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EDITORIAL

Following the enormous success of the first year of the *Review* the Editorial Board and the publishers are delighted to announce the publication of this issue, containing twelve thought-provoking articles covering a range of different subjects.

The Personal Tax Planning Review has undoubtedly established an important niche in the market place for the professional tax adviser by providing fresh and stimulating insights into tax issues.

As an essential part of the tax practitioner's armoury, the *Review* provides the busy professional adviser with up-to-date information and new ideas. The reader is given an opportunity to participate in current debate and exchange of opinions and ideas over a wide range of problems of law and practice.

In this issue, Stephen Brandon floats the interesting possibility of creating a group for VAT purposes without losing the benefit of the small companies' rate of corporation tax while Stephen Allcock probes the retirement relief provisions to expose a trap for the unwary. Another area of potential difficulty highlighted by Hilda Wilson is where an estate is redirected by deed of variation to a beneficiary living elsewhere in the EC.

Of topical interest is the tax treatment of demergers and trusts which is examined by Julian Ghosh, who draws particular attention to a doubtful view put forward by the Revenue on the CGT position of a life tenant following a demerger. Insolvency is, sadly, another subject of increasing interest, prompting a contribution by Hugh McKay on the CGT difficulties which arise in the area of personal insolvency.

Among other articles, Matthew Hutton describes the controversial scope of the election to designate a residence as a main residence for the purpose of relief under s.222 TCGA 1992 while the Managing Editor suggests that the Revenue approach to relief for interest paid by non-residents may be open to challenge.

We hope that all subscribers to the *Review* will enjoy the articles in this issue. The editors welcome all correspondence and contributions (long or short) and urge all those with knowledge and experience of any subject covered in this or earlier issues to write to them, so as to enhance the quality of debate and learning. All correspondence and contributions should be addressed to Peter Vaines, Brebner Allen & Trapp, The Quadrangle, 180 Wardour Street, London W1V 3AA.

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