

## Purchasing Investment Property -Opportunities and Challenges

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Welcome to today's webinar which will begin shortly.



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# Acquiring Investment Property through Pension Structures

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## Options for purchasing Investment property

#### Personally

- tax on equity and income and gains
- reduced capital allowances

#### Company

- tax on income and gains in the company
- tax on distributions from company

#### Pension

- tax relief on contributions by employer
- no tax on equity or income or gains
- €2m Standard Fund Threshold
- transfer of assets to ARF continues to grow tax free
- tax on distributions from ARF after Tax Free Lump Sum



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# **Pension property investments**

#### Standard pension offering

 choice of funds mainly limited to property funds, ETF's and REIT's

#### Self-Administered pension offering

- more open architecture includes:
- direct property residential and commercial
- syndicated investment property
- loan notes and other investment vehicles
- jointly managed with Pensioneer Trustee
- debt available



# **Self-administered options**



Investment Options the same for all – e.g. direct property, deposits, shares, funds, etc.



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# **Direct property purchase case study**

No borrowing Property purchase example with €250,000 pre-tax funds					
	Personal	Pension (SSAP)			
Funds taken out of company	€250,000	€250,000			
Income tax	€100,000	€0			
USC/PRSI	€37,500	€0			
Amount available for investment*	€112,500	€250,000			
Comparison					
Personal Pension (SSAP)					
Purchase price	€112,500	€250,000			
Rental est. (p.a.)	€7,200	€14,400			
Property agent & trustee fee (p.a.)	€0	€2,474			
Rent net of tax (higher rate)*	€3,240*	€11,926			



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# Key revenue restrictions on property purchases

- arms length requirement (connected parties rule)
- property development is not allowed i.e. investing not trading
- direct investments in private companies are limited
- scheme must have sufficient liquid assets to provide benefits





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# Direct geared property purchase case study

With Borrowing				
	Personal	Pension (SSAP)		
Equity	€112,500	€250,000		
Over 15 years @ 4.25%	(55% LTV) €137,500	(50% LTV) €250,000		
Amount available for investment	€250,000	€500,000		
Rental est. (p.a.)	€14,400	€28,800		
Property agent & Trustee fee (p.a.)	€0	€4,948		
Income Tax*	€5,308	€0		
Rent net of tax/agent/trustee (p.a.)	€9,093	€23,852		
C&I Bank Repayments p.a.	€12,412	€22,568		
Net (deficit)/return p.a.         -€3,320         €1,284				
*Income Tax after deduction for interest and other allowable costs				



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# **Revenue borrowing guidelines**

- no recourse to other assets
- no assignment of rental income
- no interest only loans
- no loans over 15 years
- no refinancing
- no direct borrowing in ARF





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# **Property opportunities**

- multi tenanted properties
- residential/commercial properties
- commercial property
- social housing
- joint investors
- syndicated investments
- loan note investments





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# **Takeaways**

- company structure works best for pension contributions
- self-administered structure more flexible than insured pension
- property provides income in retirement
- when purchasing investment property explore your pension options first





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# Thank you

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#### Buy-to-Let Mortgages 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020







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### **Contents:**

#### (1) Brief Company Overview

#### (2) Pension Unit-Trust Buy-to-Let Mortgages

- Our proposition and lending guidelines
- Refinancing property portfolios







### **Company Overview**

- Dilosk DAC is an Irish financial services company, regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland
- ICS is one of Ireland's oldest and renowned mortgage brands with a heritage that dates back to 1864
- In 2017 we launched a specialist mortgage business for the Buy-to-Let market and have gained significant market share with our innovative Buy-to-Let mortgage propositions
- In September 2019, we entered the market for owner-occupiers with highly competitive offerings for First-Time Buyers, Movers and Switchers. Our niche segment is Public Sector employees
- All our Mortgages are originated through our direct channel and our network of appointed nationwide brokers
- We now have over €740 million of mortgages under management



## **Buy-to-Let Mortgages**

- Our Proposition and Lending Guidelines
  - Refinancing Property Portfolios



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### **Buy-to-Let Mortgage Specialists**

#### **Our Target Market:**

- Established Landlords Refinancing Property Portfolios
- New Buy-to-Let Property Investors
- Tailored Solutions for New Portfolios

#### We Lend to:

- Individuals (up to 4 individuals on a mortgage)
- Companies (including Special Purpose Vehicles)
- Pension (Unit Trusts)





### **Buy-to-Let – (Pension Unit-Trust)**

<ul> <li>company</li> <li>Only one investor/beneficial owner allowed for each sub trust fund</li> <li>Refinancing debt from existing pension funds, will require evidence of the original purchase transaction in the existing fund</li> <li>Under Revenue Guidelines, Interest only loans are not permissible.</li> <li>A copy of the overall liquidity position, post the property transaction, to be provided prior to funds being released</li> <li>Our recommended requirement is for 12 months mortgage repayments to be available within each fund</li> </ul>				
LTV       Up to 50% LTV         Loan Amount       Minimum loan size €40,000 / Maximum loan size €500,000         Loan Term       Minimum term 5 years / Maximum term 15 years         Rates       4.25% Variable rate         Property Value       Minimum property value €100,000 / No maximum property value         Lending Criteria       Confirmation required that all letting/rent collection will be arranged and managed by a third-party property manageme company         Only one investor/beneficial owner allowed for each sub trust fund       Refinancing debt from existing pension funds, will require evidence of the original purchase transaction in the existing fund         Under Revenue Guidelines, Interest only loans are not permissible.       A copy of the overall liquidity position, post the property transaction, to be provided prior to funds being released         Our recommended requirement is for 12 months mortgage repayments to be available within each fund	Loan Purpose	Purchase of Residential Investment Properties		
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Borrower Profile	<ul> <li>The applicant must reside in the EEA. Applicants from Non EEA may be considered by establishing a Unit-Trust</li> <li>The BTL property must be located in the Republic of Ireland and not used as a principal private residence</li> <li>All applicants must be the owner of at least one residential property in the ROI other than the buy-to-let property being financed.</li> <li>Non- Recourse Lending for Pension (Unit Trusts) only</li> <li>A valuation of each property is required</li> </ul>
Geographic Locations	• We will lend for properties in urban centres in Ireland with a population greater than 10,000 people
Lending Criteria	<ul> <li>A max of 75% of the gross rental income from the proposed property should equal or exceed 1.2 times the scheduled repayment</li> <li>A max of 75% of the gross rental income from the proposed property should equal or exceed 1 times the scheduled repayment at an interest rate of 6%</li> <li>The gross rental income from the property, together with other surplus disposable income should equal or exceed the scheduled repayment (please note for this test all contractual mortgage debt is stressed at the contracted rate plus 2% - regulatory requirement)</li> <li>Concentration limits may apply on a case by case basis</li> </ul>
Age Profile	Minimum age at application 21 years and Maximum age on maturity 75 years
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Legal Fees	€1,815 + Outlay					
-	0.5% of the loan					
Application Fee	0.5% of the loan	amount.				
Loan to Values	Pension U	nit Trust				
Area	LTV	Max L	oan Amount			
Main Urban Areas*	50%	€500,	000			
Main Urban Areas*						
Others	50% €500,000					
Population > 10,000						
Variable Rates		Borrower Type	Product	≤ 50% LTV	]	
		Pension Unit-Tru	capital & Interest	4.25%		
	*Main Urban Areas include "Dublin (and surrounding counties Kildare, Wicklow, Meath, Louth), Galway, Cork and Limerick" Lending guidelines and rates as at 20.10.20 and may be subject to change. Lending criteria, Terms and Conditions apply. Dilosk DAC, trading as Dilosk and ICS Mortgages is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.					



### **Pension Unit Trust Mortgages**

• Non-Recourse lending



- Administered in conjunction with Grant Thornton who are on our panel of approved Trustees
- Customers / Beneficiaries must get independent Pension advice to confirm this product is suitable for their needs
- Appeals to individuals who are looking for more options regarding the management of their pension and wish to acquire a Buy-to-Let property in a tax efficient manner.



### **Specialist Buy-to-Let Refinancing Unit**

- We have seen a significant demand in the number of clients wishing to refinance their Buy-to-Let portfolios
- > We can refinance existing Buy-to-Let Mortgages in Pension Unit Trusts
- > We offer tailored solutions for property portfolio refinancing
- Our portfolio investors are often:
  - On terms with their existing lenders that are coming to an end (e.g. an interest only period due to expire)
  - · Looking to release equity to purchase additional properties to add to their portfolio
  - Looking for a more competitive offering
  - Coming up to a break clause with their existing lender
  - Those with unencumbered properties and they wish to release equity
- > We offer no cross security which allows for easier portfolio management

Gross yields on residential real estate vary dramatically by market, from over 10% for 1-beds in many locations to 4% or less for 4-beds in the dearest markets

# Average gross yield for residential real estate, 2020Q3, by property size and location



Source: Analysis of Daft.ie Report; Markets are sorted from left to right by the 2020 price of a 3-bed semi-detached property

### Age Profile of Landlords – Market v's ICS Mortgages





# The average age of our borrower is 52 years

### No. of investment properties – Market v's ICS Mortgages





42% of our customers have **3 or more** investment properties

### **Buy-to-Let Guides**

We have produced a comprehensive guides which cover several case examples Available to download on <u>https://www.icsmortgages.ie/btl-mortgages</u>

#### **Guide for Property Investors**

#### **Guide to Portfolio Refinancing**







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### **GT Purchasing Property with your Pension Seminar - Market Analysis**

**Presented by - Enda Mc Guane** 

25th November 2020





- Context Who, What and COVID!
- Trends Office, Industrial, Retail, Residential
- Residential Case Studies Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford
- Due Diligence



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### Context

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1960



Figure 2.11 Population pyramid by single year of age, 2016



Source: CSO Ireland





#### Table 4.1 Ireland 2040: Targeted Pattern of City Population Growth

City	Population 2016	Population Growth to 2040 <sup>27</sup>		Minimum Target Population 2040	
		% Range	People		
Dublin - City and Suburbs	1,173,000	20-25%	235,000 - 293,000	1,408,000	
<b>Cork</b> - City and Suburbs	209,000	50-6 <mark>0</mark> %	105,000 - 125,000	314,000	
Limerick - City and Suburbs	94,000	50-60%	47,000 - 56,000	141,000	
<b>Galway</b> - City and Suburbs	80,000	50-60%	40,000 - 48,000	120,000	
Waterford - City and Suburbs	54,000	50-60%	27,000 - 32,000	81,000	



## Office

- Galway Standing stock rents, at €301 per sq. m,
- Vacancy rate of 4.9%
- Supply Issue, Covid Pause
- Cork Prime Office €350 per sq.m
- Limerick Prime Office €243 per sq.m
- Dublin City Centre €673.00 per m
- Dublin South Suburbs €296.00
- Dublin North Suburbs €221.00
- Dublin West Suburbs €193.68





## Industrial



- Galway 5.3 per cent vacancy rate
- Prime Industrial units €85 per sq.m
- Cork Prime Industrial €91.50 per sq m.
- Limerick Prime Industrial €70 per sq m
- Dublin Prime Industrial €113 per sq m.
- Suburban Logistics and warehousing spaces yields in demand.
- Online Retailing/ Last Mile




- Location
- Mixed Use
- Trend Acceleration





#### Residential

- Galway Metropolitan Area
- Average price: €1,164
- Year-on-year change: 2.4% (4.8%) Daft)
- Rent Protection Zone
- DATA



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#### Galway rent report — autumn 2020

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#### **Case Study 1. - Galway**



- Dunaras Student Village (PBSA)
- 3 Bed Apartment
- Sale Agreed August 2020 €190,000
- Rent 19/20 (pre covid) Gross €25,247
  Net €16,488
- Rental Yield Gross 13.29% Net 8.68%





### **Case Study 2. - Galway**

- Mervue Business & Technology Park
- Industrial Unit 19,287 sq.ft
- On Market €3.75m
- Annual rent of €187,209 increasing to €298,871 in August 2021
- initial yield 5.% rising to 8% in August 2021





### **Case Study 3. - Galway**

- Manor Court (West of City)
- 2 identical 2 bed apartments
- Rent Pressure Zone
- Recently rented €9,672
  p.a & €12,780 p.a
- Market Value €190,000
- Yields 5.1% & 6.7%



### **Case Study 4. - Cork**

- Lee Vista, Cork City
- 2 Bed Apartment
- On Market €179,000
- Market Rent €17,400 p.a
- Rental Yield 9.7%





#### **Case Study 5. - Limerick**



- Dock Rd, City Centre
- 2 bed apartment
- Rent €12,000 p.a
- Market Value €115,000
- Yield 10.4%



### **Case Study 6. - Waterford**



- Keizer House, High St, Waterford
- On Market €120,000
- Market Rent €12,600p.a
- Rental Yield 10.5%





#### **State Rental Supports and Conditions**

	Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)	Standard Lease with a local authority	Standard Lease with an AHB	Enhanced Lease
Percentage Market Rent	100% - subject to rent limits	92-95%	80-85%	80-85%	95%
General maintenance	Property owner	Property owner	Local authority	AHB	Property owner
Term	Agreed with the tenant, subject to the Residential Tenancies Act 2004	4 – 10 years, subject to Residential Tenancies Act.	10 - 25 years	10 - 25 years	25 years
Payment for vacant periods	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rent Payment guaranteed	Yes, once the tenant pays their rent contribution and does not engage in anti-social behaviour	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Penalties	N/A	Payments made during vacant periods must be repaid if agreement is breached	N/A	N/A	For maintenance failure
Landlord to tenant	Property owner	Property owner	Local authority	AHB	Local authority
Tenant nominated by	Property owner	Property owner / local authority	Local authority	Local Authority	Local authority
Property owner option to exit the scheme	Yes – subject to Residential Tenancies Act 2004	Yes – with penalties and subject to Residential Tenancies Act 2004	Subject to terms established in lease agreement	Subject to terms established in lease agreement	Subject to terms established in lease agreement



# **Considerations – Cost of Building v Cost of Buying**

CITY	Public Build	Purchase
Galway	UK	352,700
Sligo	253,900	156,400
Limerick	209,100	127,500
Cork	266,300	306,800
Waterford	170,100	178,000



#### **Due Diligence**

- Property Survey Fire/Building Defects
- Title
- Leases
- Legislation RPZ Expiry?
- Auctions Read the small print!
- Service Charges/Maintenance Budget
- Research, Research, Research

## Thank you Q&A