



Tax Planning

If you are interested in more aggressive tax planning, leading firms of tax planning offer “a suite of sophisticated tax planning opportunities” which tend to have a limited shelf life as might be anticipated of such cutting edge tax planning.

Summarised very briefly below are two for illustration purposes only.

- **Income Tax Loss**

This proposal centres on the creation of a trading loss which can be offset against other income of the current and previous 3 years. The minimum investment required for this is £100,000 providing for tax relief of £40,000, against their professional fees of 12.5% of the cost of the investment plus £625 subject to VAT.

Investment Holding Structure

They provide a tax planning structure to shelter the income and gains from a long term investment portfolio with a minimum of £1m value, their fee being 10% of the tax to be ultimately saved on disposal.

If you are interested in discussing tax planning schemes further, please let me know and I will effect an introduction.

A key issue is that such tax planning schemes are anathema to the Inland Revenue & Government leading to substantial anti avoidance legislation to limit or eliminate their effectiveness. Further, this Government has demonstrated that it is not averse to legislation which has retrospective effect if they perceive that in their view unfair advantage has been gained.

Nonetheless, such schemes may have a place for the right individual in the right circumstances, providing that person is fully happy with and accepts the very real commercial and tax risks which such schemes must inevitably involve.

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