

## Preferred Retirement Solution ${ }^{\circ}$ using whole life

## It's the kind of preferential treatment you want. Supplement your retirement income.

When it comes to retirement ... we all want to dream big! If retirement savings alone aren't enough to make our retirement dreams a reality, the Preferred Retirement Solution can help.

Some life insurance policies have cash value you can access. Use it as collateral for a tax-free bank loan to supplement your retirement income. Unlike traditional loans, the debt is repaid using the proceeds from the life insurance policy. ${ }^{1}$

With the Preferred Retirement Solution, you redirect some of your money from taxable investments to pay the premiums for a permanent life insurance policy.


## PUT THE PREFERRED RETIREMENT SOLUTION TO WORK FOR YOU

## Save taxes and grow your assets

- By redirecting money from taxable investments into the life insurance policy, you may pay less tax over your lifetime. ${ }^{2}$
- The funds within the insurance policy grow on a tax-advantaged basis.
- Payments above the required premium can accelerate the growth of the value within the policy. ${ }^{3}$


## Enjoy your retirement

- Once the cash surrender value of the policy is large enough to meet the bank's loan qualification requirements, you may apply for a bank loan using the policy as collateral. ${ }^{4}$
- A bank loan can supplement your retirement income with tax-free dollars.

At death, the life insurance proceeds pay off the loan with the balance paid to the beneficiary.

## The Preferred Solution

AN EXAMPLE: MEET KENDRA

Kendra is 43 years old and plans to retire at age 65 .

- She can set aside $\$ 20,000$ each year for the next 20 years to accomplish this goal.
- At age 65 , she wants $\$ 25,000$ a year to supplement her retirement income for 20 years.

Kendra wants a tax-efficient way to increase her retirement income while creating an estate. She is considering two options:

- Invest $\$ 20,000$ each year for 20 years in a taxable investment and make withdrawals to supplement her income, or
- Transfer $\$ 20,000$ each year for 20 years to a permanent life insurance policy to pay the premium and use the cash value of the policy as collateral for a bank loan (Preferred Retirement Solution).


## The results

Both options are sufficient to supplement Kendra's retirement income by $\$ 25,000$ annually until age 85 . However, using the Preferred Retirement Solution creates a larger estate than with taxable investments.

Annual after-tax amount available to supplement Kendra's retirement income for 20 years starting at age 65

Net value of Kendra's estate (assumes death at age 85 and after loan repayment) ${ }^{5}$


- Taxable investment (5\% annual rate of return) ${ }^{6}$
- Preferred Retirement Solution (life insurance) ${ }^{7}$ Current dividend scale interest rate minus $1 \%$
$\square$ Preferred Retirement Solution (life insurance) ${ }^{7}$ Current dividend scale interest rate

Other taxable asset classes may require a higher rate of return to produce the same net estate value at age 85 as a life insurance policy.

|  | Required annual pre-tax rate of return ${ }^{8}$ |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Life insurance (Annual after-tax internal rate of return (IRR)) | Interest | Dividends | Realized capital gains | Deferred capital gains |
| Current dividend scale | 5.54\% | 11.08\% | 8.53\% | 7.39\% | 6.35\% |
| Alternate dividend scale (current minus 1\%) | 4.30\% | 8.60\% | 6.61\% | 5.73\% | 5.04\% |

## IT COULD BE THE RIGHT SOLUTION FOR YOU IF ...

$\checkmark$ You have taxable investments.
$\square$ You want to reduce the taxes you pay.You want to supplement your retirement income.

## Your advisor can show you how the Preferred Retirement Solution can work for you.

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[^0]:    ${ }^{5}$ Loan amount of $\$ 25,000$ for 20 years starting at age 65 . Loan rate of $6 \%$ with assumed age of death at 100 . Maximum loan to CSV ratio of $90 \%$. Loan interest is assumed to be capitalized At age 85, the bank loan balance is $\$ 974,818$. ${ }^{6}$ Average annual rate of return of $5 \%$. Investment porffolio ( $50 \%$ interest and $50 \%$ dividends). Withdrawals of $\$ 25,000$ for 20 years starting at age 65. ${ }^{7}$ Equimax Estate Builder ${ }^{\circledR}$ participating whole life insurance, 20 pay. Paid-up additions dividend option. Initial death benefit $\$ 681,895$. Ilustrated values are for a female, age 43 , standard non-smoker rates based on rates in effect as of August 12,2023 and the dividend scale at that time remaining unchanged for the life of the policy. A decrease in the life insurance dividend scale will affect the illustrated values. Dividends are not guaranteed and are paid at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. Dividends may be subject to taxation. Dividends will vary based on the actual investment returns in the participating account as well as mortality, expenses, lapse, claims experience, taxes, and other experience of the participating block of policies.
    ${ }^{8}$ Marginal tax rate of $50 \%$; personal dividend tax rate of $35 \%$. ${ }^{9}$ Assumes capital gains are deferred until age 85 .
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