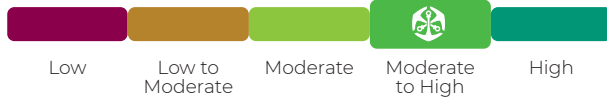




# OLD MUTUAL FLEXIBLE FUND

## FUND INFORMATION

### RISK PROFILE



### RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT TERM



### BENCHMARK:

CPI

### PERFORMANCE TARGET:

CPI + 5% to 7% p.a. (net of fees)

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

### RISK OBJECTIVE:

Lower volatility than the equity market.

### ASISA CATEGORY:

South African – Multi-Asset – Flexible

### FUND MANAGER(S):

Zain Wilson  
(Old Mutual Investment Group)

### LAUNCH DATE:

20/08/1996

### SIZE OF FUND:

R6.0bn

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

Date	Dividend	Interest	Total	Total %
31/12/2024	9.21c	14.90c	24.11c	1.00%
30/06/2024	9.52c	16.45c	25.96c	1.15%

\* Class A fund distributions

### TAX REFERENCE NUMBER:

0114/802/32/5

CODES	JSE	ISIN
<b>Class A</b>	OMFFA	ZAE000097440
<b>Class B1</b>	OMFB1	ZAE000171104
<b>Class R</b>	OMFX	ZAE000020681

### FUND OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to deliver long-term equity-like returns, but at lower levels of volatility than equity. The fund will predominantly invest in shares, but the portfolio manager can invest in less risky asset classes when they offer better value.

### WHO IS THIS FUND FOR?

This fund is suited to investors who want high long-term capital growth, but also want some protection against short-term fluctuations of the equity market. The fund is suitable for long-term savings outside a retirement fund.

### INVESTMENT MANDATE

There are no restrictions on the asset holdings of this fund, except that a maximum of 45% (including Africa) of its portfolio may be invested offshore. The fund invests in money markets, bonds, property and shares. Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes.

### REGULATION 28 COMPLIANCE

The fund aims to achieve long-term inflation-beating growth, and therefore may hold a higher allocation to equities than what is allowed in terms of Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act. This fund is therefore not Regulation 28 compliant.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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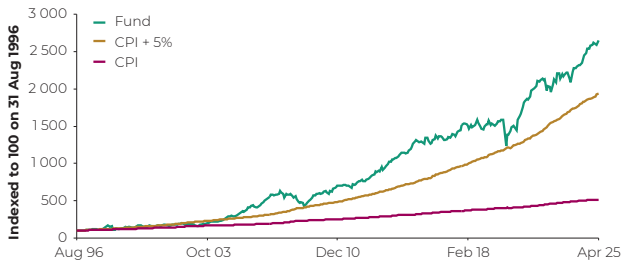
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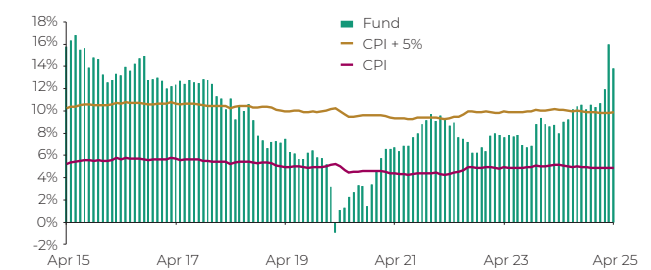
## FUND PERFORMANCE AS AT 30/04/2025

### 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)	14.3%	7.8%	13.8%	8.3%	7.2%	12.1%
Fund (Class A) <sup>2</sup>	13.9%	7.4%	13.4%	7.9%	6.9%	-
Fund (Class B1) <sup>3</sup>	14.4%	7.8%	13.9%	8.3%	7.3%	-
Benchmark*	2.8%	5.1%	4.9%	4.7%	4.9%	5.9%

\* 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.

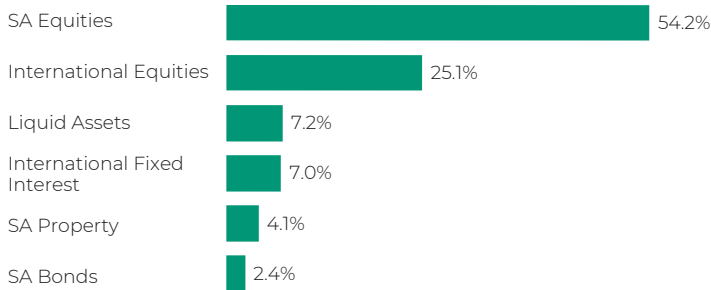
Rolling 12-Month Return	Highest	Average	Lowest
Fund (Since Inception)	54.0%	12.9%	-26.9%

Risk Statistics (Since Inception)	
Maximum Drawdown	-35.6%
Months to Recover	17
% Positive Months	62.5%
Annual Standard Deviation	14.4%
Sharpe Ratio	0.26

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

## FUND COMPOSITION

### ASSET & PERCENTAGE ALLOCATION



### PRINCIPAL HOLDINGS AS AT 31/03/2025

Holding	% of Fund
Standard Bank Structured Note 18	5.4%
Newgold Issuer Ltd	4.4%
Naspers Ltd	4.4%
Prosus NV	3.8%
FirstRand Ltd	3.3%
Nedbank Group Ltd	2.5%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	2.4%
Bidcorp Group	2.1%
Anheuser Busch Inbev SA NV	2.1%
Anglo American Plc	2.0%



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## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS COMMENTARY AS AT 31/03/2025

OLD MUTUAL INVESTMENT GROUP



**ZAIN WILSON**

- BBusSc Economics, CFA
- 15 years of investment experience

Relative to the end of 2024, the first quarter of 2025 marked a significant reversal of market expectations, as trade tensions dominated market sentiment after the Trump administration implemented wide-ranging tariffs targeting China, which extended to the US' traditional allies. US markets struggled, with the S&P 500 falling 4.6% and NASDAQ declining 10.4% in dollars, its worst start since 2018. US economic data showed cooling trends, with the Atlanta Fed GDPNow projecting a US real GDP quarter one contraction of 2.8% at the end of March.

In contrast, European and Chinese markets showed strength, with Europe and China up 10.7% and 15.0% (in dollars) year-to-date, respectively. Fiscal stimulus emerged as a surprise catalyst for European markets, as Germany announced a €500 billion infrastructure fund and increased defence spending, breaking previous fiscal rules. China also implemented stimulus, including wage increases for government workers and expanded consumer programmes. Noteworthy was that emerging markets outperformed developed markets for the first time since 2017, with the quarterly return of MSCI EM of +2.4% outpacing that of MSCI World, which delivered -2.1% (in US dollars).

Volatility in the global tech sector intensified when Chinese AI startup DeepSeek released its cost-effective language model, triggering concerns about AI pricing. NVIDIA shares plunged approximately 20%, spreading weakness across the semiconductor sector.

Commodities emerged as top performers over the quarter, with gold breaking through US\$3 000 to reach historic highs (+19% year-to-date). Copper gained 25% in quarter one, while Brent crude rose to US\$77.2/bbl. The US dollar weakened significantly with DXY down 3.2% in March, as the euro strengthened 4.3% on fiscal stimulus announcements.

Domestically, the key policy news was that the budget failed to receive a GNU consensus, with the ANC and DA continuing to negotiate to reach a deal. In March, the MPC kept the key policy rate at 7.5%, as expected. However, the tone of the meeting was more balanced compared to its hawkish view in January.

In terms of domestic market performance, South African equities outperformed all asset classes with a total return of +5.9% year-to-date (in rand). Resources (+27.9%) significantly outperformed industrials, which returned +3.1%, while South African financials recorded a loss of 2%. Within resources, precious metals showed exceptional gains (+58.5% year-to-date), with companies like Harmony (+77%), Gold Fields (+67%), AngloGold (+67%) and Implats (+43%) delivering outstanding returns. South African equity laggards included energy (-13.9%), followed by consumer discretionary (-9.9%) and industrials (-8.3%). South African bonds only managed to eke out a total return of +0.7%, while property lost 3.5% over the quarter.

The fund delivered a flat return over the quarter. This was a respectable outcome in a period that saw a significant reversal of market expectations relative to the end of 2024, highlighting the value of a multi-asset approach. US markets struggled, with the S&P 500 falling 4.6% and NASDAQ declining 10.4% in dollars, its worst start since 2018. Domestic asset classes saw wide dispersion. Save for precious metals delivering a stellar 59% year-to-date, returns from domestic facing assets were more muted on the back of concerns around the future of the GNU. Over five years, the fund has delivered good real returns, more than 11% when adjusted for inflation.

Over the quarter, the fund increased its underweight on highly priced growth assets in the US. These have benefitted from American exceptionalism on one hand, and a lack of growth in the rest of the world. While many of these are fantastic businesses, they are priced to perfection and assume a status quo into perpetuity.

The shift in policy by the Trump administration towards more adversarial trade policy, alongside tighter fiscal discipline, is ultimately harmful for these companies, as well as their consumers. Meanwhile, China and Europe have taken steps towards more growth supportive economic policy. We think this requires a reset in relative valuations. While Trump may very easily backtrack on some of his announcements, accepting concessions from trade partners, the damage to business and consumer confidence means that planned investment and discretionary spend is likely to be delayed.

The fund exited positions in Japanese banks, as well as domestic bonds. Both contributed positive to the fund over the last year, but have increasingly become popular trades, limiting further upside. Proceeds were used to add to the fund's gold exposure, domestic equity, and increasing the funds cash weight. Gold remains a core holding in the fund, providing a counterbalance to our zero weight in global bonds and underweight in traditionally defensive dollar cash. Domestically, the fund's weight in locally listed shares is the highest it has been in several years. These shares remain attractively priced, and we expect to back end of the 2020's to be a more supportive for growth than past 15 years as some of the physical and network infrastructure bottlenecks in South Africa are unwound.

Looking forward, we expect volatility to remain a feature of 2025. Policy settings, whether it be global trade relations, or monetary and fiscal policy, are set to remain front and center and will set the foundation for the conditions in which businesses and countries operate over the next decade. The environment requires cool heads, ample diversification, and the clarity to act decisively when opportunities present themselves. The fund is well positioned, with a preference for non-US assets, value and ample cash to buy assets at what we expect to be bargain prices.

Source: Old Mutual Investment Group as at 31/03/2025

## OTHER INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

### 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) (31/12/2024)	36 Months			12 Months		
	Class A	Class B1	Class R	Class A	Class B1	Class R
Total Expense Ratio (TER) Incl. VAT	1.62%	1.21%	1.27%	1.62%	1.22%	1.28%
Transaction Cost (TC)	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%
Total Investment Charge	1.74%	1.33%	1.39%	1.75%	1.35%	1.41%

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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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## MINIMUM INVESTMENTS

Monthly: R500  
Lump sum: R10 000  
Ad hoc: R500 (in addition to your monthly or lump sum investment)

### LOW BALANCE CHARGE

Effective from 31 March 2025, a Prescribed Minimum Balance of R10 000 per fund per investment contract will apply. Failure to maintain the Prescribed Minimum Balance in any such fund will result in a Low Balance Charge\* of R30 per month excluding VAT being incurred. However, if there is an existing monthly debit order of a minimum of R500 into each underlying fund within your investment contract, the Low Balance Charge will not apply. Please refer to the [link for a full disclosure](#) on how the Low Balance Charge will apply to your investments.

\* This charge will not apply if investing via investment platforms such as Old Mutual Wealth.

### INITIAL CHARGES (Excl. VAT):

Initial adviser fee will be between 0% and 3.00%.

## DISCLOSURES

**We aim to treat our clients fairly by giving you the information you need in as simple a way as possible, to enable you to make informed decisions about your investments.**

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