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The Paris 2024 Olympic Games have officially concluded with a spectacular closing ceremony. We witnessed the incredible dedication and meticulous planning required to achieve greatness. Much like the journey of an Olympic athlete, our financial goals require focus, long-term planning, and unwavering commitment.

We are particularly inspired by South African athlete Akani Simbine, whose recent performance at the Olympic Games showcased his incredible talent and dedication. By breaking the national record in the 100m, Simbine came very close to medalling in the men's 100 meters and excelled in the men's relay with his team, winning silver. He has undoubtedly solidified his status as one of the world's top sprinters. His unwavering pursuit of excellence and remarkable achievements leading up to the Games serve as a testament to what can be accomplished through goal setting and perseverance.

In the same way that Simbine prepares meticulously for his races, our approach to financial planning involves setting clear goals, staying focused, and making strategic investments to ensure long-term success. We believe that with the right mindset and dedication, we can help you achieve your financial aspirations, no matter how ambitious they may be.

We hope you find this edition of our newsletter both informative and inspiring. As always, we are here to support you on your financial journey.

Let's look at the last quarter's most notable events:

THE ELECTIONS

The elections have ushered in notable changes to South Africa's political landscape with the announcement of a Government of National Unity (GNU), which is said to potentially provide a more collaborative and inclusive approach. President Ramaphosa was returned as president of South Africa with the election of speaker and deputy already showing strong signs that the GNU is not only talk but translating promises into tangible actions.

Now that the subsequent announcement of the cabinet has been made, this shift towards a strong coalition is already fostering stability and boosting market confidence. The market's positive response has been immediate, reflecting increased investor confidence and a more optimistic economic outlook.

This collaborative government aims to boost economic growth and improve livelihoods, with significant private sector involvement in reducing logistical and structural constraints. The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) notes that growth could have been higher in previous years with the current political and policy stability. Structural changes, such as fiscal consolidation and reforms addressing issues like Eskom, are already underway.

South African investors have reason to celebrate as local assets surged recently amid the inauguration of the GNU. Can it revive investor confidence, often referred to as "animal spirits", which is crucial for economic dynamism? Our Chief Strategist, Izak Odendaal, writes on this and asset class performance, debt-to-GDP ratios, inflation, interest rates, and equity valuations in global markets.

YOUTH MONTH

As we reflect on Youth Day, it is crucial to underscore the significance of financial literacy and planning for the youth. Considering the recent elections, engaging young South Africans in the political process is vital. Empowering them to take charge of their financial futures is equally if not more essential. By encouraging the youth to plan and invest wisely, we not only secure their individual futures but also bolster South Africa's overall economic stability and growth.

GLOBAL NEWS

President Joe Biden recently announced his exit from the 2024 presidential race due to pressure from Democratic Party leaders and health concerns. Joe Biden endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris as Democratic Party nominee. His economic agenda, including historic investments in green technologies and infrastructure, is set to have a lasting impact. While focusing on climate initiatives, US oil and gas production has reached record highs, ensuring economic stability and energy security.

THANK YOU

We appreciate your continued support in Old Mutual Unit Trusts. I am confident that our partnership will continue to thrive. Your patience and commitment are invaluable as we work together towards achieving greater success. Here's to a future filled with shared prosperity and continued growth.

Kerwyn



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



In celebration of World Environment Day on 6 June, at Old Mutual Unit Trusts, we reaffirm our commitment to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles within our investment strategies. We believe in the importance of responsible investing, integrating ESG considerations into our portfolio management processes to promote sustainable practices and positive societal impact. By aligning our investments with these principles, we not only aim to generate long-term financial returns for our

investors but also contribute to a greener, more sustainable future. Let us continue to prioritise investments that support environmental stewardship and social responsibility, ensuring a brighter tomorrow for generations to come. Gontse Tsatsi unpacks our ESG offering and sheds some light on responsible investing.

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INTRODUCING THE **TWO-POT RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND ELIGIBILITY TOOL**

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Two-Pot Eligibility Tool, available on the Old Mutual Wealth and Unit Trusts secure client website.

The tool is a new feature on the Old Mutual Wealth and Unit Trusts secure client website. To access it, you need to be registered on the secure website. Once you are logged in, and if you have retirement investments, you will see the new TWO-POT ELIGIBILITY tab. The ability to do a withdrawal transaction will go live after 1 September 2024, once the legislation is in force.

Remember, withdrawals from your Savings Pot are intended for emergencies only, subject to deductions such as pending SARS IT88 orders and applicable taxes.

PRESERVATION PROVIDENT FUND MEMBERS

If you're an Old Mutual Wealth Preservation Provident Fund member who was 55 years or older on 1 March 2021 and you want to participate in the Two-Pot system, you will need to opt in from 1 September 2024. The opt-in opportunity expires after 12 months on 31 August 2025. We will soon communicate directly with affected clients about the process of opting in.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?



To ensure you can effectively manage your Old Mutual Unit Trusts financial solutions, please register on the Old Mutual Wealth and Unit Trusts secure client website and keep your personal information updated.

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CELEBRATING NEW BEGINNINGS: A SNAPSHOT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S RECENT ELECTIONS



It's no secret that as a country, we've witnessed some significant political shifts following the recent national elections, culminating in the formation of our GNU. In essence, these developments, new appointments to the Speakers of parliament etc. signal a fresh approach to legislative governance, emphasising transparency and accountability.

For investors navigating these changes, maintaining optimism and resilience in your investments is important. Despite uncertainties, the GNU's commitment to economic

reforms and inclusive governance bodes well for long-term stability. As we navigate this new political landscape, Old Mutual's economics expert, Jason Swartz, provides valuable insights in his latest podcast.

[Click here to listen and gain expert perspectives on navigating economic opportunities amidst political transitions.](#)





EXPLORING SHARI'AH FUNDS AT OLD MUTUAL UNIT TRUSTS

At Old Mutual Unit Trusts, we continue to offer a range of Shari'ah-compliant funds tailored to meet the ethical and financial preferences of our investors. These funds are meticulously crafted to adhere to Islamic finance principles, ensuring investments are aligned with Shari'ah law. Notably, our Shari'ah funds have consistently delivered competitive returns while maintaining ethical standards, earning recognition and accolades in the industry.

According to Citywire, 24 May 2024, the US\$188m (R3.49bn) Old Mutual Global Islamic Equity Fund came out tops in

performance over one-, three-, five- and seven-year periods in the Alexander Forbes Shari'ah Manager Watch for periods ended April 2024. The fund, managed by Citywire plus-rated Maahir Jakoet and Fawaz Fakier, benefited from large holdings of US mega-cap tech stocks, such as Meta Platforms, Alphabet, Microsoft, Apple and Nvidia.

[Read more about our Shari'ah funds' investment process here.](#)



EMBRACE SUSTAINABILITY: SAVINGS MONTH

As we reflect on Savings Month celebrated in July, we at Old Mutual Unit Trusts continue to emphasise the importance of financial responsibility and sustainable investing. Integrating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles into our investment strategies ensures that your investments not only aim for financial growth but also contribute positively to societal and governance standards.

Savings Month encourages informed financial decisions for long-term prosperity. At Old Mutual Unit Trusts, we empower you to make sustainable investment choices that align with your values and financial goals. Explore our range of ESG-focused investment opportunities and discover how you can invest responsibly while achieving financial success.



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INTRODUCING THE OLD MUTUAL GLOBAL MANAGED ALPHA EQUITY FEEDER FUND

We are excited to announce that the Old Mutual Global Managed Alpha Fund, rated five-star by Morningstar, is now available to unit trusts investors as the Old Mutual Global Managed Alpha Equity Feeder Fund. The Old Mutual Global Managed Alpha Equity Feeder Fund is a unique addition to Old Mutual's range of global unit trust funds as it offers exposure to **both** developed and emerging markets. The fund is run by Old Mutual Investment Group's expert South African investment team, including co-portfolio managers Warren Mcleod and Reza Fakie, and Mario Fisher, Head of Investment Research.

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