

Direct indexing: Unlocking SMARt Possibilities

CLIENT OPPORTUNITY

Transition away from a concentrated stock position to a direct indexing SMA

Converting to a tax-aware, personalized portfolio offers a compelling solution



Client scenario:

An investor holds a substantial amount of company stock. They are seeking to reduce their concentrated exposure and transition to a diversified stock portfolio, excluding the company stock as a holding.



Goals:

- Reduce single stock concentration risk
- Enhance portfolio diversification
- Increase after-tax returns



Challenge:

- Create a personalized portfolio composition to meet new goals (Direct Indexing SMA: Large Cap Equity minus company stock)
- Increase the tax efficiency of the portfolio
- Create an effective transition plan



Solution:

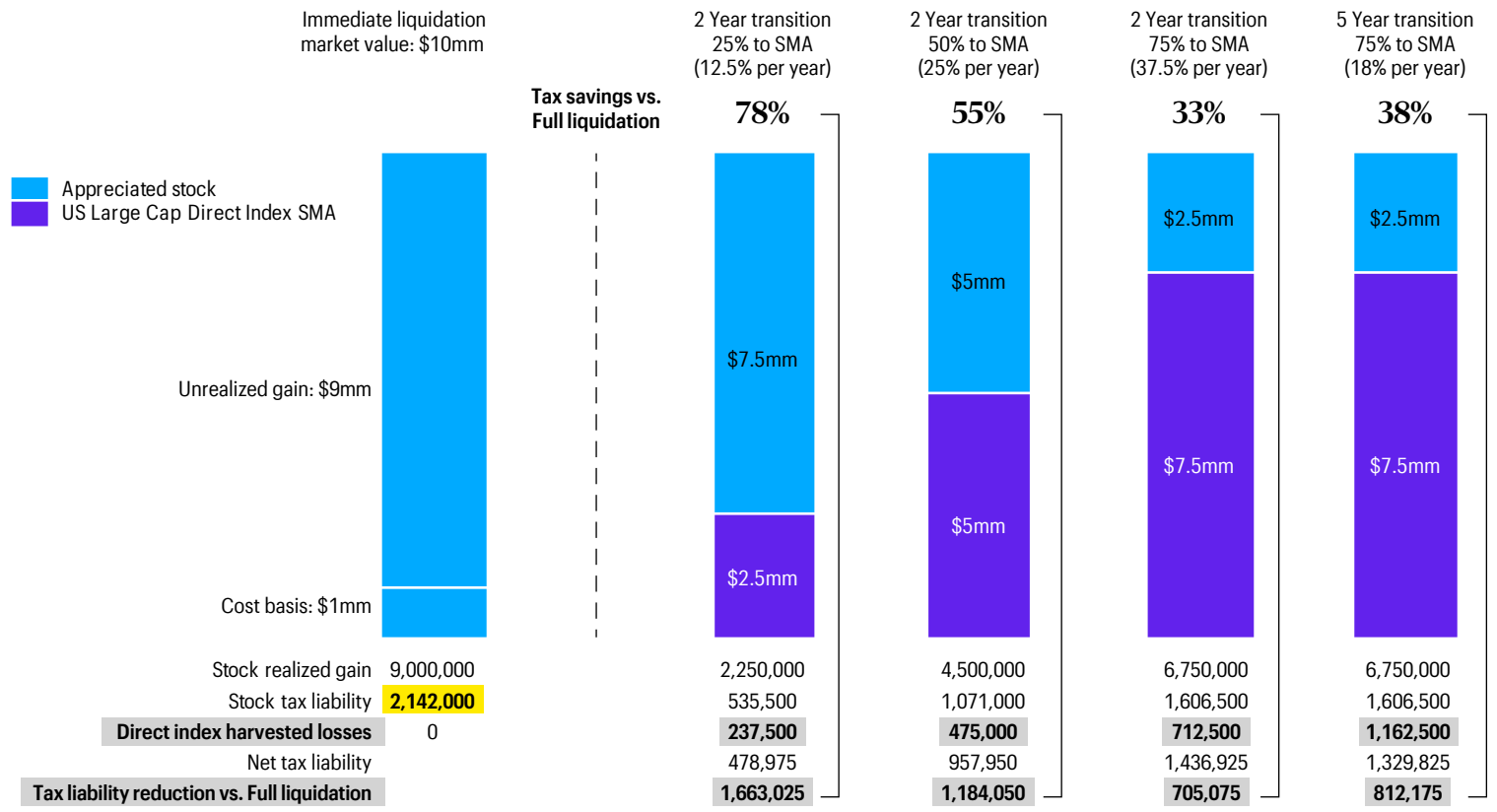
- Execute an effective exit and transition plan
- Utilize a systematic transition process to move to a customized SMA specifically designed to meet the clients' needs
- Fund a personalized, cost-effective, and tax-efficient direct index SMA

Implementation:

Selling the entire position of the company stock all at once may leave the investor with a relatively high taxable capital gain. In order to mitigate this, the investor may prefer a gradual approach in order to minimize the overall tax burden. As holdings in the stock are being liquidated, proceeds can be used to fund the new direct indexing SMA strategy which is tailored to address the specific needs of the client.

Results in more than **50%** average tax savings

POTENTIAL TRANSITION OPTIONS OVER TIME



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New portfolio benefits:

Reduced concentration risk

Enhanced and ongoing tax-management, creating greater tax alpha potential

Increased portfolio flexibility, customization, and personalization



Direct indexing with Remi

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