

# STYLIST

## 7 women in the know share the best money advice they've ever received



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If you find it hard to know how best to handle your finances, you're not alone. We rounded up the best tips from women who've been there and done that...

Money. It's probably the last taboo when it comes to conversations you'd be wary of broaching with even your closest of friends.

But while it can be an awkward subject to navigate, being on top of your finances is literally life-changing.

There's endless literature with all kinds of acronyms on how best to handle your money.

Truth is, the best advice often comes from people who've been there and done that.

We asked seven successful women for the best money advice they'd ever received.

Here's what we learnt...

### 3. The divorce lawyer

Naturally, leading divorce lawyer at Payne Hicks Beach, [Catherine Costley](#) knows a thing or two about protecting your assets.

"During my early twenties, I read that as a rule of thumb you should save into your pension the percentage of your salary which is half your age at the time you start making pension savings," she says.

"It was pretty painful to think that at the age of 24, I would effectively say goodbye to 12% of my salary, but having that ratio as a guide helped me to see that early planning for your retirement is key.

That ratio is probably out of date now, but the idea of early, regular saving, in whatever format you choose, stands true."

