

## Summary - Important Features

The Irish Transfer service is designed for Irish expatriates or individuals with Irish pension schemes, intending on retiring overseas. It enables individuals to consolidate their Irish pensions into one overseas pension scheme, delivering flexibility around their retirement planning.



## Momentum Malta Retirement Trust

It is important to note a transfer of Irish pension benefits overseas can only be made for bona fide purposes and not for the purpose of circumventing Irish pension tax rules and/or Irish Revenue pension rules.

### Retirement Planning

- The ability to take advice from a regulated Financial Adviser, in the country where the individual lives.
- Existing Irish, UK and other pension benefits may be consolidated into one regulated overseas scheme.

### Manage currency risk and widen the range of investment options

- Choose to invest and take retirement benefits in a currency(s) to suit individual needs.
- Access a greater range of investment choices and high calibre Discretionary Fund Managers/Investment Advisers.

### Retirement Flexibility

- Ability to access retirement benefits any time between the age of 50 and 75.
- Take an initial lump sum of up to 30% of the retirement fund, which is exempt from Maltese tax.
- Avoid the complexity and cost of establishing an Irish Approved Retirement Fund (ARF) product<sup>1</sup>
- Enjoy the flexibility to take retirement benefits directly from the Malta Scheme, as regular income payment<sup>2</sup> and avail of the option to take additional lump sums from larger funds.

### Taxation of Malta Pension Benefits

- Investment growth within the pension fund is free from Malta Tax.
- Irish Income Tax and Universal Social Charge are not deducted at source on the pension payments to you<sup>3</sup>. This removes the complexities of seeking to reclaim the Irish Income Tax paid in Ireland<sup>4</sup>.
- Income payments are assessable to Malta Income Tax at source, generally at non-resident rates.
- However, where an individual is resident in one of the many jurisdictions Malta has an effective Double Taxation Agreements ("DTA") in place with, income payment can typically be paid free from Malta Income Tax. The income is assessable in the individual's country of residency instead. **Tax advice is essential.**

### Succession Planning

- On death, the remaining funds can be paid directly to beneficiaries, exempt from Maltese Tax.
- Irish Capital Acquisition Tax typically does not apply to overseas pension scheme benefits<sup>5</sup>.
- Inheritance or other taxes may apply in the deceased or beneficiary's country of residence, which should be discussed with a local tax adviser.

### Further Information

It is essential to speak to a regulated Financial Adviser. Momentum Pensions Malta Ltd. does not offer advice. This document should be read in conjunction with the Scheme Particulars for the Momentum Malta Retirement Trust, which can be accessed [here](#).

<sup>1</sup>Many Irish Providers are unable to offer ARFs to non-Irish residents, leaving an individual with the only remaining option to buy an annuity.

<sup>2</sup>Annual income limits are based on the maximum UK Government Actuary's Department (GAD) rates.

<sup>3</sup>Irish tax may apply if the income is remitted to an Irish Bank account and/or if the individual is Irish Resident/Domiciled.

<sup>4</sup>Where tax is paid in Ireland and in the individual's country of residency, commonly only limited Irish double tax relief is available on ARF withdrawals.

<sup>5</sup>Unless where the deceased or beneficiary is resident/ordinarily resident in Ireland at that time of death/inheritance.

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