

Value-Shifting Strategy

Reducing the Impact of a Taxable Termination

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Value-Shifting Strategy: Overview

<u>Purpose</u>: To shift future growth and corpus from an existing nonexempt trust ("existing trust") to a new, otherwise virtually identical GST-exempt trust ("new trust") by having the existing trust sell assets to the new trust in exchange for a balloon note at the long-term AFR. The strategy is most effective when the existing trust is the deemed owner of the new trust for federal income tax purposes. See Private Letter Ruling 201633021.

<u>Sense of urgency</u>: This strategy is effective only when the long-term AFR is very low, as it is currently. In May 2020, the long-term AFR will be 1.15%, an all-time low. As the Treasury yield curve steepens, as it inevitably will, the long-term AFR will rise.

New trust: The new trust may be structured either as a beneficiary defective inheritors' trust (BDIT) or as a beneficiary deemed ownership trust (BDOT):

- A BDIT typically would be funded with a gift of \$5,000 to which the donor would allocate GST exemption. The new trust would grant the trustee of the existing trust a one-time "Crummey" power of withdrawal over the \$5,000 contribution to corpus. Creditworthiness of the new trust typically would be established using one or more personal guarantees.
- A BDOT typically would be funded with a much more substantial gift (e.g., \$500,000) to which the donor would allocate GST exemption. The new trust would grant the trustee of the existing trust an annual power of withdrawal over taxable income of the new trust. Based upon common practice, the new trust should be able to purchase \$9 of assets from the existing trust for each \$1 contributed.



Value Shifting Strategy: Assumptions and Scenarios

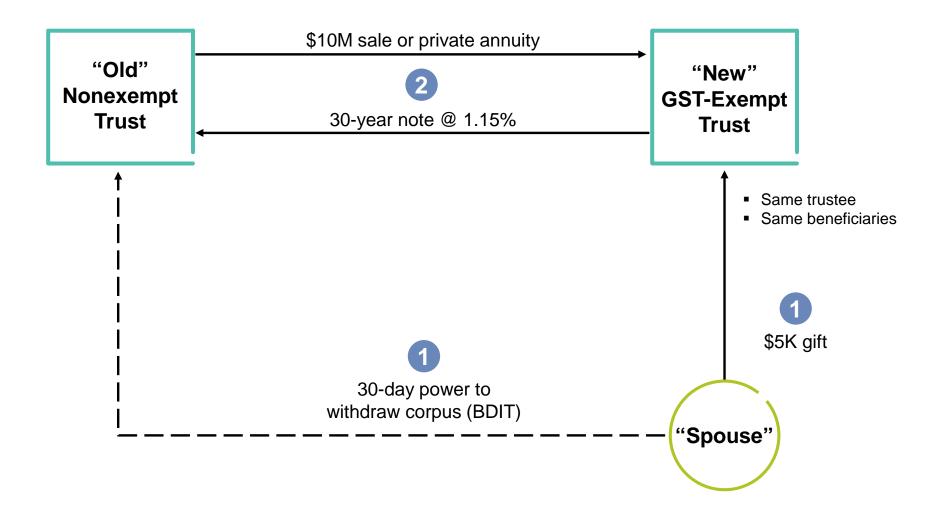
<u>Assumptions</u>: For purposes of this analysis, we disregard any seed capital, personal guarantees, or regulatory "trust exhaustion rules." Each trust portfolio is invested 80% in global stocks and 20% in intermediate-term municipal bonds. Except as otherwise provided in the scenario descriptions below, we disregard income other than portfolio income, and assume no distributions from or expenses incurred by either trust. We assume top marginal federal and Virginia income tax rates.

Scenarios:

- Scenario A: No wealth transfer.
- Scenario B: Existing trust sells \$10 million of portfolio assets to new trust in exchange for a 30-year balloon note at the May 2020 long-term applicable federal rate (AFR) of 1.15%.
- Scenario C: Same as B, except assets are exchanged for a private annuity of \$615,926 per year for the life of a 65-year-old nonskip person beneficiary.
- Scenario D: Existing trust sells \$10 million of portfolio assets to new trust in exchange for (1) a \$5 million 30-year balloon note at the May 2020 long-term applicable federal rate (AFR) of 1.15%; and (2) a private annuity of \$307,963 per year for the life of a 65-year-old nonskip person beneficiary.



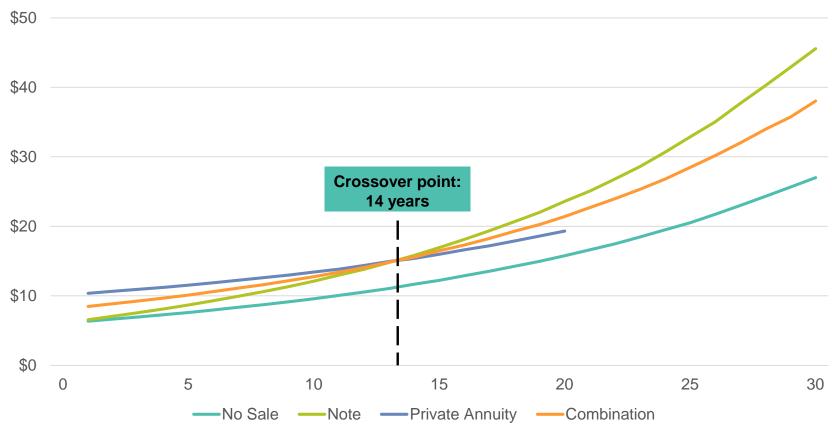
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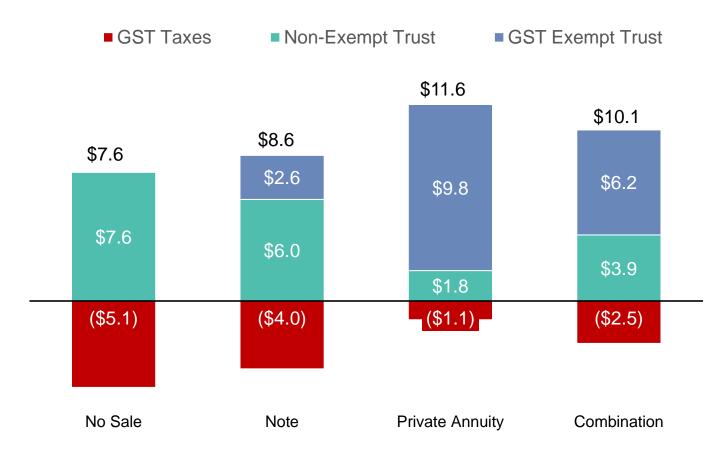
The Private Annuity Produces a Better Outcome than the Sale ... But Only if the Annuitant Lives Less than 15 Years

Total Value of Non-Exempt and Exempt Trust After GST Taxes (\$Millions, Nominal)
Typical Markets*



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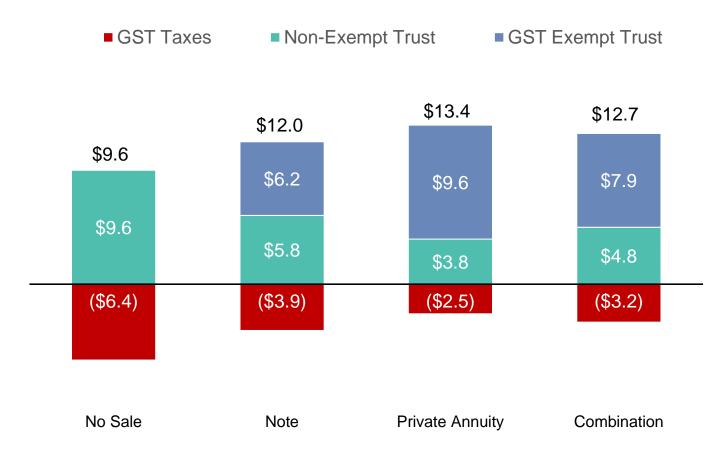




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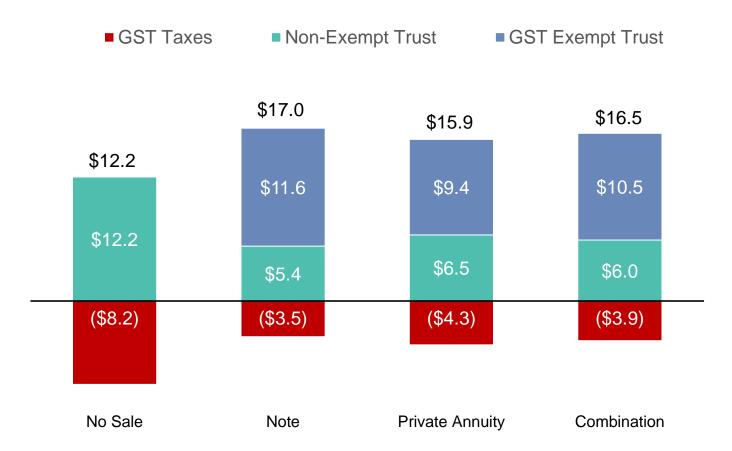




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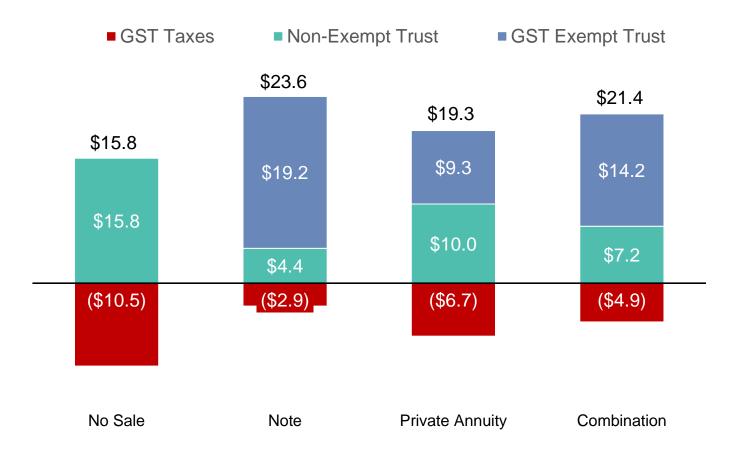




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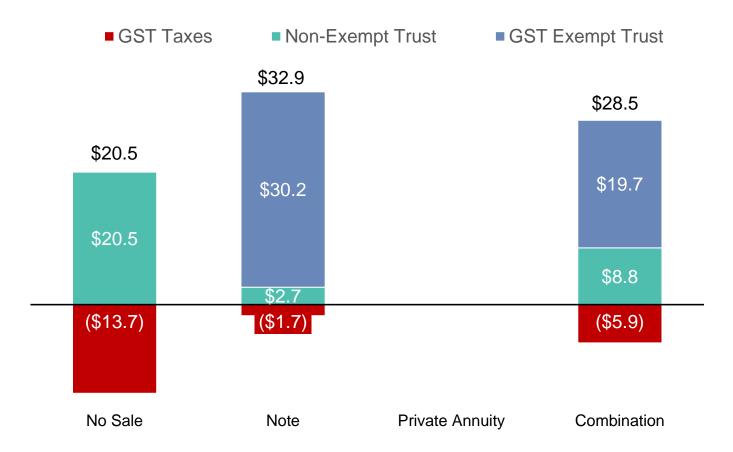




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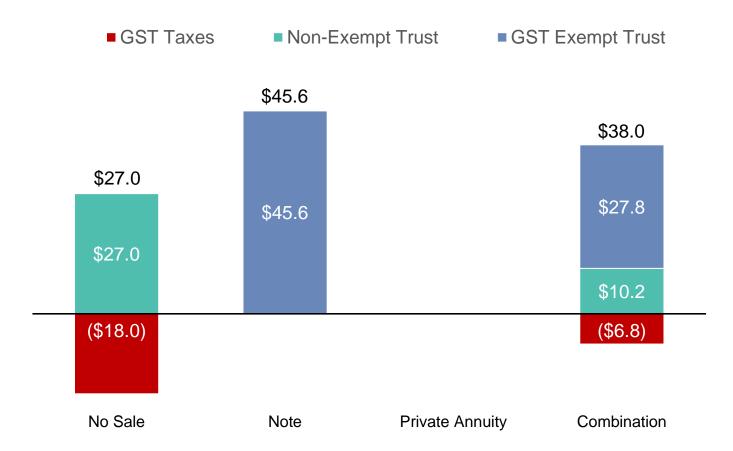




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