



Financial Strategies

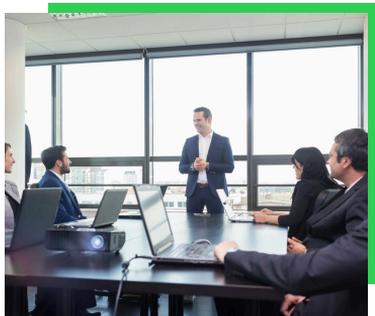
**Corporate
Professionals**



Introduction: Why Your Story Matters

If you're building a corporate career, your financial life doesn't look like everyone else's.

You may be juggling annual bonuses, a 401(k) plan, rising healthcare premiums, and the challenge of balancing today's lifestyle with tomorrow's security. Maybe you've worked hard to climb the ladder and want to make sure your money is working as hard as you are.



At **Wohlstand Wealth Strategies**, we specialize in helping corporate professionals align their career success with long-term wealth.

Every stage of your career brings different challenges and opportunities—and if you don't plan ahead, taxes, inflation, and unexpected costs can quietly erode the financial foundation you've built.



Chapter 1: Are You Really on Track for Retirement?

It's easy to assume that maxing out your 401(k) will cover your retirement. But the numbers often tell a different story:



Social Security replaces only about 30% of the average worker's income in retirement.

Source: <https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf>



Healthcare costs for a healthy 65-year-old couple are projected at \$315,000 over their lifetime.

Source: <https://www.fidelity.com/viewpoints/personal-finance/plan-for-rising-health-care-costs>



Inflation steadily chips away at purchasing power: the equivalent of \$50,000 today would require over \$100,000 in 20 years

Source: https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm

What We Do

We run “*retirement stress tests*” for our clients—factoring in market downturns, healthcare shocks, and inflation. Because it's better to face those realities now than when you're already retired.



Chapter 2: Your 401(k) Isn't on Autopilot

Many professionals enroll in their company's 401(k), pick a default option, and never look back.

That can cost hundreds of thousands over time.

Smart 401(k) management means:



- ✔ Reviewing investment options and fees regularly.
- ✔ Rebalancing to align with your long-term goals, not generic age brackets.
- ✔ Considering strategies like in-service withdrawals (if available), which allow you to roll funds into an IRA while still employed—opening more investment options and sometimes lowering costs.

Source: <https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/401k-resource-guide-plan-participants-general-distribution-rules>



Chapter 3: The Backdoor Roth IRA

High earners often discover they're ineligible to contribute directly to a Roth IRA. But there's a legal workaround: the **Backdoor Roth** strategy.

Here's how it works:

- ✓ Contribute to a traditional IRA (nondeductible)
- ✓ Convert those funds into a Roth IRA.



The benefit? Roth IRAs grow tax-free and allow tax-free withdrawals in retirement. That gives you a hedge against rising tax rates.

Source: <https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/roth-iras>

Important: A misstep in execution can trigger penalties. That's why guidance is crucial before implementing this strategy.



Chapter 4: Protecting What You've Built

The higher your income, the more important it becomes to protect your wealth. Unexpected lawsuits, creditors, or even health events can quickly disrupt your plans.

Asset protection strategies may include:



Trust structures for estate and legacy planning.



Insurance solutions (including permanent life insurance) to create tax-advantaged savings and protection.

Source: <https://www.pennmutual.com/life-insurance/permanent-life-insurance>



Building a financial “moat” so your wealth isn't vulnerable when life throws a curveball.

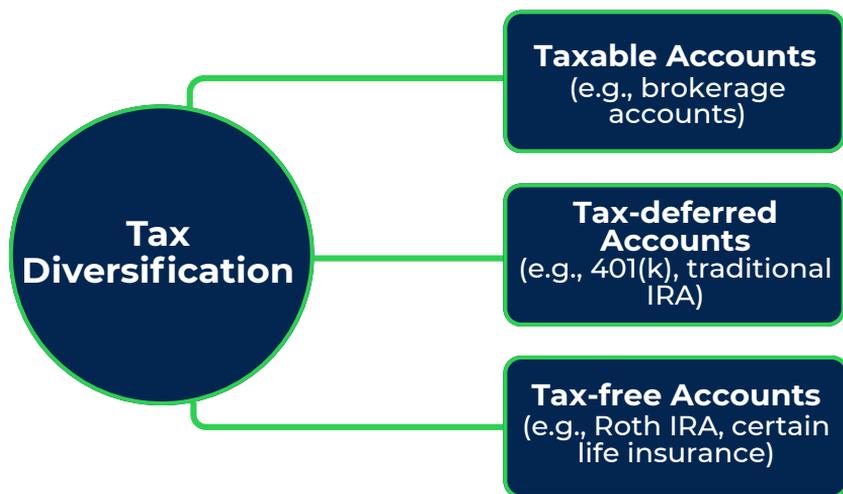


Chapter 5: Taxes – Your Silent Business Partner

Every bonus, every 401(k) contribution, every investment decision has a tax impact.

Without a plan, the IRS becomes your most expensive *“business partner”*.

That’s why we encourage **tax diversification**—spreading your assets across:



This mix gives you **flexibility**. In retirement, you can choose where to withdraw from based on your tax bracket and market conditions—keeping more of your hard-earned money.



Chapter 6: When Corporate Life Changes Overnight

We've worked with clients who suddenly faced a layoff, were offered a buyout, or had to relocate for a new role. These transitions can either derail your finances or open new doors—depending on whether you've prepared in advance.

Our role is to help you plan for the unexpected: building emergency liquidity, structuring benefits, and making sure career changes don't compromise your long-term wealth strategy.

Case Study: A Tale of Two Retirements

Let's compare two professionals, both retiring with **\$2 million** in savings.



Professional A kept everything in tax-deferred accounts.

They withdrew **\$150,000** annually, but after a **35% tax** hit, they only kept **\$97,500**.



Professional B diversified across tax-deferred, taxable, and tax-free accounts.

By withdrawing strategically, their effective tax rate dropped to **17%**, keeping **\$125,000**.

Over a 25-year retirement, **Professional B keeps nearly \$700,000 more.**

The difference? Planning and diversification.



Conclusion: Make Your Wealth Work as Hard as You Do

Corporate professionals invest years into building careers. At Wohlstand Wealth Strategies, we make sure that career success translates into financial independence—not just a paycheck.

With strategies like 401(k) optimization, Backdoor Roth IRAs, asset protection, and tax diversification, we help you navigate today's corporate challenges while preparing for tomorrow's opportunities.

Your career may be demanding. Your wealth should work just as hard.



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