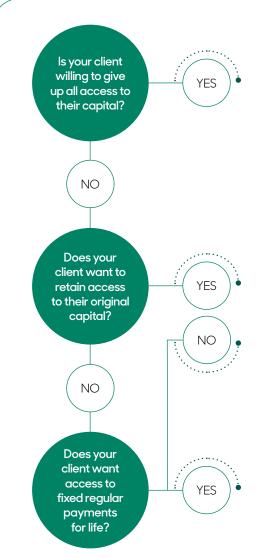


# Estate Planning Solutions



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Trusts are very useful in estate planning. By setting up a Trust, it can provide flexibility over who receives the trust assets and when. Different trusts have different features, each with its own unique combination of flexibility, capital access and tax implications.



### The Gift Plan

- Takes gift outside of the estate after 7 years.
- · Any investment growth is immediately outside the estate.
- Choice of Absolute, Flexible or Discretionary Trusts (see next page).
- Option to invest in Wrap Personal Portfolio, Wrap International Portfolio Bond or the Onshore Bond for Wrap.
- Payment can be made to trustees after death without delay in waiting for probate/confirmation.

#### The Loan Plan

- Retain right to loan repayments.
- Only the amount of the outstanding loan is included in the estate on death.
- · Can recall outstanding loan at any time.
- Option to gift or waive the loan at any time.
- · Any investment growth is immediately outside the estate.
- Choice of Absolute, Flexible or Discretionary Trusts (see next page).
- Invest in either Wrap International Portfolio Bond or the Onshore Bond for Wrap.
- Payment can be made to trustees after death without delay in waiting for probate/confirmation.

## The Discounted Gift Plan

- Retain rights to withdrawal payment for life or until the fund reduces to nil.
- Takes gift outside the estate after 7 years.
- The potential for immediate tax savings (the discount).
- If your client dies within 7 years, the amount within the estate for IHT purposes is the gift less the discount given at outset.
- Any investment growth is immediately outside the estate.
- Choice of Absolute, Flexible or Discretionary Trusts (see next page).
- Invest in either Wrap International Portfolio Bond or the Onshore Bond for Wrap.
- Payment can be made to trustees after death without delay in waiting for probate/confirmation.





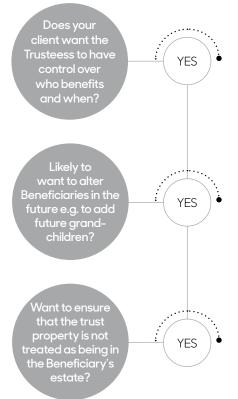


# Absolute, Flexible or Discretionary Trust?



## **Absolute Trust**

- Beneficiaries fixed at outset cannot be changed/added to by the Trustees.
- Gift is a potentially exempt transfer (PET).
- No IHT periodic/exit charges.
- Share of trust fund is in Beneficiary's estate for IHT.
- Bond gains assessed on Beneficiaries (unless they are settlor's minor children).
- No IHT100a form reporting to HMRC.
- Trust must be registered on HMRC Trust Registration Service (TRS).



#### Flexible Trust

- A named Beneficiary has a right to income (i.e. interest in possession) but the Trustees can change the Beneficiaries at any time.
- Gift is a chargeable lifetime transfer (CT).
- IHT 20% initial/periodic/exit tax charges may apply.
- Share of trust fund not in Beneficiary's estate.
- No IHT implications on death of Beneficiary.
- For Flexible and Discretionary Trusts - Bond gains assessed on Settlor if alive and UK resident or otherwise, normally, the Trustees.
- IHT100a form may be required by HMRC.
- Trust must be registered on HMRC Trust Registration Service (TRS).

## **Discretionary Trust**

- No Beneficiary has a right to the capital or income from the Trust. The Trustees have final say on who benefits from the Trust and when.
- Gift is a chargeable lifetime transfer (CT).
- IHT 20% initial/periodic/exit tax charges may apply.
- Share of trust fund not in Beneficiary's estate.
- No IHT implications on death of Beneficiary.
- For Flexible and Discretionary Trusts - Bond gains assessed on Settlor if alive and UK resident or otherwise, normally, the Trustees.
- IHT100a form may be required by HMRC.
- Trust must be registered on HMRC Trust Registration Service (TRS).

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