

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment is a tax efficient investment vehicle that is appropriate for investors who wish to invest large sums of money and who have generally high marginal rates of tax.

WHO CAN INVEST?

- Individuals
- Trusts where all beneficiaries are natural persons

KEY BENEFITS OF ENDOWMENTS

- ◆ All taxable income generated within an endowment is taxed at an effective rate of 30% and all capital gains are taxed at an effective rate of 12%.
- ▼ Individual interest and capital gains tax exemptions are not utilized and thus remain deductible for the investor.
- All income and capital gains taxes are excluded from the calculation of personal taxable income and there is no risk of increasing personal tax liability.
- Simplified tax administration as the tax is levied and recovered within the endowment.
- Avoidance of local probate requirements and the associated savings in executor's fees due to the option to nominate beneficiaries within the endowment.
- ◆ Liquidity is created for beneficiaries as payment of the death benefit does not depend on the winding up of the estate.
- Protection against creditors on the entire value of the policy 3 years after inception and until 5 years after the maturity, or termination of the policy.
- ♠ A wide range of underlying investment options are available and there are no restrictions on the underlying asset allocation.
- Withdrawals are generally tax free and all restrictions fall away after the initial 5 year restricted term.

KEY CONSTRAINTS

- ♦ Withdrawals are limited to 100% of the initial investment plus 6% compound interest during the first 5 years and multiple withdrawals are also possible.
- Contributions are limited no more than 120% of the previous 2 years' contributions and where this is breached, a new 5-year restricted term is initiated.



IMPLICATIONS ON DEATH

- Beneficiaries can be nominated to receive the proceeds.
- No CGT or Income Tax will be applicable on the transfer to a nominated beneficiary.
- No executor's fees will be payable where beneficiaries are nominated.
- ▼ The proceeds still form part of the estate for Estate Duty purposes.

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