

## Turning Tax challenges into opportunities to improve intergenerational outcomes



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#### SYNOPSIS

This session will cover the importance of intergenerational planning, including the challenges and opportunities in the context of the Consumer duty rules, the current tax context through accumulation, decumulation, preservation and transfer, the potential changes a Labour Government might bring, and the right product choices as part of an "all asset approach " to the renewed role of UK investment bonds.

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#### Taking an Intergenerational approach to financial planning

(And recognising the methods of engagement that are preferred by, and most effective with, different generations)

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First a Little Bit of Background

# The context for successful Intergenerational Planning

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#### Advice Alpha – What Is It?

The net, non market dependent, improvement in financial wellbeing delivered as a result of adviser know-how, experience and expertise.



And to Be a Little More Specific ...

# Tax Alpha (basically having more money ) is the result of maximising appropriate use of available reliefs, exemptions, allowances and tax efficient investments

The levels and bases of taxation, and reliefs from taxation, can change at any time. The value of any tax relief depends on individual circumstances.

First a Little Bit of Background

# Updating you on what's changed recently ...and the fundamentals

#### Spring Budget 2023: Extra! Extra! Read all about It.

### Main Changes:

- Changes to the annual limits on tax relieved pensions savings, giving greater scope for many to save
- Removal of Lifetime Allowance charges as of April 2023
- LTA charge being removed on funds designated to income in excess of the LTA, funds drawn as a lump sum in excess of the LTA will be chargeable to income tax
- LTA to be abolished on 6 April 2024
- The gradual extension of free childcare of up to 30 hours per week for children up to age 3 starting in April 2024 and fully implemented by September 2025
- Various employment incentives including for the disabled and over 50s

#### **The Annual Allowance**

## What is your annual allowance? The maximum amount you can save towards your pension each year without paying tax

Annual Allov	vances
Standard	£60,000 (2023)
Tapered	£10,000-£60,000
Money Purchase AA	£10,000

- Unused allowances can be carried forward for three years
- Advice is key to ensure this is done correctly

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The Lifetime Allowance



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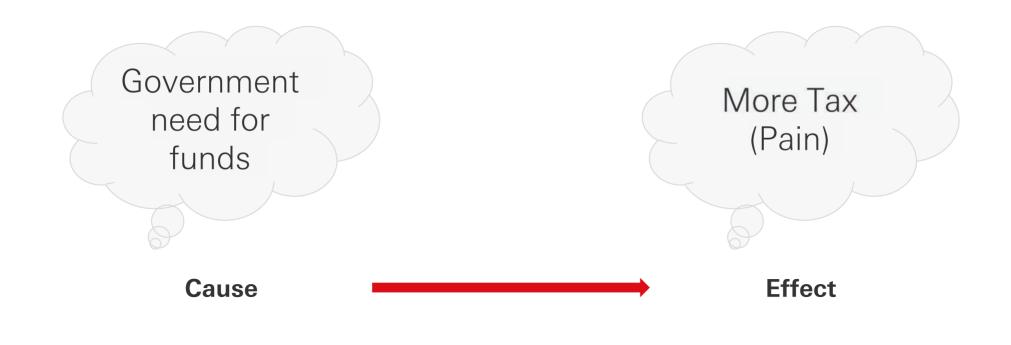
- New and continuing incentives for businesses investing in qualifying capital equipment and including most office machinery and I.T equipment allowing 100% of the expenditure to be fully deductible for tax purposes. The scheduled increases to corporation tax from 1st April 2023 will however proceed
- 12 new investment zones to be designated subject to successful application. These would qualify for a range of incentives, support and tax reliefs
- An extension of the energy support guarantee at the current level of £2,500 for an average household for a further three months until July 2023

#### Not a Budget change..but worth knowing .....

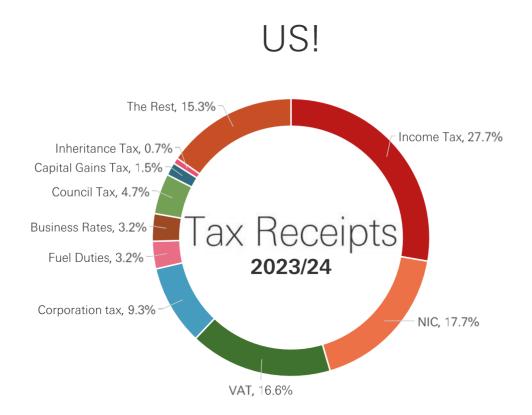
#### **DGT** Discounted Values

- Interest rate adopted by HMRC in arriving at the value of the retained right to income under a DGT has increased from 4.5% to 6.75% from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.
- This increase will reduce the value of the retained benefit (think of it as a higher interest rate making an annuity cheaper per £1 of income). Effectively the "discount" to be applied to the value of the "deferred " income payments to arrive at their present value will increase to reflect the higher rate of "lost" interest.
- The corollary is that the "discount" applied to the value transferred will fall as if the value of the retained benefit is lower then the value of the gift will be greater
- eg For a 65 year old with 5% withdrawals, a current discount of 66.88% would go down to about 56%. For a couple aged 65, the difference is between about 77% and 61%. The discount reduction shrinks as age increases.

**Frozen and Falling Allowances and Thresholds** 



#### Where Does the Governments' Money Come from?



#### Income Tax:

- Personal allowance and higher rate threshold frozen until the end of the 2027/28 tax year (2.6m more HR taxpayers)
- Basic Rate Tax to remain at 20% indefinitely
- Additional Rate tax (@45%) payable from 2023/24 on income above £125,140 (currently £150,000): more AR taxpayers
- Dividend tax allowance halved to £1,000 from 2023/4, then halved again to £500 in 2024/25
- Dividends above the allowance taxed at 8.75% (Basic rate), 33.75% (Higher rate), 39.35% (Additional rate)

#### National Insurance:

- The 1.25% addition remains excluded
- NIC Thresholds frozen until April 2028

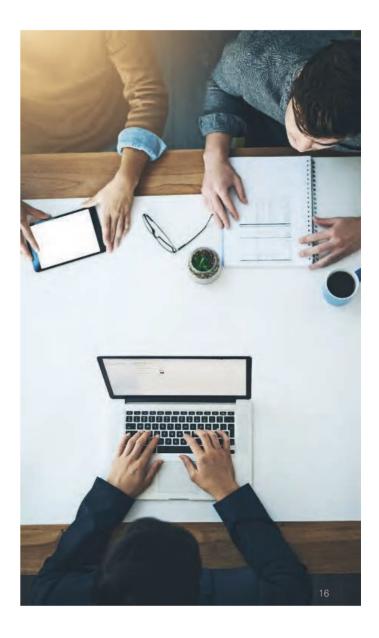


### Tax Efficient Investments:

• The tax efficiencies delivered by ISAs, VCTs and EIS all remain unaffected

#### Pensions:

 While there have been material changes to the Annual Allowance and the Lifetime Allowance in the 15/03/23 Budget, there are no other changes to pensions tax relief for contributions, tax freedom of the income and gains of the pension fund, tax free cash (PCLS - subject to the cap) or IHT freedom



#### Capital Gains Tax:

- Annual CGT Exemption to reduce to £6,000 in tax year 2023/24 and to £3,000 in tax year 2024/25 (current exemption is £12,300): CGT Payers doubled as a result
- Non-exempt gains to remain taxable at 10% basic rate, 20% higher and additional rate and 28% on gains on disposal of property that is not the main residence

#### Inheritance Tax:

The nil rate band and residence nil rate band (£325,000 and £175,000 respectively) will remain frozen until the end of tax year 2027/28



## Corporation Tax:

- 19% on profits up to £50,000
- ◆ 26.5% marginal rate on profits between £50,000-£250,000
- 25% on all profits if profits exceed £250,000

These changes do not apply to the Policyholder Funds of UK Life Companies



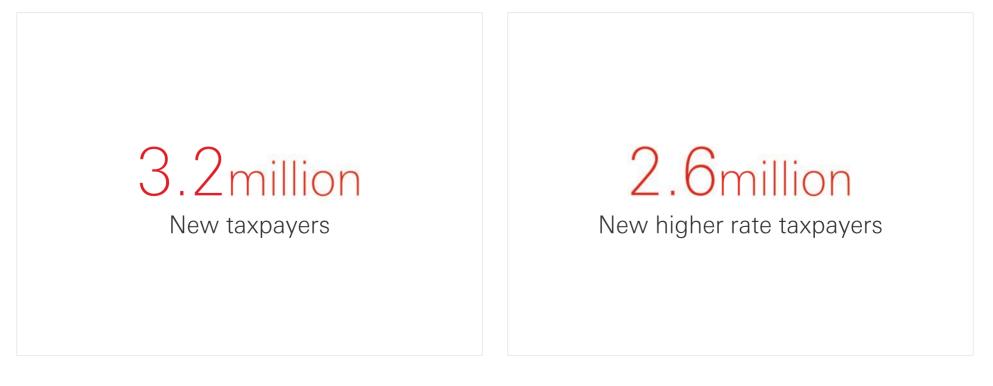
And All of This Amounts to .....

# A "Boiling Frog" Strategy

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#### The Impact of the Freeze: Income Tax

The six year freeze on the personal allowance the higher rate threshold leads to:



Source: OBR EFO 11/22

The Impact of the Freeze: Income Tax

#### **Additional Rate Taxpayers**

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From 2023-24 the reduced AR threshold

(to **£125,140**) will affect 792,000 taxpayers

232,000 of whom would not otherwise have paid ART

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Source: HMRC Policy Paper: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/loweringof-the-additional-rate-threshold/income-tax-additionalrate-threshold-from-6-april-2023

#### The Impact of the Freeze: Dividend Tax

#### **Reduction of the Dividend Tax Allowance Numbers Affected**

2023-24	3,235,000	(46% with divs unaffected)
2024-25	4,405,000	(27% with divs unaffected)

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The Impact of the Freeze: Capital Gains

#### **Capital Gains Tax**

O. How many more CGT payers as a result of reducing the AEA?

A. 500,000 in 2023/24 570,000 in 2024/25

Individuals and trusts

260,000 individuals and trusts will pay CGT for the first time

<u>Capital Gains Tax: Annual Exempt Amount - GOV.UK</u> (www.gov.uk)

#### Where Would We Be If.....

#### We Hadn't Had The Big Freeze?

	2021/22	2027/28
Personal Allowance	£12,570	£16,460
Higher rate threshold	£50,270	£66,060
Additional rate threshold	£125,140	£245,600 <sup>1</sup>

....and by 2027/28 the PA will just about cover the state pension

1. Based on £150,000 indexed from 2010/11: £144,300 from 2022/3

2. Consumer Prices Index

Where Would We Be If.....

#### **Inheritance Tax**

#### Remember.....

NRB frozen from April 2009 until April 2028 RNRB frozen from April 2020 until April 2028

#### But what if.....

Those bands had been indexed...

	2023/24 2027/28	
NRB	£465,000	£537,000
RNRB	£200,000	£233,000

Inheritance Tax thresholds and interest rates - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

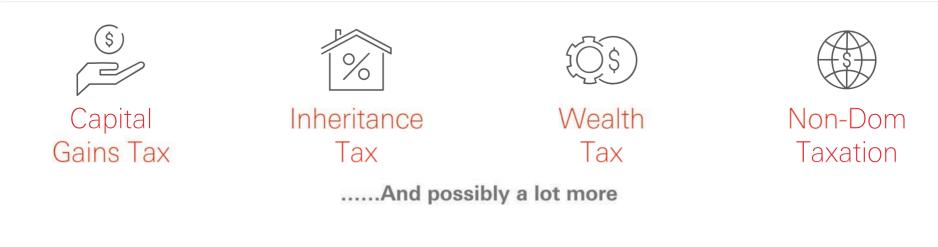
#### Where Would We Be If.....

	Frozen at	(If Indexed) 2023/24	(If Indexed) 2027/28
Standard LTA	£1,073,000	£1,218,800	£1,403,200
Annual Allowance	£40,000	£49,900	£57,700

\* Major changes proposed in the March 2023 Budget

#### What Could the Future of Tax Look Like ... If .....?

Labour wins the next general election



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## Tax Alpha ... An Antidote to Tax Pain

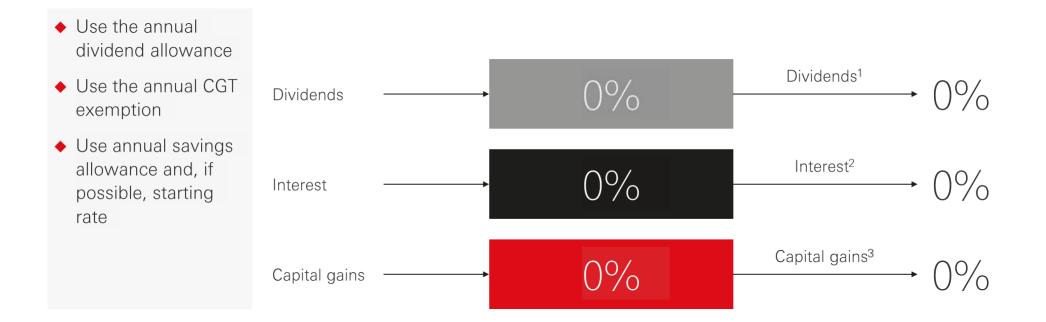
# Tax conscious investment avoids wealth destruction



What Do The Reductions to The Dividend Allowance and The CGT Annual Exemption Do to Investment Decision Making?

# Increase the attraction of ISAs and Pensions...and VCT/EIS

#### And beyond the 'No Brainers'



Notes:

- 1. Up to £2,000 pa tax free dropping to £1,000 (2023/24) and to £500 (2024/25)
- 2. Up to £6,000 pa tax free (PSA + SR)
- 3. Up to £12,300 pa tax free falling to £6,000 (2023/24), £3,000 (2024/25)

But What Else Do The Reductions to The Dividend Allowance and The CGT Annual Exemption Do to Investment Decision Making?

> Lower the threshold above which you consider the tax deferment and tax management capabilities of bonds

Where The Thresholds Might Be....

### Focusing on the value of a portfolio that could produce a tax free dividend

Based on the current FTSE All-Share Yield (approximately 3.6%), the value of a shareholding needed to exceed the relevant tax year's dividend allowance is:

- £55,600 in 2022/23
- £27,800 in 2023/24; and
- £13,900 in 2024/25

# In Practice ... The Effective "Overall Tax Rate" Depends on What's Driving The Growth in Value

Marginal Income Tax Rate	Nil %	Basic %	Higher %	Additional %
Equity dividends:				
Collective fund	0.00	8.75	33.75	39.35
UK bond	0.00	0.00	20.00	25.00
Offshore bond	0.00	20.00	40.00	45.00
Equity gains:				
Collective fund	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00
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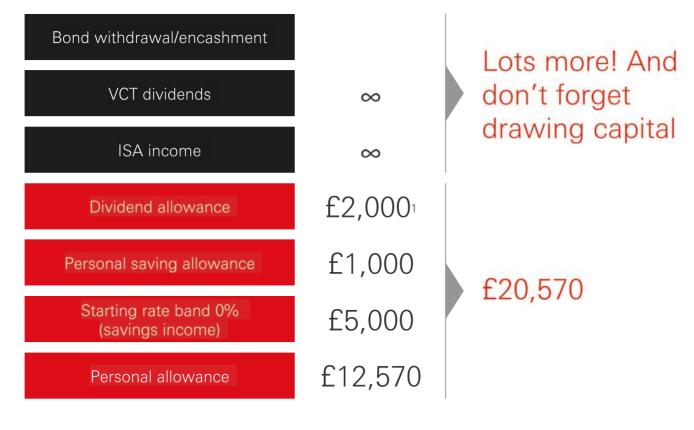
Note:

1. Loan relationship rules apply within a UK bond

2. Possible lower rate if life company reserves for tax on capital gains at a lower rate than 20%

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#### How Much ?.....Tax Free?



Note:

1. Reducing to £1,000 (23/24) and to £500 (24/25)

And Bonds... History Is on Our Side



5% Tax Deferred Withdrawals: FA 1975

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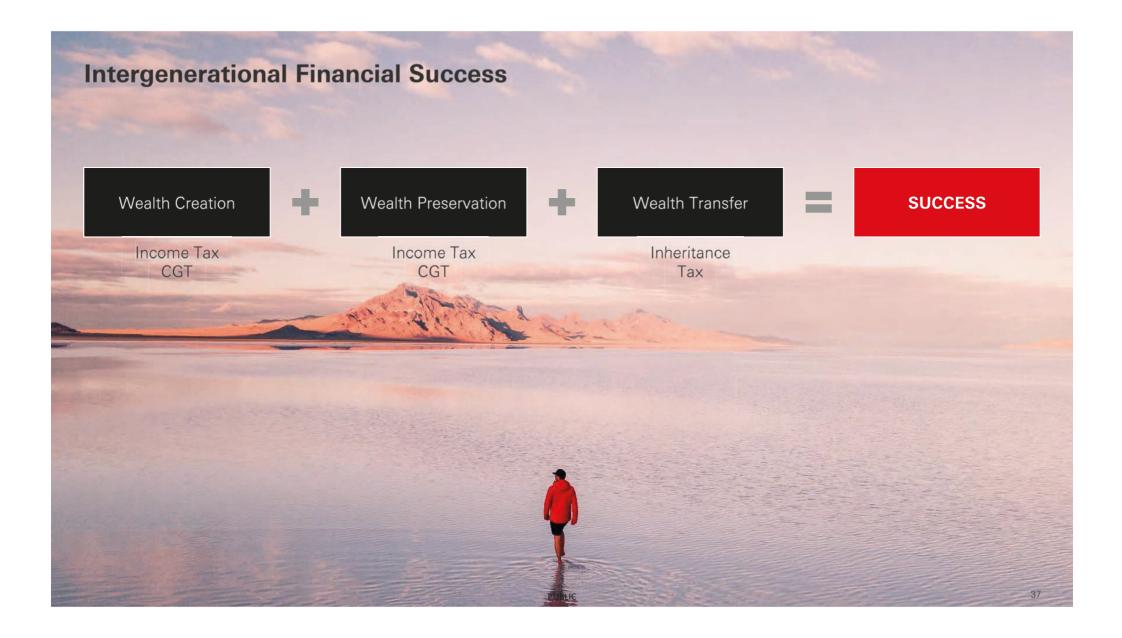
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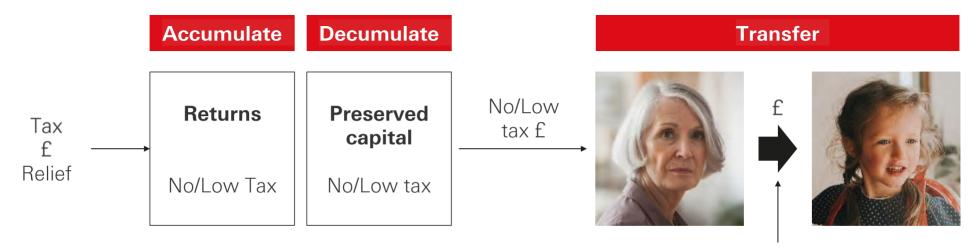
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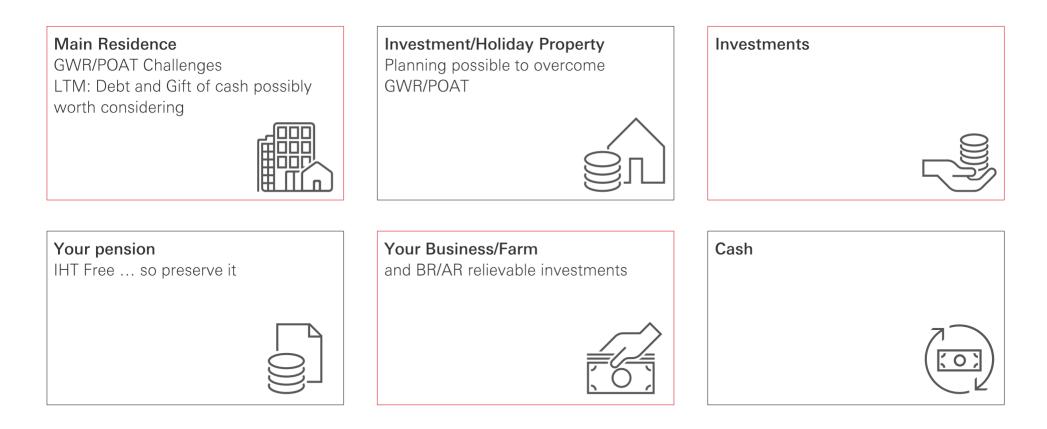


# Living a Tax Efficient Life...Rather than Leaving Tax Efficiency til the End



No/Low IHT

### **Asset Class Based Estate Planning**



**Business Relief Investments** 

Complete exemption from IHT after two years Full access and control No need for Trusts (but BR investment can be gifted/gifted to a Trust IHT free after 2 years ownership...if access not important) No need for Trust Registration (unless Trust used!)

But....

BR ignored for RNRB Taper (possible gift? ...see above) No double deduction if borrowing to invest in BR Care: LPA possible conflict of interest

#### What Do Onshore Bond Investors Look Like?

Onshore Bond investors come in all shapes and sizes and ages too!

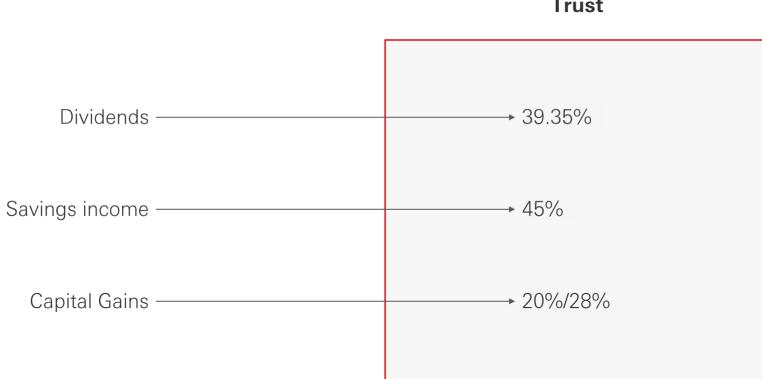


(Maybe) Not Many People Know This

# Generally speaking..Bonds are best as tax efficient trustee investment But

Collectives can underpin Loan Trusts Some Collectives can underpin DGTs Special consideration to DGTs subject to Scots law

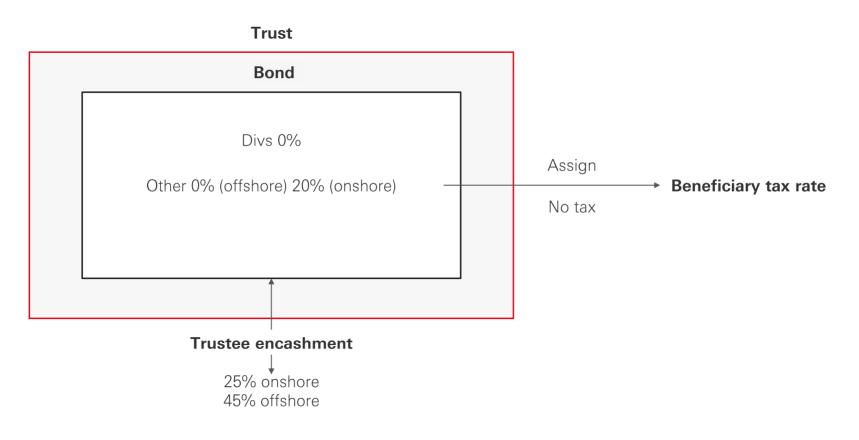
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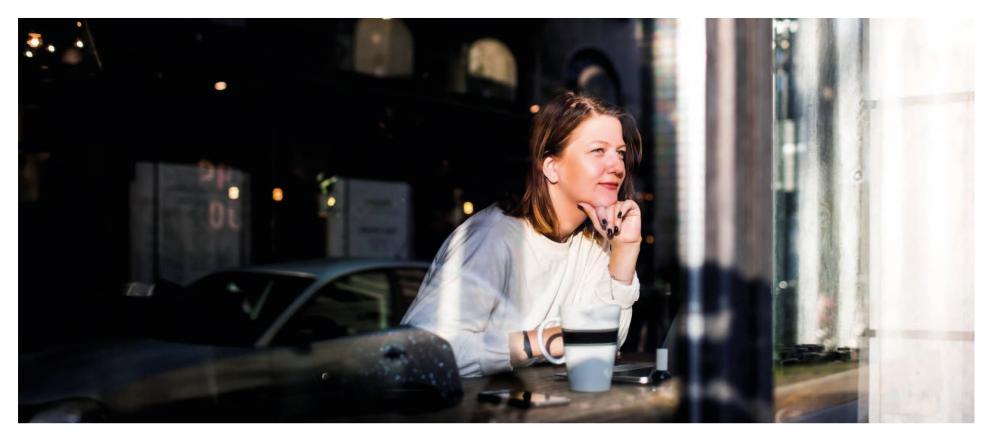
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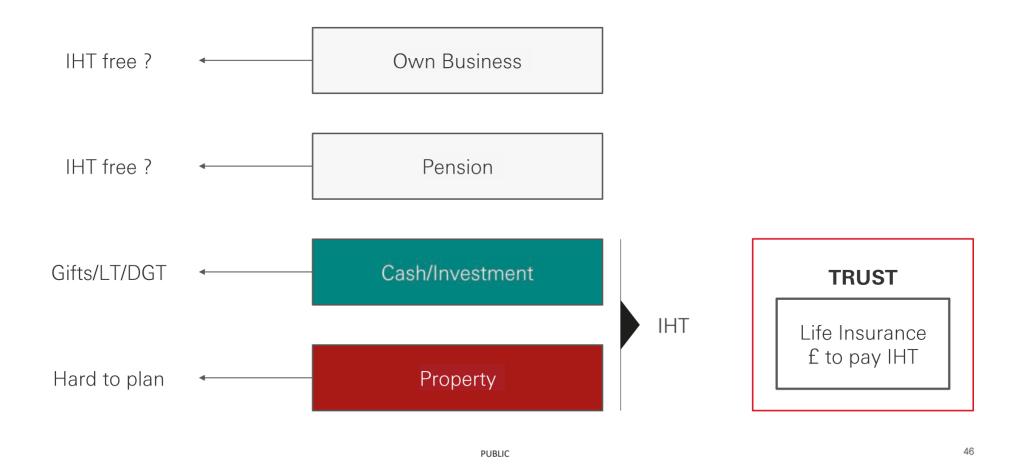


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# **DOTAS** and **TRS**



### Wealth Transfer: Providing for the Liability and/or Creating a Legacy







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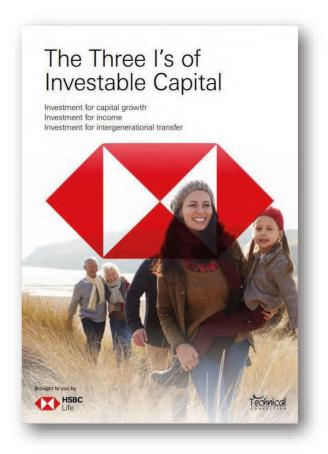
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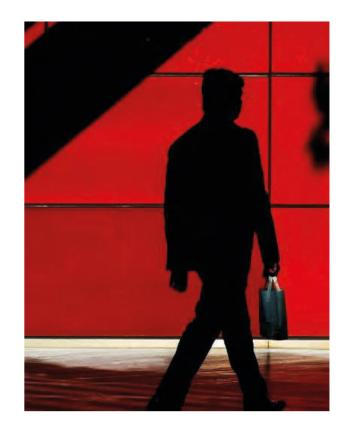


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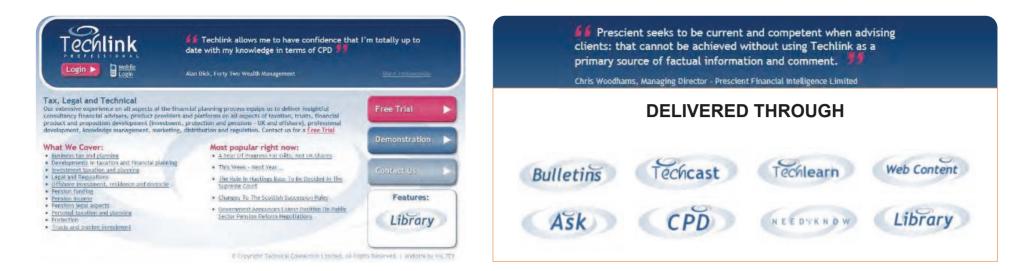
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