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# Target Market Document: Split Portfolio Tax Planning Growth Service

## 1. Target Market Description

The Split Portfolio Tax Planning Growth Service is designed for clients who:

- Have invested capital of £100,000 or above, reflecting the cost and complexity of the service.
- Primarily engage with Zenith Asset Management's Elite Wealth Management Service due to their need for advanced, ongoing tax and investment planning, but may also include Enhanced Financial Planning clients with significant excess capital beyond ISA and pension allowances.
- Require **bespoke**, multi-wrapper portfolio structuring to optimise tax efficiency and long-term growth.
- Are typically **UK residents** (though non-UK residents with UK tax liabilities may also be eligible if their needs match the service's complexity and regulatory scope).

## 2. Key Needs and Objectives

- **Tax-efficient growth:** Clients seek to maximise returns while minimising tax liabilities by strategically allocating assets across General Investment Accounts (GIAs), ISAs, pensions, and other wrappers.
- Asset segmentation by tax wrapper:
  - **GIAs** (less tax-efficient): Used for lower-risk, lower-growth assets (e.g., direct gilts, fixed interest, lower-risk funds) to reduce exposure to capital gains and income tax.
  - **ISAs and pensions** (more tax-efficient): Used for higher-growth, higher-risk assets (e.g., equities) to shelter gains and income from tax.
- **Dynamic re-allocation:** Annual or more frequent reviews to:
  - Switch funds from GIAs into ISAs or pensions as allowances permit.
  - Respond to changes in client objectives, access needs, or tax rules.
- **Bespoke portfolio construction:** Each client's portfolio is individually tailored to their tax situation, risk profile, and objectives, with regular adjustments to maintain optimal efficiency and growth potential.

# 3. Exclusions / Negative Target Market

- Clients with **less than £100,000** in investable assets, as the service is not cost-effective or appropriate below this threshold.
- Clients with simple financial planning needs or those not requiring ongoing, advanced tax and investment structuring.
- Clients unwilling or unable to commit to ongoing reviews and active portfolio management.
- Clients seeking one-off or transactional advice without ongoing service.

### 4. Distribution Strategy

- **Ongoing advised relationship:** Service is delivered as part of Zenith's ongoing service proposition, including regular reviews and proactive management.
- Meetings: Available in-person (home, office), via video, or at Zenith's office, tailored to client preference.
- **Bespoke reporting:** Clients receive clear, jargon-free explanations of portfolio segmentation, tax implications, and rebalancing strategies.

### 5. Vulnerability Considerations

- **Ongoing assessment:** Advisers regularly assess for vulnerability, given the complexity of tax planning and investment strategy.
- **Clear communication:** All recommendations are explained in accessible language, with support for decision-making and the option to involve family members or trusted contacts.

## 6. Ongoing Review and Governance

- **Regular reviews and rebalancing:** Portfolios are reviewed at least annually, with assets reallocated between wrappers to remain tax-efficient and aligned with client objectives.
- **Continuous suitability assessment:** Ongoing monitoring ensures the portfolio structure remains appropriate as circumstances, tax rules, or objectives change.
- **Outcome monitoring:** Client outcomes are tracked to ensure the service continues to deliver value and comply with FCA Consumer Duty.