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SELF INVESTED PERSONAL PENSION

This brochure is based on our understanding of current legislation and Revenue practice as at August 2008

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BESPOKE SIPP

Question ...

Are you a solicitor, barrister, accountant or other self employed professional?

Have you sacrificed time and effort to build a business and perhaps now is time that the business looks after you?

Have you some personal pension funds which you feel could be put to better use?

But first a few more questions ...

- Have you perhaps invested in property syndicates, shares, structured deposits or other investments using after tax money?
- Would you be happier if you could invest for your own benefit with pre tax money?
- Would you be happier if you could invest for your own benefit with pre tax income and be able to claim tax relief on the investment?
- Would you be even happier if you could invest pre tax income, claim tax relief, benefit from tax free growth and receive up to 25% of the fund tax free at retirement?
- Have you perhaps heard of the level of control and investment choice that self administered pension schemes can offer but been told that because you are not a director or employee they are not available to you?
- Well now there is a solution available to you – **The Bespoke Trustees Self Invested Personal Pension (SIPP)**

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Perhaps a Bespoke Trustees Self Invested Personal Pension (SIPP) can provide you with some key answers.

Bespoke Trustees is a leading provider of administration services for investors who wish to have greater choice and control over what investments they wish to put into their pensions.

Bespoke Trustees can offer you a personal pension investment vehicle known as the SIPP. Launched in partnership with New Ireland Assurance*, one of Ireland's leading pension companies, the SIPP allows a self employed person to chose from a wide range of asset types in which to invest their personal pension portfolio.

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For more information on SIPP please contact your Financial Advisor or call or email us at 041 980 6666 or info@bespoketrustees.ie

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So what's the difference between a SIPP and a traditional Personal Pension Plan?

The real difference between the Bespoke SIPP and a traditional Personal Pension Plan is that **YOU** decide on where your funds are invested.

The Bespoke SIPP is a personal retirement contract approved by the Revenue Commissioners and as such under current legislation you can normally claim the generous tax reliefs available on contributions to a personal pension and avail of tax relief on the investment growth within the Bespoke SIPP.

When you initially invest in the personal pension contract your funds will be placed in an interest bearing deposit account, from there you can choose from a wide range of available investment options such as **property funds, tracker bonds, individual equities, unit trusts, property syndicates etc.** In order to comply with Revenue requirements your exact choice of investment may have to be restricted however you will be advised in advance if this is the case.

Tax Treatment

Typically you will build up a substantial retirement fund entirely tax free. While investments outside Ireland may have some 'tax leakage', under current Irish legislation the returns from your SIPP are not subject to Irish Income Tax, Deposit Interest Retention Tax (DIRT) or Capital Gains Tax. This extra 'tax free' boost can really make a difference to your retirement fund when compared to other forms of savings such as bank or building society accounts.

Retirement Options

You can access your wealth at any time from age 60.

At retirement you can use the funds you have built up in a number of different ways:

Option 1

Take a tax free lump sum of 25% of the value of the fund and use the balance of the fund for Options 2, 3 or 4

Note:

Current legislation effectively restricts the maximum pension fund you can have at retirement, it also restricts the amount of tax free lump sum you can take. The limit applies to the aggregate of all pension plans you have.

The pension fund limit (which can change every year) is currently €5,418M for 2008, therefore currently the maximum tax free lump sum that can be taken is 25% of this amount, €1,354M. If your retirement fund exceeds the limit applicable at the date of your retirement, the excess amount will be subject to tax.

Option 2

Buy a pension, i.e. a regular income that will be paid to you for the rest of your life or for a specified period.

Option 3*

Take your fund as a cash lump sum (this is subject to tax)

Option 4*

Invest your funds in an Approved Retirement Fund (ARF) and draw income from the ARF when needed.

You must have a guaranteed income of €12,700 p.a. or more in order to avail of these options. If you do not have a guaranteed income of €12,700 p.a. you must either purchase a pension with €63,500 or invest €63,500 in an Approved Minimum Retirement Fund (AMRF), of which the capital cannot be withdrawn until age 75.

In addition, any withdrawals from an ARF will be liable to tax. Legislation has been introduced to provide for an annual tax on ARFs, from 2007 this tax is calculated as a % of the value of the ARF at 31st December each year. In 2007 the % was 1%, for 2008 it is increased to 2% and from 2009 onwards it will be 3%. Any income drawn from the ARF during the year will be taken in to account when calculating this annual tax.

How much can I contribute to a Bespoke SIPP?

You can normally claim tax relief on contributions you make to the bespoke SIPP up to a maximum of 40% of your earnings each year depending on your age.

The following table relates to the maximum level of income tax relief that will be received on contributions to a personal pension plan;

Age in Tax Year	Maximum Contribution (Net Relevant Earnings)*
Under 30	15%
30 – 39	20%
40 – 49	25%
50 – 54	30%
55 – 59	35%
60 +	40%

* An earnings cap of €275,239 will apply to pension contributions for the purposes of tax relief for the tax year 2008. This earnings cap may change on an annual basis.

* It is important to note that tax relief is not automatically guaranteed, you must apply to and satisfy the Revenue Commissioners requirements

What to do next?

Please contact your Financial Advisor to arrange a meeting to discuss the suitability of the Bespoke SIPP for your retirement provision needs. Financial Advisors should contact Bespoke Trustees directly.

Financial Advisors should call or email us at 041 980 6666 or info@bespoketrustees.ie

WARNING: The value of your investment may go up or down

WARNING: Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance

WARNING: This product may be affected by changes in legislation