



## Registered Retirement Savings Plans

### “RRSP’s, What You Need To Know”

Nearly 60 years ago, the federal government made an important realization: Canadians needed an incentive to save for their retirement. To help with this goal, *they created the Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP)!*

An RRSP is a registered account that lets you defer taxes on the growth of your investment. Subject to annual limits, each dollar you contribute to the plan lowers your current taxable income by the amount you invest. Once you have contributed funds to an RRSP, they grow tax-free until they are withdrawn. *Penalties will be assessed by the Federal Government for any over-contributions!*

### “ How Can I Contribute?”

Many Canadians make large, lump-sum contributions each year before the RRSP deadline. Another option for investors is to contribute regularly throughout the year by using a Pre-Authorized Chequing (PAC) Plan. By making smaller contributions each month, you can avoid an onerous lump-sum payment before the annual deadline. *In fact, for as little as \$ 50 per month, you can contribute to an RRSP!*

### “Tips On Making The Most Of Your RRSP”

1. Maximize your contribution each year if you can.
2. Maximize your potential rate of return by investing at least a part of your portfolio in equity-based investments.
3. Complete a risk tolerance questionnaire (provided by us) every 2 or 3 years to make sure your investments match your attitude towards risk.
4. If your spouse’s income is expected to be lower in retirement, consider directing your contributions to a spousal RRSP.

**WE CAN DESIGN A PORTFOLIO TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS!**

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