

## RRSP Guidelines

### Getting more out of your RRSP

The deadline for the 2004 tax year's RRSP contribution is March 1, 2005. An important change in the rules this year is that the annual contribution limit is 18% of your earned income in the previous year (2003) to a maximum of \$15,500 (Last year it was \$14,500.)

#### The Importance of Starting Early

You should begin contributions to your RRSP as soon as possible. The effect of time on tax free compounding is very significant.

#### Maximizing Your Opportunities with Unused RRSP Contribution Room

Individuals may wish to consider borrowing to invest in their RRSP, using up any unused contribution room, and using the tax savings to pay down the loan. For example, an individual in a 40% marginal tax bracket with a \$20,000 unused contribution amount will reduce income taxes by \$8,000 for the current year by investing today. These tax savings could be paid directly against the loan balance, while the invested funds appreciate on a tax-sheltered basis.

#### What if you have already made your 2004 contribution?

You can now contribute for the 2005 tax year. You can only claim 2004's maximum contribution on your 2004 tax return but any contributions made before the March 1 deadline can be applied to either your 2004 tax return up to your limit, or on your 2005 return.

#### Automatic Monthly Contributions

You can make your contribution automatically in monthly installments by way of convenient pre-authorized payments. These are flexible in that they can be stopped, restarted, increased or decreased at any time.

You can contact your local taxation office to confirm your correct 2004 RRSP deduction limit using the TIPS line (1-800-267-6999).



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- Diversify to manage risk
- Maintain core holdings
- Reduce the impact of taxes
- Invest long term, think long term

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