

## Discounted Gift Trust Reasons Why Discretionary version

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The Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version and Collective Investment Bond (CIB) are both provided by Quilter Life & Pensions Limited.

### *Summary of recommendation*

I recommend that you make a £<enter amount> single lump sum contribution into a Quilter Life & Pensions Collective Investment Bond. Following commencement of the bond we will place it into the Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version

### *What are the key benefits of this recommendation?*

The trust is designed to allow you to receive regular withdrawals during your lifetime and immediately reduce your inheritance tax (IHT) liability. Depending on your age and state of health, the amount liable to IHT could be significantly reduced.

After seven years, there would be no further IHT liability on the original gift, but the trust would continue to be subject to IHT periodic and exit charges. If you die within seven years of creating the trust, you may be entitled to taper relief which would reduce the inheritance tax payable.

It allows you to create a legacy for your family in a flexible way, evolving with you and your family over the coming years.

The Quilter Collective Investment Bond is used as the investment within the Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version. This is a single premium, unit linked, whole of life assurance policy. The Collective Investment Bond is a Defaqto '5 Star' rated bond provided by Quilter Life & Pensions Limited.

### *What personal objectives does this achieve?*

We have discussed your personal objectives and the recommendation of the Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version achieves the following objectives (delete/amend as appropriate):

- ▶ You would like to take action about the IHT position of your estate
- ▶ You would like to provide a legacy for your family
- ▶ You are happy to make a gift in order to achieve this but you have confirmed that you do require access to your gift in the form of regular withdrawals
- ▶ You would like to give your trustees the discretion to decide how and when the trust fund is distributed to beneficiaries

## *Summary of how the Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version works and the advantages to you of using it*

The Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version is designed to allow you to make a gift (your Collective Investment Bond) to the trustees. The Collective Investment Bond is then held for the benefit of the beneficiaries by the trustees you have appointed. They have discretion on who will benefit from the trust and when.

The trust provides you with access by way of regular withdrawals from the trust during your lifetime(s). This type of arrangement does not create a gift with reservation as you or your spouse or civil partner\* will not be life/lives assured.

The trust fund (your Collective Investment Bond) will be notionally split into two parts:

- ▶ The Residual Fund will be a Chargeable Lifetime Transfer (CLT).
- ▶ The Settlor's Fund: you will retain an absolute right to the Settlor's Fund but only by the agreed regular withdrawals until your death.

The trust also allows the trustees to have continued access to the trust fund on your death without the need for lengthy probate delays.

The Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version allows you to:

- ▶ make a substantial gift (CLT) enabling you to reduce your estate (after 7 years)
- ▶ retain a right to receive fixed regular withdrawals during your lifetime
- ▶ benefit from a discount on the value of your gift (CLT) for IHT purposes (see further details below)
- ▶ remove future growth on the gift outside of your estate from day one
- ▶ provide a legacy for your family but with no one named person being entitled
- ▶ complete a letter of wishes to the trustees to inform them who you would like to benefit from the trust fund
- ▶ automatically include new individuals entering the beneficiary class, e.g. birth of an additional grandchild
- ▶ link your Collective Investment Bond to a wide range of investment funds managed by the world's leading fund managers

As you are not giving away all rights to the Collective Investment Bond (you'll retain a right to regular withdrawals) a discount to the value gifted is undertaken by Quilter. The discount(s) initially quoted will reflect your state of health at the time. You can request that we inform you of the discount before the gift into trust is declared.

Under the Discounted Gift Trust underwriting is compulsory when the discount referenced above is calculated. This is because if you were to die soon after effecting the trust, HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) might feel justified in assuming that you were not in good health when the contract was effected. This could mean that they limit the discount accordingly.

This enables the scheme to be established with clarity around the discounts illustrated.

## *Inheritance Tax Summary*

### **Initial lump sum payment into the Collective Investment Bond subsequently moving into the Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version**

By transferring the bond into the trust, you are making a gift for inheritance tax (IHT) purposes. This gift will be treated as a 'chargeable lifetime transfer' (CLT) apart from any amount covered by an exemption. A CLT is a transfer of value which is made by an individual and which is not an exempt or potentially exempt transfer. If the transfer exceeds the available nil-rate band (£325,000 frozen until 2030 less any previous CLTs in the 7 years prior to the transfer) of the settlor then a charge of 20% on the excess is payable.

Any CLT into the Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version after allowing for any discount described above, which would cause you to exceed your available nil-rate band must be reported to HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and tax at 20% (of the excess) is payable.

### **When you die**

The original gift into the trust (after any discount) - You must survive seven years after transferring the bond for the gift to be considered outside of your estate for IHT purposes. If you do not survive seven years then there may be further IHT to pay on death.

### **Discretionary trust taxation**

The Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version is subject to certain IHT charges. The tax calculations for discretionary trusts can be complex, but in summary:

- ▶ A chargeable lifetime transfer charge may apply as explained above
- ▶ A ten-year periodic charge may arise, every 10 years where the value of the trust exceeds the available nil rate band; and
- ▶ An exit charge may apply when benefits leave the trust.

More information on inheritance tax can be found here: [quilter.com/siteassets/documents/platform/guides-and-brochures/0653\\_your\\_guide\\_to\\_uk\\_inheritance\\_tax\\_and\\_trusts.pdf](https://quilter.com/siteassets/documents/platform/guides-and-brochures/0653_your_guide_to_uk_inheritance_tax_and_trusts.pdf)



## *The Collective Investment Bond*

As discussed, the Quilter Collective Investment Bond is used as the investment within the Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version. The Collective Investment Bond is a Defaqto '5 Star' rated bond provided by Quilter Life & Pensions Limited.

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The Collective Investment Bond can be linked to a wide choice of 2,600 unit trusts and OEICs. We will linked the bonds value to a portfolio built and managed by us which is relevant to the risk profile agreed with you and the trustees as being appropriate for the trustee investment horizon.

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The Collective Investment Bond offers an unbundled charging structure which means:

- ▶ There is one simple tiered Product Charge with a rate that reduces as the platform investments increase
- ▶ There is no charge to establish the trust or manage it on an ongoing basis above the Product Charge
- ▶ You/the trustees can access the best fund deals in the market
- ▶ There are no transaction fees for withdrawals and trades on the unit trusts and OEICs linked to the bond
- ▶ <Delete where not applicable> As we agreed to include the Capital Protected Death Benefit there is an extra charge, providing protection of capital in the event of the life assured's death.

## *Cost of advice*

The initial fee will be £<enter amount>, which is <enter rate>% of the value being invested in the Collective Investment Bond.

My ongoing service fee is <enter rate>% of the Collective Investment Bond value per year and will provide the service to the trustees as outlined in our 'Terms of Business'. The actual amount will fluctuate in line with the bond value each year. Based on the initial investment, the yearly cost will be £<enter amount>.

These fees can be paid by you (initial) directly or by the trustees (ongoing) or by deduction from the bond value. You have confirmed you would prefer to pay the fees by deduction from the bond.

## *Possible disadvantages*

Please be aware of the following disadvantages of my recommendation:

- ▶ You may not reduce your IHT liability if HMRC interprets existing legislation differently or if legislation or HMRC practice changes
- ▶ The value of the bond is not guaranteed, as the prices of the linked units may fall as well as rise
- ▶ The Financial Services Compensation Scheme acts as a safety net for customers of UK financial services providers. If Quilter Life & Pensions Limited cannot meet its liabilities, the Financial Services Compensation Scheme may arrange to transfer your policy to another insurer, provide a new policy, or if these actions are not possible, provide compensation.

### *Trust registration*

The trustees must register with HMRC's Trust Registration Service (TRS) if it is considered UK resident or has a UK tax liability, unless an exemption applies. As discussed, the Discounted Gift Trust - Discretionary version will need to be registered.

- A trust must register within 90 days of the date of the trust deed.
- The trustees must submit evidence of registration (available from the TRS) or confirm exemption from registration to Quilter within 90 days of the trust date.

Further details regarding trust registration can be found here: [www.quilter.com/siteassets/documents/platform/guides-and-brochures/qip22888\\_registering\\_trust-guide.pdf](http://www.quilter.com/siteassets/documents/platform/guides-and-brochures/qip22888_registering_trust-guide.pdf)

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