

# **INVESTOR INSIGHTS**



# Delivering the Silver Lining from Investment Losses

# Keep more of what your portfolios earn with tax-smart investing

Today's investors have benefited greatly from more than 20 years of generally rising stock prices—but headwinds have emerged. Expectations for future returns are muted and the impact of capital gains taxes can weigh heavily on taxable portfolios, especially when it's time to withdraw from nest eggs after decades of saving.

Holistic, tax-smart investing with 55ip can help. Our intelligent, tax-savings technology can add considerable value to investment portfolios across both market environments and life stages—often when it's needed most.



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# Keeping More of What Your Portfolio Earns

# The tax-smart foundation: Tax-loss harvesting in practice

Tax-loss harvesting can turn negative returns into positive results, and continual harvesting expands this opportunity greatly. Let's start with a single example.

Say, as part of your stock portfolio, you invest \$100,000 in Stock A. At some point, the price falls by 20% and your investment is now worth \$80,000.

How can you turn this loss into greater value?

\$100,000

Stock A
Original value

\$80,000

Stock A
New value

# STEP 1

Selling all your stock in Stock A enables you to claim a tax loss of \$20,000. Instead of just experiencing a drop in the value of your account, you've realized (or harvested) that loss.

You can now use this loss to offset gains in other parts of your portfolio to potentially lower your tax liability.

Sell all of Stock A

Claim a tax loss savings of \$20,000

Stock A New value

Assuming a tax rate of 23.8% <sup>1</sup> you could potentiality create a tax savings of \$4,760.

## STEP 2

If you then reinvest the proceeds in Stock B<sup>2</sup> (a security with similar characteristics to Stock A), you've harvested the loss and kept your portfolio in line with your overall investment objectives.

Sell all of Stock A

\$80,000

Stock A New value **Reinvest into Stock B** 

\$80,000

Stock B

# STEP 3

This harvested loss saves \$4,760—money that can be put back to work in your portfolio.

**\$4,760 tax savings** 

\$84,760

Stock B

**↑**\$4,760

# Beyond Tax-Smart Portfolio Management

# Holistic tax solutions from 55ip

WealthPlan Group has partnered with 55ip, a financial technology company that's helping innovative advisory firms across the country break down key barriers—such as taxes—to clients' financial progress.

55ip's ActiveTax Technology™ sets the industry standard for helping investors keep more of what they earn—delivering continual tax analysis and effortless, scalable tax-loss harvesting. Additionally, the same technology that can reduce the impact of taxes on portfolio management can also reduce the cost of transitioning to and withdrawing from those portfolios.

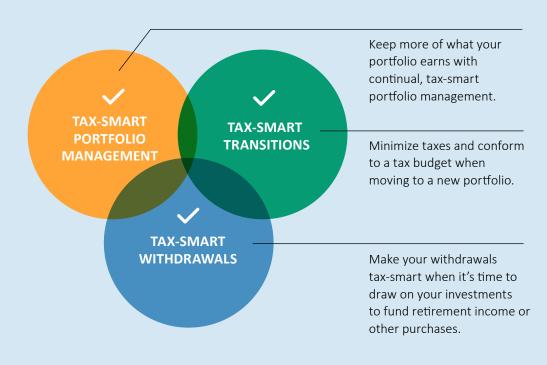
Tax-smart transitions – With a tax-smart transition, you can minimize taxes and conform to a tax budget when moving to a new portfolio.

Tax-smart withdrawals – Make your withdrawals tax-smart when it's time to draw on your investments to fund retirement income or other purchases.

Tax-smart investing is a proven way to enhance investment outcomes across all market cycles, rate environments, and investor life stages. Consider tax-smart investing if you:

- Invest in taxable accounts greater than \$50,000
- Own investments that have gone up in value
- Are in a high tax bracket or want to reduce the impact of investment taxes
- Will need to eventually make withdrawals from your portfolio

# A holistic approach to tax-smart wealth





Talk to us to see how a holistic, tax-smart strategy can help you earn more on what you invest and keep more of what you earn.

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### **Footnotes**

- 1 Short-term capital gains tax rates correspond to ordinary income tax brackets and range from 10% to 37%. Long-term capital gains tax rates range from 0% to 20%.
- 2 Wash sale rules do not allow an investor to realize a capital loss for tax purposes and purchase a "substantially identical" security within 31 days of the realization of the capital loss. For reference see IRS Publication 550.

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