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# A paraplanner's guide to estate planning and Business Property Relief

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#### Key risks and important information

- The value of an investment, and any income from it, can fall or rise. Investors may not get back the full amount they invest.
- Tax treatment depends on each investor's circumstances and may change in the future.
- Tax reliefs depend on the portfolio companies and VCTs maintaining their qualifying status.
- The value of shares of smaller companies and VCT shares could fall or rise more sharply and significantly than shares of companies listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. These shares may also be harder to sell.

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#### **About Octopus Investments**







Best Venture Capital Trust Provider

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More than
£8.5bn
funds under management<sup>1</sup>

Largest provider of portfolios that qualify for Business Property Relief<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Octopus Investments, 31 December 2018.

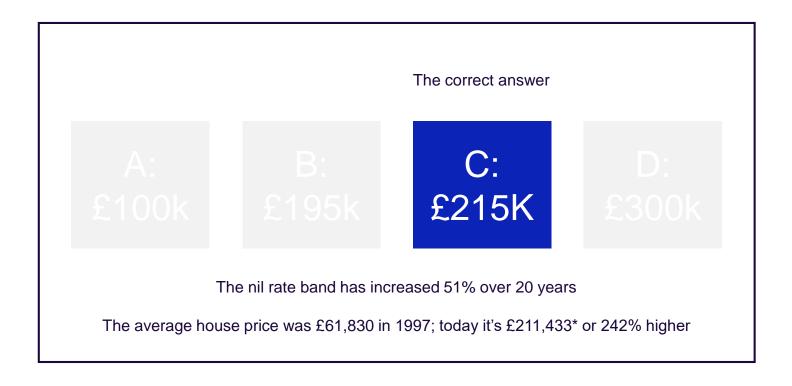
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Tax Efficient Review, April 2018.

The inheritance tax landscape

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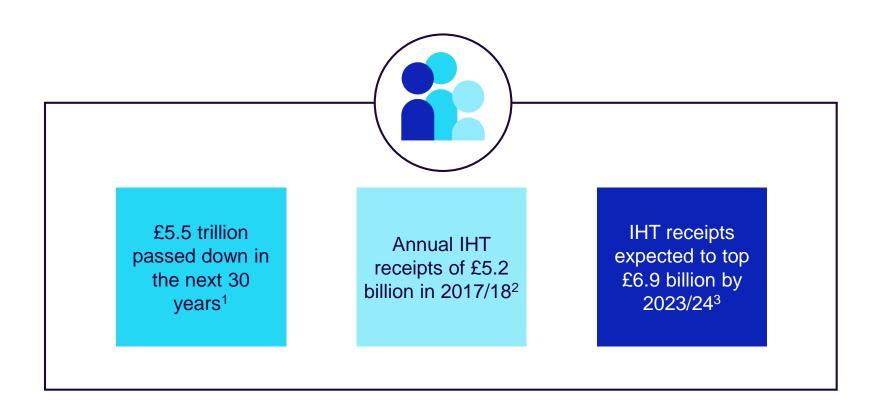
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#### More wealth is being passed down the generations



1Passing on the Pounds report, Kings Court Trust, February 2017. 2HMRC Tax & NIC Receipts, April 2018. 3HM Treasury Autumn Budget, 2018.

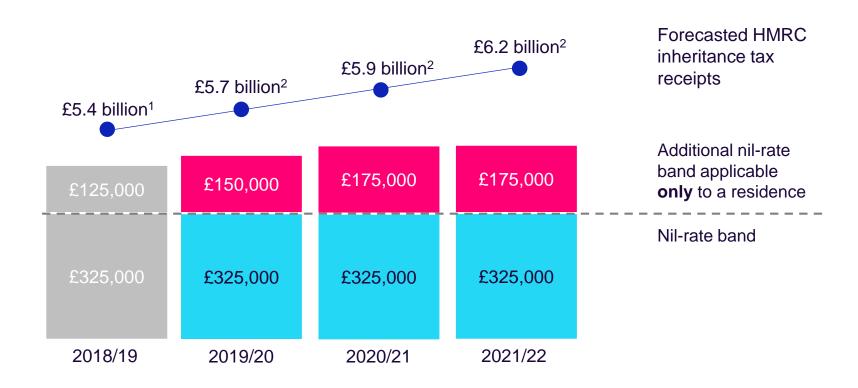
#### The residence nil-rate band

- New legislation is complex and 90% of people don't know what the implications are for them<sup>1</sup>
- HMRC inheritance tax receipts are forecast to reach £6.2 billion by 2021/2022<sup>2</sup>
- An opportunity for advisers to give valuable guidance to clients who are unsure if they'll benefit
- From the 2017/18 tax year, the nil-rate band has increased to include an additional allowance applicable only to a home and only when left to children or grandchildren.
- Any unused residence allowance cannot be offset against other assets.

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Nil-rate band	£325,000	£325,000	£325,000	£325,000
Additional nil-rate band applicable only to a home	£100,000	£125,000	£150,000	£175,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Opinium research, 4 January 2017. Based on a weighted sample of 2,003 nationally represented UK adults (18+). <sup>2</sup>HM Treasury Spring Budget, March 2017.

## The residence nil-rate band is unlikely to reduce inheritance tax collected



<sup>2</sup>HM Treasury Autumn Budget, 2018.

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## Estate planning strategies

#### A summary of estate planning options

	Gifting	BPR-qualifying investment	Trusts	Life insurance
Pros	<ul> <li>Familiar</li> <li>Easy to understand</li> <li>Can reduce size of estate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Speed</li> <li>Access and control</li> <li>Doesn't use up nilrate band</li> <li>Power of attorney potential</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduces size of estate</li> <li>Control over asset distribution</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can be used as a way to save for and pay any inheritance tax due to HMRC</li> </ul>
Cons	<ul> <li>Can use up nil- rate band</li> <li>Slow</li> <li>Irreversible</li> <li>Unsuitable for Power of Attorney</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Small/unquoted companies present a higher degree of risk</li> <li>Doesn't reduce value of an estate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Irreversible and can be complicated</li> <li>Various taxes payable</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Medical underwriting required</li> <li>Can be costly</li> <li>Will form part of a taxable estate</li> </ul>
Speed of relief	• 7 years	• 2 years	• 7 years	Whole of life

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#### **Gifting**

Making gifts is a popular way to reduce an inheritance tax liability.



Clients give up access to their money

Clients need to survive 7 years for the gift to be free of inheritance tax Taper relief – only helps where gifts total more than £325,000

Gifts between spouses are free from inheritance tax

Annual gifting allowance of £3,000 (can carry over one year)

Wedding gifts up to £5,000 are free from inheritance tax

Inheritance tax not paid on gifts to charities

Gifts out of regular income

#### Gifting – taper relief

- Taper relief only applies where gifts total more than £325,000
- Gifts typically become free from inheritance tax provided the person making the gift survives for seven years after the gift is made.
- If the person who made the gift dies within seven years, the value of the gift will be included in their estate.
- The person receiving the gift will have to pay any inheritance tax due.

Time between making gift an death	Rate of taper relief
0 – 3 years	No taper relief
3 – 4 years	20%
4 – 5 years	40%
5 – 6 years	60%
6 – 7 years	80%
7+ years	No inheritance tax due

#### The benefits and limitations of gifting

- 1 An easy way to pass wealth onto the next generation.
- 2 Easy to understand.

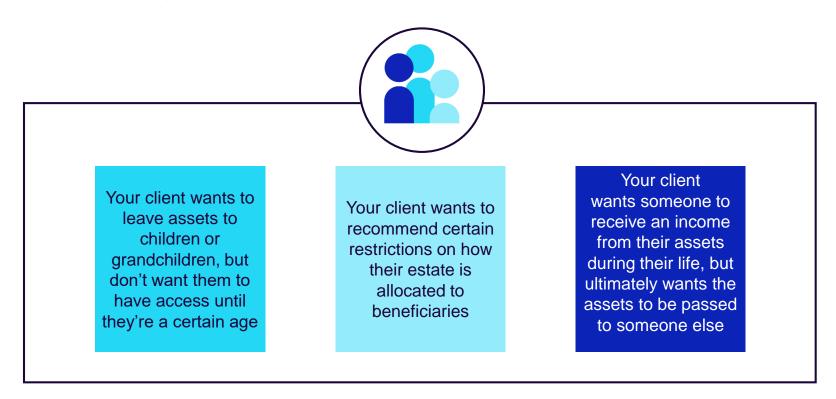
3 Can reduce the value of the estate on death.

- 1 It takes 7 years to become fully exempt from inheritance tax.
- It's irreversible. The person giving the money away loses ownership.
- The person receiving the gift, or the estate, pays inheritance tax on it if the person making the gift dies within 7 years.

#### **Trusts**

Trusts can be used to ensure that assets are given to beneficiaries in a timely and controlled way, without incurring an inheritance tax bill.

People usually set up trusts as a way to make sure assets are kept in the family over generations. The biggest advantage of trusts is that they can be set up exactly to your own personal wishes.



#### The benefits and limitations of trusts

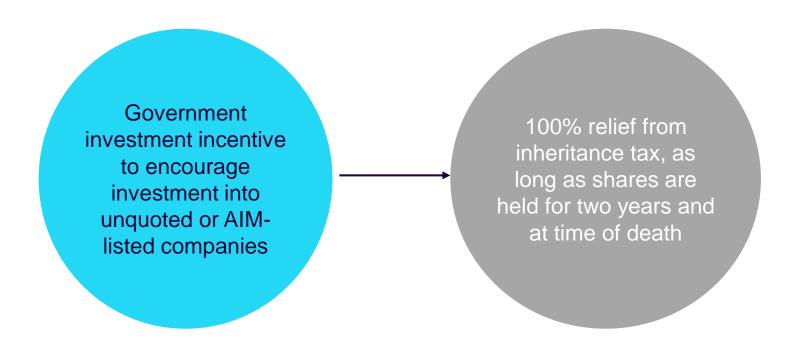
- Can reduce the value of an estate on death.
- Clients have a say over what happens to their assets after they have given them away.
- 3 Can be useful for longer term intergenerational planning.

1 Irreversible.

2 Can be complicated.

- Taxes may be payable upon setting up the trust and at various stages during the trust's lifetime.
- Inheritance tax might also be payable if the settlor dies within 7 years.

#### **Business Property Relief (BPR)**



## The benefits and risks of BPR-qualifying investments

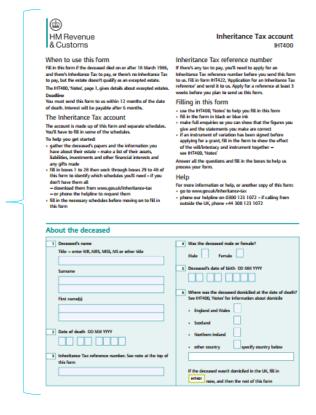
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- Inheritance tax free after just two years (as long as held on death).
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- Tax relief depends on the portfolio companies maintaining their qualifying status.
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- Investments can be volatile and shares may be hard to sell.

#### Claiming the relief

**IHT 400** 



38	Listed stocks and shares	
	Did the deceased own any listed stocks and shares or stocks and shares ISAs (excluding control holdings)?	
	No Yes Use Schedule IHT411	
39	Unlisted stocks and shares and control holdings Did the deceased own any unlisted stocks and shares (including AIM and OFEX), or any control holdings of any listed shares?  No Yes Use Schedule	Section 39 for BPR
40	Business Relief, business and partnership interests and assets	
	Do you want to deduct Business Relief from any business interests and assets owned by the deceased or a partnership in which they were a partner?	
41	No Yes Use Schedule  Farms, farmhouses and farmland	
	Do you want to deduct Agricultural Relief from any farmhouses, farms or farmland owned by the deceased?	
	No Yes Use Schedule IHT414	

Source: Inheritance Tax account, IHT400, www.gov.uk

## Inheritance tax planning scenarios

The following client scenarios are designed to assist you in developing your own client strategy where appropriate. The examples are for illustration purposes only. The tax situation should be assumed as is stated. Tax treatment is assumed as per current legislation and interpretation, which may change in the future. Fees are not included. BPR-qualifying investments are not suitable for everyone.

#### Who might consider BPR-qualifying investments?

BPR-qualifying investments are only suitable for clients with the appropriate risk profile and objectives.



#### Case study and task

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#### **Meet Diane**



- Aged 83
- Widowed
- Living in family home
- Two children
- Grandchildren and great grandchildren
- Future health concerns

#### What is Diane's situation?

- Diane is 83 and lives alone in the family home after the death of her husband John, last year.
- Diane and John had two children Margaret (58) and Tony (48).
- Tony is unmarried and Margaret is divorced, and has one daughter – Jessica, who is recently married to Henry. They have one child, Annie.
- Diane is in good health at the moment and does not want to move out of her home. Her children are worried about it deteriorating as she gets older.

- When John passed away last year, he left all his assets to Diane. The family realised that John had done very little estate planning and the Williams' estate was larger than initially thought.
- Diane is keen to seek some financial advice. She'd like to pass on as much of her wealth as possible to her children and grandchildren.

#### What does Diane's estate look like?



Main residence
Apartment in Spain



Cash savings = £250,000



Stocks & Shares ISA = £275,000 Cash ISA = £125,000



Jessica's (granddaughter) discretionary trust set up in 2006

=£120,000

=£500,000

=£150,000

#### What are Diane's investment objectives?

#### **Capital preservation**

Diane and John have spent their whole lives building up their estate. They are wary of the fluctuations of the stock market.

#### Inheritance tax relief

Diane is elderly and widowed. Her aim is to pass on the family wealth free from inheritance tax.

#### **Access and control**

Diane needs to retain access to her wealth, so that that she can afford care should she one day need it.

What could Diane do?

## Choosing a BPR-qualifying investment: The due diligence process

#### **Choosing the right investment**

Before you recommend a BPR-qualifying investment, there are four questions you should ask any provider.



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#### **Assessing suitability**

The Financial Ombudsman gives guidance on what factors may be significant when determining suitability:



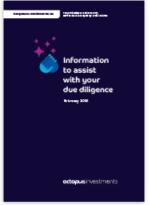
https://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/publications/technical\_notes/assessing-suitability-of-investment.htm

#### We can help with your due diligence

We have some useful resources to make things more straightforward when it comes to assessing whether an Octopus inheritance tax investment is right for your client.









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Bespoke client illustrations showing fees as well as product charges.

Third party suitability reports on the Octopus Inheritance Tax Service.

Due diligence report for Octopus AIM Inheritance Tax ISA.

Tax Efficient Review of the Octopus Inheritance assessment on Octopus Tax Service.

Financial strength Investments, produced by independent ratings provider AKG.

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### Our BPR-qualifying investments

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	Octopus AIM Inheritance Tax Service	Octopus AIM Inheritance Tax ISA	Octopus Inheritance Tax Service
Objective	Growth	Growth	3% per annum growth
Structure	Discretionary management service	Discretionary management service	Discretionary management service
Investments	AIM portfolio	AIM portfolio	Unquoted shares
Inheritance tax relief after two years	✓	✓	✓
Access and control <sup>1</sup>	✓	✓	✓
Deferred annual management charge	*	*	✓

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Access is subject to liquidity being available, and control means investors remain the beneficial owner of their shares.

## The benefits and risks of BPR-qualifying investments

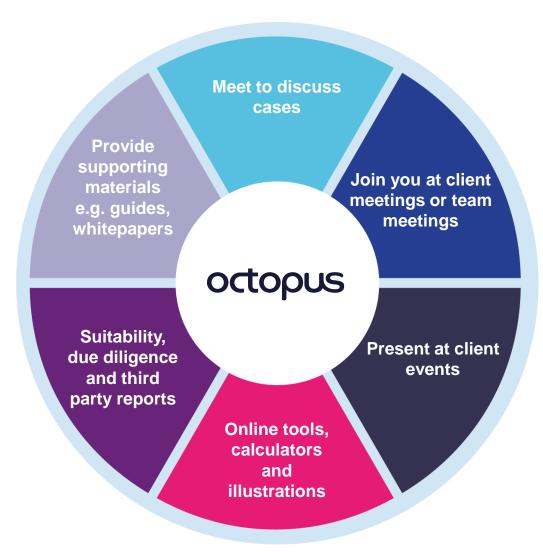
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### How Octopus can help

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Q&A

## Thank you

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