



Growing & selling your business

Supporting you on your journey

Whether you are looking to grow your business organically or through acquisition, in the UK or internationally, we are able to support you on your journey and work with our international network, Crowe Global as appropriate. We can also help to prepare your business for sale and ensure that as the business owner your wealth is protected.

We can help you:

- if you are raising equity finance, consider the availability of EIS, SEIS and VCT reliefs
- take care with debt financing and the deductibility of interest payments
- consider how best to structure asset or business acquisitions
- ensure you are claiming valuable tax reliefs such as R&D, capital allowances and Patent Box
- understand the tax and wider implications of trading or expanding internationally
- consider incentivising your employees/management through targeted employee share schemes including employee ownership Trusts
- ensure key workers and shareholders are protected accordingly
- review profit extraction and remuneration planning to ensure this is arranged tax efficiently
- consider succession planning – whether that be passing on the business to family members, an MBO or third-party sale
- structure your exit from the business tax efficiently
- plan for retirement and consider your exposure to Inheritance Tax.

Discuss your circumstances with an advisor ▶

Navigating through the business lifecycle

Supporting you through the challenges and opportunities at each stage of your business's lifecycle



Start your journey to success

60 seconds: What you need to know



Frequently Asked Questions

How much can my company raise through venture capital schemes?

The maximum amount you can raise in the lifetime of your company for: - SEIS investments is £150,000 - SISR investments is £1.5 million - EIS - VCT investments is £12 million. There may be higher limits if your company carries out research, development or innovation and meets certain conditions.

What are the benefits of an employee share scheme?

Employee share schemes can help you attract, incentivise and retain key employees by giving them a direct financial interest in the success of the company. You may be able to set up a tax advantaged scheme such as EMI, CSOP or SIP.

How much tax do I have to pay when I sell my business?

If you personally sell your business for a profit, you may be liable to Capital Gains Tax at up to 20%. Note however that you may be able to claim Business Asset Disposal Relief (formerly known as Entrepreneurs' Relief), in which case you pay tax at the lower rate of 10% on the first £1 million of lifetime gains.

What is an Employee Ownership Trust?

An Employee Ownership Trust is set up to benefit all employees of the business. Provided specific qualifying criteria are met they can also provide a tax efficient vehicle for business owners to sell their shares typically free from tax. This means they provide an alternative market for sale which could be considered as part of your succession plans.

Contact us for more information