# Addressing the Six Key Areas of Capital Accumulation and Protection

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# Capital Accumulation and Protection

- If a person adequately addresses six key areas, his or her capital accumulation and protection plan may be optimized within that person's means.
- However, if a person fails to adequately address any one key area, significant losses may result from that area.
- Clients should address these key areas to optimize gains and minimize threats to capital.



# Capital Accumulation and Protection: Six Key Areas

- Asset Protection
- Retirement Planning
- Income Tax Reduction
- Capital Risk
- Income Protection
- Estate Planning





#### **Asset Protection**

Protection from lawsuits and other risks

Liability and property insurance is not always

enough to provide optimal protection

• Four techniques often used:

- Exempt assets under state or federal law
- Corporations and Limited Liability Organizations
- Trusts
- Liability or property insurance
- The services of a qualified attorney is recommended



## Retirement Planning

- Three major ways to accumulate capital for retirement:
  - Qualified retirement plans
  - Non-qualified retirement plans
  - After-tax accumulations
- One should estimate amount of capital necessary for retirement
- For business owners, a qualified plan study may be helpful





#### **Income Tax Reduction**

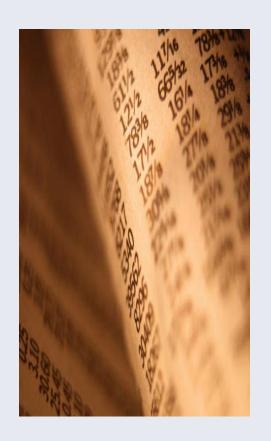
- To accumulate capital efficiently, keeping income taxes as low as feasible may be helpful
- Four major strategies in income tax reduction:
  - Deduct expenses
  - Defer income recognition
  - Divert income to others
  - Convert taxable income into non-taxable income
- The services of a tax professional such as a CPA or tax attorney is recommended





## Capital Asset Risk

- Capital assets may include stocks, bonds, real estate, treasuries, cash, etc.
- Losses can occur because of various risks
- Diversification and asset allocation techniques often used to optimize returns and balance level of risk assumed with capital assets
- Only qualified investment professional may give investment and asset allocation advice
- The services of a qualified investment professional is recommended





# Personally Owned Business as a Capital Asset

When a person owns a business, the business is an asset of the owner

Business owners often face issues that passive investors do not

 Risk diversification should remain a priority

- Business exit planning should be considered
- Key person needs should be explored



#### **Income Protection**

- Death, disability, or illness may cause loss of income or capital
- Common ways to protect against such losses:
  - Life insurance
  - Disability insurance
  - Long term care insurance
  - Medical insurance
- The services of a qualified insurance professional is recommended





# **Estate Planning**

- Estate planning includes numerous objectives:
  - Create plan for use and distribution of one's wealth
  - Reduce or minimize federal and state estate taxes
  - Reduce probate costs and administrative expenses
  - Provide estate with liquidity to pay debts, taxes and other expenses
  - Provide for guardianship of minor children upon death or incapacity
  - Provide management of assets at death or incapacity



# **Estate Planning**

- A person should prioritize which objectives should be currently considered
- Federal estate taxes are generally levied on estates greater than \$5.43 million (single) and \$10.86 million (married) for 2015. This figure adjusted annually by inflation factor.
- Calculations are different for non-resident aliens
- Life insurance and trusts are frequently used to fund tax payments and reduce estate costs
- The services of a qualified estate planning attorney is recommended



# Let's Discuss Your Questions

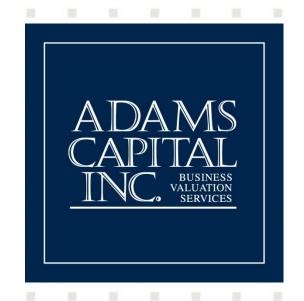




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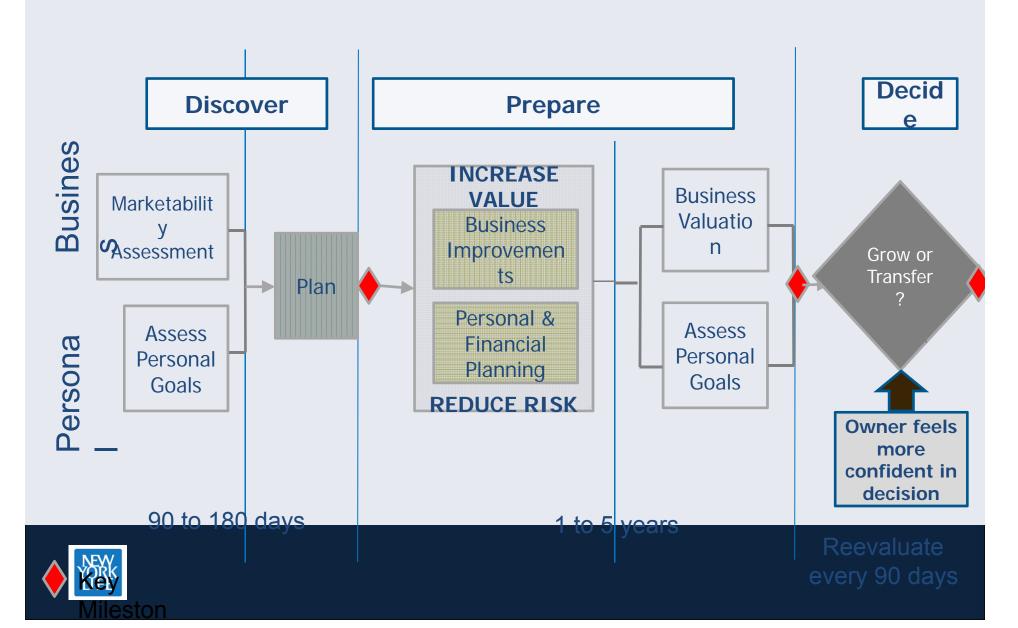


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