



Tax Free Savings Account CONTRIBUTION TIME IS HERE AGAIN!

TFSA Facts:

- As of January 1, 2013 the contribution limit for all Canadian residents age 18 and older has been increased to \$5,500.00
- Contributions are cumulative meaning that the lifetime contribution limit is now \$25,500.00. If you have never opened a TFSA, you can now contribute \$25,500.00 into it.
- The TFSA allows you to accumulate savings on a tax free basis (there is no tax payable on dividends, interest, capital gains inside a TFSA). Although there is no tax advantage when you make a contribution, there is no tax payable when you withdraw from the plan.
- A wide range of investment products can be bought in a TFSA (equities, bonds, ETFs, etc.)

Why a TFSA:

- The TFSA can be used with your RRSP as a powerful long-term savings vehicle to help fund future retirement.
- The TFSA can be used as a savings vehicle to save for major future expenses. Any withdraws increase your future contribution limit beginning in the next tax year.

What to do:

- We strongly recommend every client consider holding and maximizing the TFSA.
- If you currently hold a TFSA at your bank you might consider transferring it to us. Many bank controlled TFSAs are in GICs with very low interest rates. TFSAs are not merely savings accounts, they are excellent investment vehicles.
- If you have yet to open a TFSA, we can set up one here.
- If you have a TFSA here, we recommend that you give us a call to discuss making your contribution early in the year to maximize potential returns. Or set up a frequent purchase plan (FPP) so that funds are transferred monthly from your bank.

Give us a call or send us an email. We're here to help.

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