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Property flipping, also known as house flipping, is a real estate investment strategy where an investor buys a property with the intention of selling it quickly, usually within a short period, for a profit.
The goal is to make a profit by renovating or rehabilitating the property and then reselling it for a higher price than the purchase price.

Example

Let's say you find a property that needs renovation, and you decide to flip it. Here's an example of how the numbers might work out:

Property Details:

- Purchase price: £200,000
- Renovation cost: £40,000
- Selling price: £300,000

Gross Profit:
- The gross profit is the difference between the selling price and the purchase price, which is £100,000.
- This represents a 50% increase in value from the original purchase price, which is a significant gain.

Net Profit:
- The net profit is the gross profit minus the renovation cost, which is £60,000.
- This represents a 30% return on investment (ROI) based on the original purchase price.
- To calculate the ROI, you can use the following formula:
- ROI = (Net Profit / Original Investment) x 100
- In this case, ROI = (£60,000 / £200,000) x 100 = 30%

Advantages

- Opportunity to add value: You can add value to the property by making cosmetic and structural changes, which can increase its appeal and selling price.
- Flexibility: allows you to work on your own schedule and make decisions quickly.
- Tax benefits: The profits from a successful flip can be considered long-term capital gains, which may be subject to lower tax rates.

Disadvantages

- Financial risk: Flipping a house often requires significant upfront capital, which can be challenging for those with limited financial resources.
- Potential for surprises: Unforeseen issues during renovation, such as hidden damage or unexpected repairs, can add to costs and delay completion.