



# 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):

Jason Swartz, Meryl Pick & Siboniso Nxumalo  
(Old Mutual Investment Group)

### LAUNCH DATE:

01/03/1994

### SIZE OF FUND:

R28.4bn

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

Date	Dividend	Interest	Total	Total %
31/12/2025	5.67c	8.54c	14.20c	0.55%
30/06/2025	12.93c	15.84c	28.78c	1.22%

\* Class A fund distributions

### TAX REFERENCE NUMBER:

1062/110/25/7

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

### 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

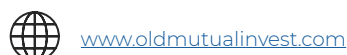
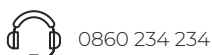
The fund is exposed to all sectors of the market (shares, bonds and property) and may gain exposure to foreign assets up to a maximum of 45% of its portfolio. Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes.

### 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

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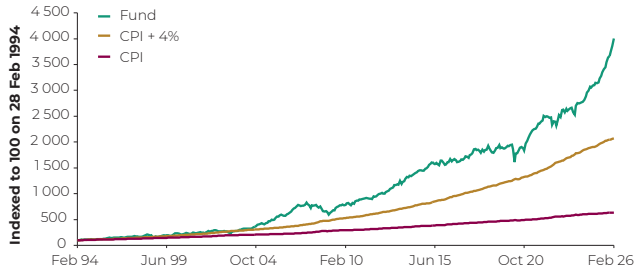




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## FUND PERFORMANCE AS AT 28/02/2026

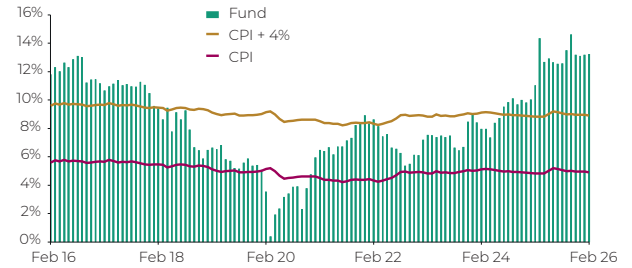
### PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION



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)	27.6%	15.1%	13.2%	11.4%	9.8%	12.2%
Fund (Class A) <sup>2</sup>	27.2%	14.7%	12.8%	11.0%	9.4%	-
Fund (Class B1) <sup>3</sup>	27.7%	15.1%	13.3%	11.5%	9.9%	-
Benchmark*	3.5%	4.0%	4.9%	4.6%	4.7%	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.

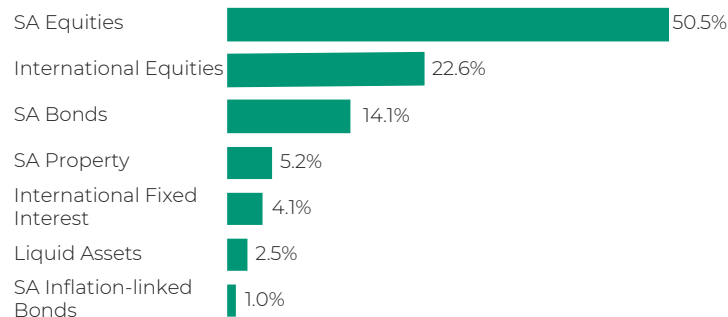
Rolling 12-Month Return	Highest	Average	Lowest
Fund (Since Inception)	45.5%	12.4%	-23.2%

Risk Statistics (Since Inception)	
Maximum Drawdown	-29.1%
Months to Recover	17
% Positive Months	66.7%
Annual Standard Deviation	11.8%
Sharpe Ratio	0.30

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

## FUND COMPOSITION

### ASSET & PERCENTAGE ALLOCATION



### PRINCIPAL HOLDINGS AS AT 31/12/2025

Holding	% of Fund
FirstRand Ltd	4.0%
R2037 8.50% 31/01/2037	3.6%
Naspers Ltd	3.5%
Gold Fields Ltd	3.4%
Newgold Issuer Ltd	3.1%
AngloGold Ashanti Plc	2.8%
R2040 9.00% 31/01/2040	2.6%
R213 7.00% 28/02/2031	2.5%
R2044 8.75% 31/01/2044	2.5%
Valterra Platinum Ltd	1.9%



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## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS COMMENTARY AS AT 31/12/2025

OLD MUTUAL INVESTMENT GROUP



### JASON SWARTZ

- MBusSci (Finance), CFA Charterholder
- 25 years of investment experience



### MERYL PICK

- BScEng (Chem), MBA
- 21 years of investment experience



### SIBONISO NXUMALO

- BCom (Hons), MBA (UCT)
- 20 years of investment experience

Global equities closed 2025 on a strong note, with quarter four adding to an already impressive year. In US dollar terms, global stocks rose 22.9% for the year, supported by resilient corporate earnings and easing inflationary pressures. While mega-cap technology initially led the rally, leadership broadened in the final quarter, signalling healthier market breadth. The S&P 500 delivered roughly 2.3% in US dollar in quarter four and 18% for 2025. Non-US equities outperformed, continuing the reversal of a decade-long trend. The MSCI All Country World ex-US ended up 4.7% in US dollar in quarter four, and 33% over 2025, despite tariff-related uncertainties earlier in the year. This shift underscores renewed investor appetite for diversification beyond US markets.

A key driver of risk assets was the global rate environment. The US Federal Reserve delivered its third consecutive 25 basis points cut in December, bringing the federal funds rate to 3.50%-3.75%. While Federal Open Market Committee minutes revealed a split committee, the prevailing narrative of a "soft landing" and data-dependent approach buoyed sentiment. Lower rates pressured the dollar, boosting flows into emerging markets and supporting non-US equities.

Precious metals were standout performers in quarter four. Gold repeatedly set record highs in December, surpassing US\$4 500/oz intraday, driven by haven demand, central bank buying, and declining real rates. Silver and platinum mirrored this strength, reinforcing the "debasement trade". Late-year

US dollar weakness and thin liquidity amplified these moves, making metals one of the quarter's most compelling stories.

Domestically, the backdrop was equally constructive. A positive November budget, National Treasury's formal move toward a lower inflation target, and incremental progress on infrastructure bottlenecks, complemented global tailwinds. South African bonds and the rand capped stellar years, with the 10-year yield at 8.4% and the rand strengthening to 16.59 against the US dollar.

While growth remains uneven, encouraging signs emerged: quarter three GDP grew 2.1%, inflation surprised positively, and lower energy prices improved sentiment. South African equities rallied strongly, gaining 9.5% in rand terms and 13.6% in US dollar terms in quarter four. Notably, financials staged a sharp re-rating from depressed valuations, signalling early signs of market breadth beyond resource counters.

Looking back at the full calendar year, South African assets stood out in a global context. In rand terms, domestic bonds delivered equity-like returns of 24%, property 30%, and equities 43%. In US dollar terms, the outperformance of domestic assets versus global peers was more pronounced thanks to rand strength in excess of 10% against the dollar over the year.

After adding to the fund's broad global equity exposure throughout 2025 (on account of an improving global economic momentum and

limited impact from trade tensions), the fund continued to increase its exposure to global assets in quarter four but into assets outside of developed market equity. Here the fund added exposure to African fixed income, where a weaker dollar and Fed cuts offer global tailwinds, and attractive real yields and continued disinflation to drive yield compression further. The fund has also added to its emerging market (EM) equity exposure, where our outlook includes an enduring theme of fading US exceptionalism with an accompanying recovery in EMs.

Domestically, the fund has benefitted from the sustained rally in domestic bonds and listed property over the quarter, where we held 15.4% and 5.0% of fund (on average), respectively. Within local equity, the fund initiated positions in Tiger Brands, OUTsurance and Pepkor, which are all businesses we believe can deliver attractive returns irrespective of the market backdrop driven by company specific strategies. The fund reduced its exposure to Naspers/Prosus after a strong performance and sold down the Mr Price holding after a disappointing European acquisition.

Longer term, valuations continue to highlight attractive opportunities in local assets and global assets outside of the US. The cyclical environment points towards a weaker US dollar, stronger commodities, and a recovery in EMs. We expect this to benefit South African and non-US assets at a high level and remain invested as such.

Source: Old Mutual Investment Group as at 31/12/2025

## 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) (31/12/2025)	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%	1.61%	1.21%	1.26%
Transaction Cost (TC)	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%
Total Investment Charge	1.73%	1.32%	1.38%	1.77%	1.37%	1.42%

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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.**

- We believe in the value of sound advice and so recommend that you consult a financial planner before buying or selling unit trusts. You may, however, buy and sell without the help of a financial planner. If you do use a planner, we remind you that they are entitled to certain negotiable planner fees or commissions.
- Investments in unit trusts should ideally be a medium- to long-term strategy that takes cognisance of the Recommended Investment Term of each individual fund as stipulated in its Minimum Disclosure Document. A fund's or an investment strategy's ability to provide benchmark performance, or to achieve its performance target over its Recommended Investment Term on a net of fee basis may be impacted by market illiquidity, differences in fund and market pricing points, concentration risk and other local (and where applicable global) events, such as market- and political developments, macro-economic factors and healthcare risks such as Covid-19, amongst others. Your fund value may therefore go up or down and the investment capital or return on your investment is not guaranteed. How a fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.
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- Our cut-off time for client instructions (e.g. buying and selling) is at 15:00 each working day for all our funds, except for our money market funds, where the cut-off is at 12:30.
- The valuation time is set at 15:00 each working day for all our funds, excluding our money market funds which is at 13:00, to determine the daily ruling price (other than at month-end when we value the Old Mutual Index Funds and Multi-Managed Fund of Funds range at 17:00 close). Daily prices are available on the public website and in the media.
- Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices, may borrow to fund client disinvestments and may engage in scrip lending. The daily ruling price is based on the current market value of the fund's assets plus income minus expenses (NAV of the portfolio) divided by the number of units on issue.
- Excessive daily withdrawals from the fund may place the fund under liquidity pressures. In such circumstances a process of ring-fencing of withdrawal instructions and/or managed payouts over time may be followed.
- This fund holds assets in foreign countries and therefore it may have risks regarding liquidity, the repatriation of funds, political and macroeconomic situations, foreign exchange, tax, settlement, and the availability of information.
- The Net Asset Value to Net Asset Value figures are used for the performance calculations. The performance quoted is for a lump sum investment. The performance calculation includes income distributions prior to the deduction of taxes and distributions are reinvested on the ex-dividend date. Performances may differ as a result of actual initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. Annualised returns are the weighted average compound growth rates over the performance period measured. Performances are in ZAR and as at 28 February 2026. Source: Morningstar.

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