



# OLD MUTUAL BALANCED FUND

## FUND INFORMATION

### RISK PROFILE



### RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT TERM



### BENCHMARK:

CPI

### PERFORMANCE TARGET:

CPI + 4% to 5% p.a. (net of fees)

Performance is targeted over the recommended minimum investment term and is not guaranteed.

### ASISA CATEGORY:

South African – Multi-Asset – High Equity

### FUND MANAGER(S):

Graham Tucker & Warren van der Westhuizen  
(Old Mutual Investment Group)

### LAUNCH DATE:

01/03/1994

### SIZE OF FUND:

R21.5bn

### DISTRIBUTIONS: (Half-yearly)\*

Date	Dividend	Interest	Total	Total %
31/12/2023	12.63c	21.25c	33.88c	1.67%
30/06/2023	10.71c	21.35c	32.06c	1.62%

\* Class A fund distributions

### TAX REFERENCE NUMBER:

9440/007/60/8

CODES	JSE	ISIN
<b>Class A</b>	OMBFA	ZAE000097424
<b>Class B1</b>	OMBB1	ZAE000171096
<b>Class R</b>	OMSL	ZAE000020780

### ESG FUND RATING

The environmental, social and governance (ESG) fund ratings are based on the exposure of the underlying assets held to industry-specific ESG risks and the ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

### FUND OBJECTIVE

This fund aims to achieve long-term inflation-beating growth. The fund has a growth asset bias and will invest more heavily in shares. The portfolio manager actively allocates to other asset classes to take advantage of changing market conditions and to manage the fund's volatility.

### WHO IS THIS FUND FOR?

This fund is suitable for investors wanting moderate to high long-term growth, with less volatility in the short term than pure equity. It is suitable as a stand-alone retirement investment.

### INVESTMENT MANDATE

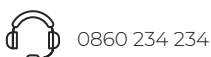
The fund is exposed to all sectors of the market (shares, bonds and property) and may gain exposure to foreign assets up to a maximum of 45% of its portfolio. Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes.

### REGULATION 28 COMPLIANCE

The fund complies with retirement fund legislation. It is therefore suitable as a stand-alone fund in retirement products where Regulation 28 compliance is specifically required.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Funds are also available via Old Mutual Wealth and MAX Investments.



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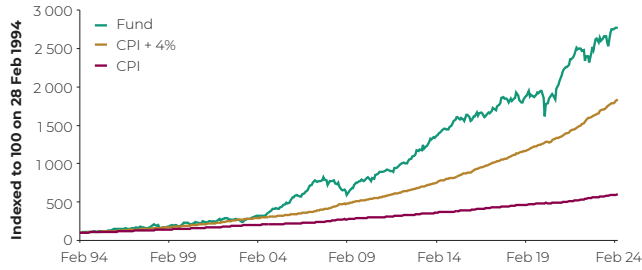
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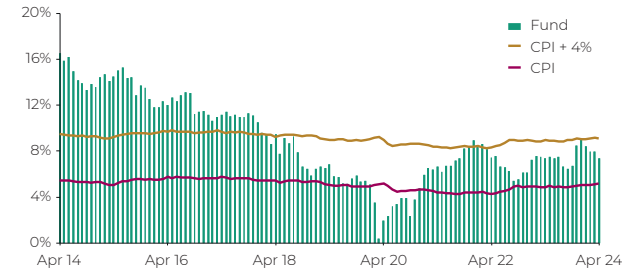
## FUND PERFORMANCE AS AT 30/04/2024

### PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION



Past performance is no indication of future performance.

### 5-YEAR ANNUALISED ROLLING RETURNS (FUND VS BENCHMARK/PERFORMANCE TARGET)



% Performance (Annualised)						
	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	7-Yr	10-Yr	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Fund (Class R)	5.1%	7.6%	7.4%	7.0%	7.1%	11.6%
Fund (Class A) <sup>2</sup>	4.7%	7.2%	7.0%	6.7%	6.7%	-
Fund (Class B1) <sup>3</sup>	5.2%	7.6%	7.4%	7.1%	7.1%	-
Benchmark*	5.3%	6.1%	5.1%	4.9%	5.0%	6.1%

Rolling 12-Month Return	Highest	Average	Lowest
Fund (Since Inception)	45.5%	12.1%	-23.2%

Risk Statistics (Since Inception)	
Maximum Drawdown	-29.1%
Months to Recover	17
% Positive Months	65.2%
Annual Standard Deviation	12.1%
Sharpe Ratio	0.24

Risk statistics are calculated based on monthly performance data from inception of the fund.

\* The CPI figures are lagged by one month as the number was calculated before this month's inflation rate was released.

<sup>1</sup> Performance since inception of the fund.

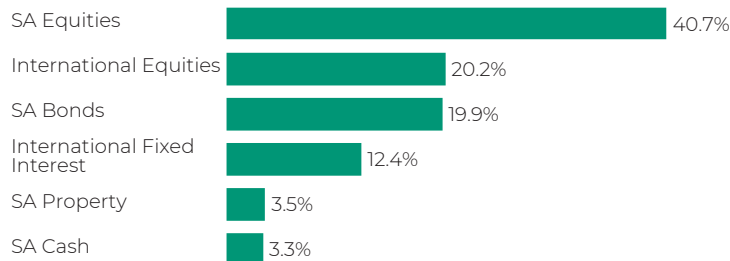
<sup>2</sup> Inception: 30 June 2007.

<sup>3</sup> Inception: 31 October 2012. Class B1 is available through investment platforms such as Old Mutual Wealth.

Performance measurements over periods shorter than the recommended investment term may not be appropriate. Past performance is no indication of future performance. Fund returns are net of fees and measured against the benchmark.

## FUND COMPOSITION

### ASSET & PERCENTAGE ALLOCATION



### PRINCIPAL HOLDINGS AS AT 31/03/2024

Holding	% of Fund
R2032 8.25% 31/03/2032	5.9%
R2035 8.875% 28/02/2035	5.6%
Naspers Ltd	3.1%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	3.1%
FirstRand Ltd	2.8%
iShares USD Treasury 20 Plus Years	2.6%
R2040 9.00% 31/01/2040	2.5%
iShares USD Treasury 10 to 20 Years	2.4%
Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA	2.2%
Prosus N V	2.2%



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## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS COMMENTARY AS AT 31/03/2024

OLD MUTUAL INVESTMENT GROUP



### GRAHAM TUCKER

- BSc Actuarial Science (Hons), CFA
- 23 years of investment experience



### WARREN VAN DER WESTHUIZEN

- BCom (Hons), CFA
- 23 years of investment experience

Global risk assets continued their march upwards in the first quarter of 2024. While the rally has broadened, the US and technology shares maintained their leadership. Nascent signs of improving activity, a good results season and improving financial conditions helped equity markets shrug off concerns around the stickiness of inflation. Oil prices rose, up 14% for the quarter, presenting a challenge to the pace of disinflation over the remainder of the year. The combination was unhelpful for global bonds, with the US 10-year Treasury yield rising by 30 basis points (bps) over the quarter. This resulted in global equities delivering 8% for the quarter, while global bonds were down 3% (both in US dollars).

Moderate rand weakness and poor domestic performance meant South African assets again lagged their global counterparts. Stagnant growth in China remained unhelpful, while domestic earnings were impacted by the myriad of electricity and logistics challenges, as well as a tough environment for consumers. Domestic bond yields continued to grind higher, ending

the quarter back above 12%. This was despite a reasonable National Budget in February, as foreign investors remained absent while the asset class is well owned by local fund managers. The net result was similar outcomes for South African bonds and equities, both down 2% to 3% over the quarter in rands. Domestic property was a relatively bright spot. Having bottomed in the last quarter of 2023, the sector continued to rerate from depressed levels, ending the quarter up 4%.

The first quarter of 2024 was a challenging period for the fund, especially late in the quarter. While the fund benefited from the lower than average exposure to local equities, positions in local and global bonds detracted from performance. The fund has also held an underweight position in global equity on our view that global growth would soften. This position has also weighed on performance.

Our view through much of 2023 was one of slower global growth on the back of sharply higher interest rates. While we continue to anticipate a slowdown, we now believe it will

be more muted than previously expected. As such, the fund narrowed the underweight to equity, and bought local and global equity during the quarter. Within local equity, the fund trimmed exposure to Anheuser-Busch and British American Tobacco, both defensive holdings, and added to South African facing assets, such as financials and retailers.

Local bonds remain a key holding in the fund. Despite bond yields remaining high, we believe that these assets offer very attractive value for long-term investors. The challenge to unlocking this value in the short term remains our tough fiscal position and low trend growth. We expect growth to recover somewhat this year as energy security improves. The outcome of the elections in May will also prove key to the performance of local assets, including the rand.

While we are disappointed by the recent performance, we believe the fund will deliver to our clients' long-term return expectations in a risk appropriate manner.

Source: Old Mutual Investment Group as at 31/03/2024

## OTHER INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

### MINIMUM INVESTMENTS\*:

Monthly: R500

Lump sum: R10 000

Ad hoc: R500 (in addition to your monthly or lump sum investment)

\* These investment minimums are not limited to this fund. They can be apportioned across the funds you have selected in your investment contract.

### INITIAL CHARGES (Incl. VAT):

Initial adviser fee will be between 0% and 3.45%.

### ONGOING

	Class A	Class B1	Class R
Annual service fees (excl. VAT)	1.30%	0.95%	1.00%

Please note: Class B1 is available through investment platforms such as Old Mutual Wealth. Class R is closed to new business.

The fee is accrued daily and paid to the management company on a monthly basis. Other charges incurred by the fund, and deducted from its portfolio, are included in the TER. These include the fees and costs relating to underlying global asset class exposures, which range between 0.20% and 0.50% as the fee for equity exposures is typically higher than the fee for fixed income or money market exposures. A portion of Old Mutual Unit Trusts' annual service fees may be paid to administration platforms.

Total Expenses (Incl. Annual Service Fee) (31/12/2023)	36 Months			12 Months		
	Class A	Class B1	Class R	Class A	Class B1	Class R
Total Expense Ratio (TER) Incl. VAT	1.61%	1.20%	1.26%	1.59%	1.19%	1.25%
Transaction Cost (TC)	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
Total Investment Charge	1.70%	1.29%	1.35%	1.68%	1.28%	1.34%

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TER is a historic measure of the impact the deduction of management and operating costs has on a fund's value. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER, which includes the annual service fee, may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TERs. Transaction Cost (TC) is a necessary cost in administering the fund and impacts fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.



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