mind made up about buying a colourless

diamond, invest in a stone that is superior in carat size and also has the best possible cut, clarity and colour grades.

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