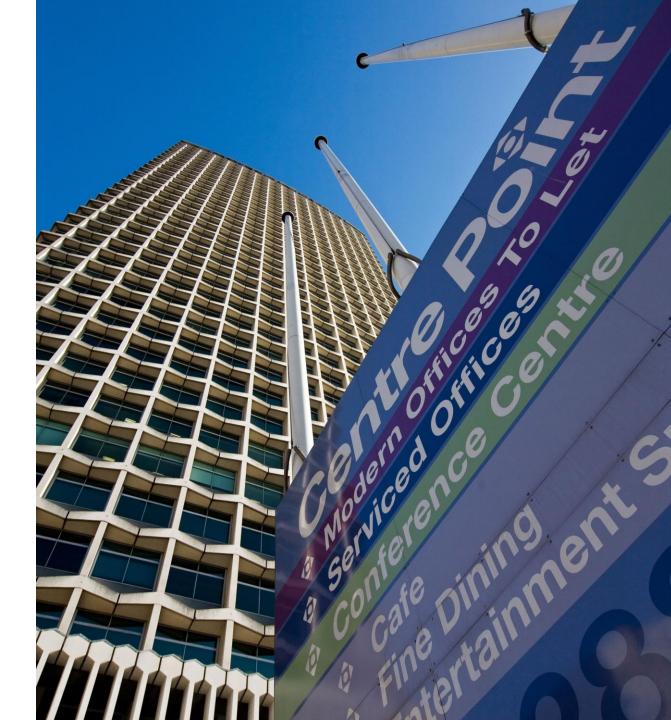
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Property Business Incorporations

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Property Business Incorporations Changes to personal taxation

Financing costs

- It was previously announced that full relief for financing costs paid in respect of let residential property will be gradually replaced with a deduction of 20% of the amount paid.
- In particular, this applies to **mortgage interest**.
- The change will be phased in from **6 April 2017**, and will apply in full from 6 April 2020.
- In some circumstances, as full relief will be unavailable, the tax liability on rental income could exceed the economic profit.
- This may be particularly pertinent to trustees of IIP trusts, as trustees could in effect need to use capital to subsidise the increased tax liability.

Property Business Incorporations Changes to personal taxation

Wear and tear allowance

- Wear and tear allowance allows (broadly) a 10% deduction from gross rents where furnished properties are let, regardless of expenditure.
- Wear and tear allowance has been abolished with effect from 6 April 2016 for individuals and 1 April 2016 for companies.
- It has been replaced with a deduction based on costs incurred on replacing furniture, appliances and kitchenware.
- The new relief applies to **part** and **unfurnished** residential properties, in addition to **furnished** properties.
- The new relief will increase administration required by landlords.
- We are advising clients to maintain appropriate records of expenditure.

Property Business Incorporations Comparison of effective tax rates on property businesses

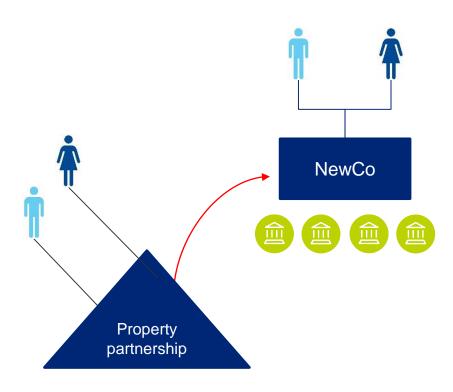
	Personal Ownership	Limited Company	
		All profits extracted	25% of profits extracted
2016/17	45.0%	48.5%	25.7%
2017/18	46.8%	47.9%	24.8%
2018/19	48.7%	47.9%	24.8%
2019/20	50.5%	47.9%	24.8%
2020/21	52.4%	46.7%	23.0%

Example	
Property portfolio cost at	£1.5m
Gross yield £107,000 pa	7.1%
Loan to Value	60%
Interest expense £24,000 pa	2.7%

Notes:

- Assumed additional rate tax payer.
- All dividends are taxed at the additional rate and take into account £5,000 dividend allowance.
- Effective tax rates are fact specific.

Property Business Incorporations Scenario 1: Partnership incorporation



Scenario

• Property rental business is jointly owned by e.g. husband and wife and is operated as a partnership.

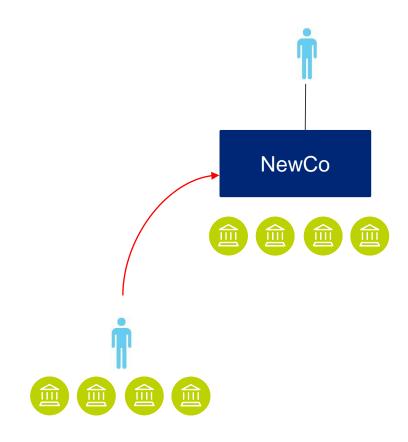
Result

- The property business comprising all of the properties are transferred to a newly incorporated company in exchange for shares.
- Different classes of shares can be issued to each individual which can have different rights.

Tax Implications

- No CGT liability of incorporating the property portfolio if it qualifies as a "business" and incorporation relief applies. Can obtain a non-statutory clearance.
- Rebases value of properties in NewCo.
- No SDLT on incorporation.
- Rental income taxed at corporate rate of 20% as opposed to income tax at highest rate of 45%

Property Business Incorporations Scenario 2: Single owner incorporation



Scenario

Property rental business is owned by a single individual.

Result

- The property business comprising all of the properties are transferred to a newly incorporated company in exchange for shares.
- The individual will now own shares in NewCo which will hold the properties.

Tax Implications

- No CGT liability of incorporating the property portfolio if it qualifies as a "business" and incorporation relief applies. Can obtain a non-statutory clearance.
- Rebases value of properties in NewCo.
- SDLT payable on transfer of the properties to NewCo.
- Rental income taxed at corporate rate of 20% as opposed to income tax at highest rate of 45%

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