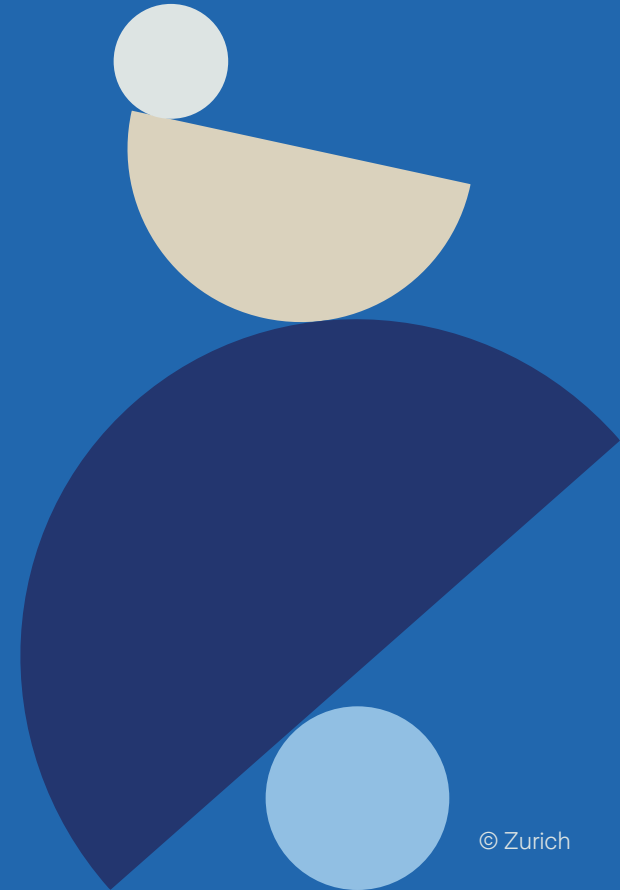


# PRSAs – the opportunities from a much-changed landscape



# Pitch perfect time for PRSAs

New Rules and the opportunities created

How the current economic scene fits

Larger Premiums lead to larger pension pots – the implications and advice needed.

Multiple PRSA – Why?

- ✓ Inheritance
- ✓ Taxation
- ✓ Flexibility
- ✓ Good planning

PRSAs & Redundancy

Other Topics of Interest



# Opportunities to explore



Cash rich  
company



Already  
accessed  
Executive  
Pensions



Investment  
Company



Lower  
Salaries

Husband & wife - business owners who pay themselves €40,000 per annum each

- Funded exec pensions to age 70, attained last year – close to €1m and took benefits at max age for exec pension
- They continue to run, own and work in the family business
- Under previous rules they were finished funding unless took out a new PRSA but under age related limits – 40% of €40,000 - €1,333 per month
- **New rule** – they can both put another €1m into PRSA from the business as still on the payroll



## Investment Company:

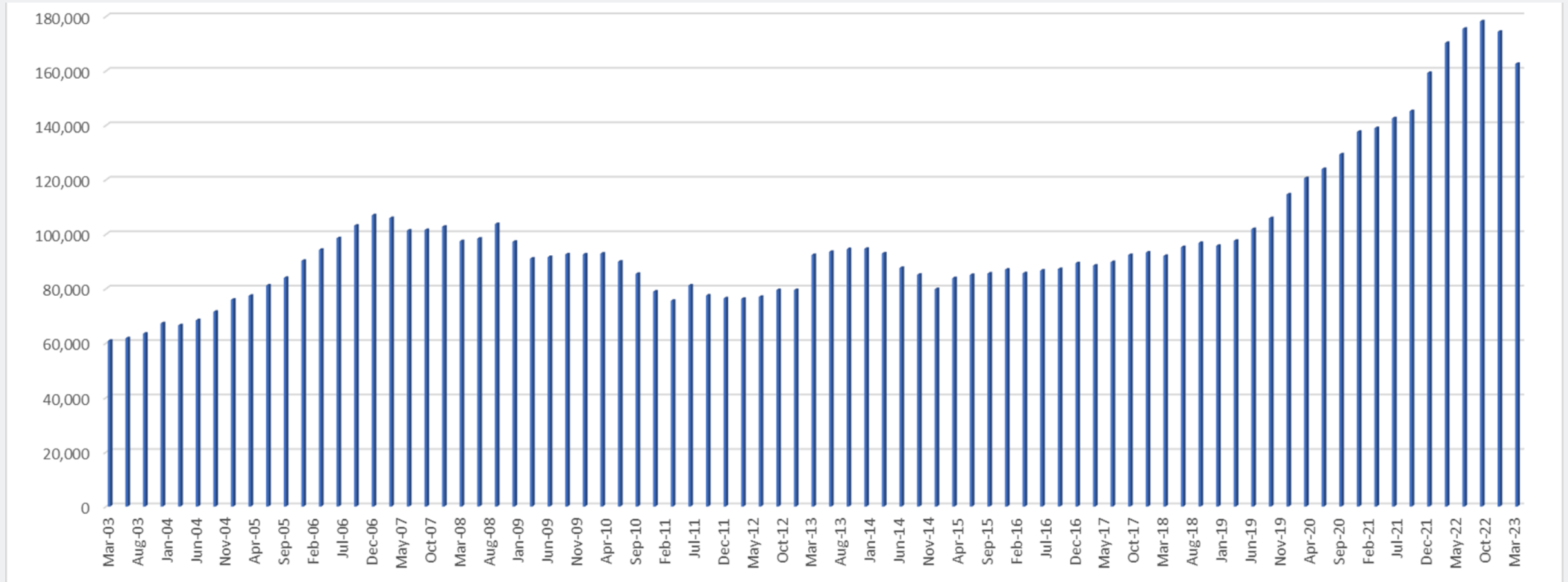
Client holds a number of rental properties within a holding company with rent role remitted back to the holding Ltd Co

This would be classed as an Investment Company – these were clearly excluded from funding through Executive Pensions

No such exclusion from a PRSA so once 20% director is drawing Schedule E income from that company they can now open up pension funding through a PRSA.



# SME deposits have seen record growth



SMEs are defined as enterprises with fewer than 250 employees and whose annual turnover does not exceed €50 million and/or whose annual balance sheet does not exceed €43 million. This is the standard EU definition of an SME



## Tax relief on entry

- Corporation Tax Relief for Ltd Company employer
- Marginal Relief for self employed making contribution for employee



## Tax free growth

- Enjoy the magic of compounding long term performance



## Tax free lump sum on maturity

- But what about the balance?

- All aware of the benefits of corporation tax relief for Limited Company on a PRSA contribution on behalf of an employee:
  - business expense and relief can be claimed in the year in which paid.
- But what of sole traders?
  - referrals from accountants and solicitors who can't have limited liability for their main practice.
  - Can be forced to take a large incomes as drawings and pay the relevant marginal tax rate.
- A sole trader can make a PRSA contribution for bona fida member of staff and new rules allow substantial contributions.
- Tax relief on employer contribution effectively at marginal rate of tax.



# Get customers to think differently about saving

Double a cent



What would you prefer?  
**€1,000,000** today  
or  
**1c** doubled every day  
for **30 days**?

1	€0.01	16	€327.68
2	€0.02	17	€655.36
3	€0.04	18	€1,310.72
4	€0.08	19	€2,621.44
5	€0.16	20	€5,242.88
6	€0.32	21	€10,485.76
7	€0.64	22	€20,971.52
8	€1.28	23	€41,943.04
9	€2.56	24	€83,886.08
10	€5.12	25	€167,772.16
11	€10.24	26	€335,544.32
12	€20.48	27	€671,088.64
13	€40.96	28	€1,342,177.28
14	€81.92	29	€2,684,354.56
15	€163.84	30	€5,368,709.12

# Taxation on Pension Funds



Scenario's-Over 65	Pension Fund	Gross Lump Sum	Net Lump Sum	ARF
Pay 10% Income Tax	€1,017,061	€254,265.25	€243,412.20	€762,795.75
Pay 15% Income Tax	€1,534,136	€383,534.17	€346,827.33	€1,150,602.50
Pay 20% Income Tax	€2,150,000	€500,000.00	€440,000.00	€1,650,000.00

**Source:** Zurich, Sept 2023. Assumes that pension fund is held by one party who is married. Assumes Husband and Wife both in receipt of maximum rate of State Pension Contributory (€13,795.60). Taxation applied based on Zurich's understanding of Income Tax, USC and relevant credits exemptions available as at September 2023

# Let's look at some scenarios

A tale of two customers

## Customer A

At retirement:

Pension Pot of €1,500,000

- Lump sum of €375,000 (pay €35,000 in tax)
- ARF of €1,125,000

Income generated from ARF

- 4% income = €45,000
- Total income (state pension, etc) = € 72,591.20

- Customer A pays approx. 15% Income tax

## Customer B

What if they don't need circa €72,000 income and paying income tax of close to €11,000?

At retirement – same funding scenario – but consider:

Splitting PRSA into 2 pots:

€280,000 & €1,220,000.

Mature **PRSA Pot 1** of €280,000 – TFC €70,000 & ARF of €210,000.

- 4% income = €8,400
- Total income (state pension, etc) = €35,991.20
- Customer B pays no Income Tax
- **PRSA Pot 2** of €1,220,000 can be split into more PRSAs to maintain the lowest tax rate for as long as possible.

# On death

If we have the one ARF for €1.125m and client were to pass away?

## Spouse

- pay income tax on drawdown if "steps into shoes"
- take taxable lump sum and pay significant tax bill

## If no spouse

- children and the normal ARF inheritance rules based on age.
- If kids >21 then 30% of the value of the ARF in tax - €402,600 in tax

**Multiple PRSA** – those PRSAs not yet crystallised pass to estate tax free



## Traditional Approach

One ARF of €1,125,000 and taking income and paying income tax – approx. 15%

On death passes to spouse and pays marginal rate of income tax

## Multiple PRSA

One PRSA of €280,000 and mature and paying no income tax and another PRSA of €1,220,000

On death a tax-free lump of uncrystallised PRSA of €1,220,000 paid to spouse

Potential very large tax saving on income drawdown and also on death prior to 75

# Redundancy – the need for pension awareness

Certain sectors seeing a rise in redundancy

- Tech/Pharma/Consultancy

89% increase in number impacted by redundancy

Over 7,500 people in 6 months to June 2023 (above H2 22)

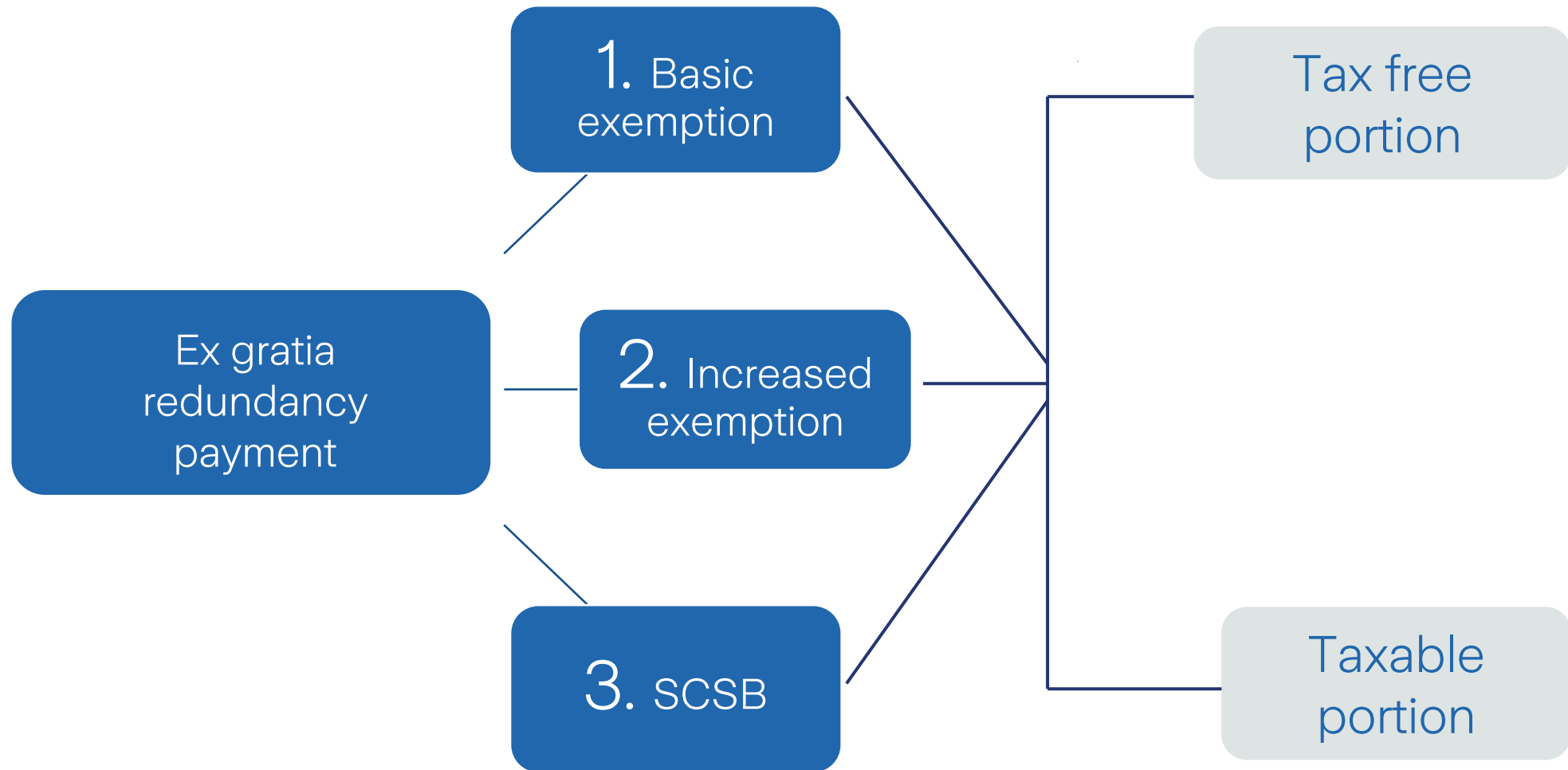
Employers also affected

- 68% increase in closures from 65 to 109 over the same period.

Clients need to aware of the relationship between pension and redundancy payments



# Redundancy – 3 calculation options



# Redundancy – PRSA considerations

- Generally the SCSB calculation gives the highest tax free amount for the redundancy payment
- But the rules refer to the waiver of tax free cash from an occupational pension scheme.
- PRSA is not currently regarded as occupational pension scheme so not waived in calculation of SCSB
- Assets in a PRSA may allow the SCSB calculation and 25% of the PRSA as tax free cash.



# Zurich – Number 1 in the PRSA market



Largest and most established PRSA provider in Ireland

Great pricing options – a suitable structure to suit everyone

Wide range of fund options including the Prisma range

OnlineApply – ideal for Pension Season

A trusted & recognisable brand in Ireland



## What else is on our mind?

AE - 100%  
participation in  
existing  
schemes

Max funding  
for PRSAs?

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2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

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