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:

R26.5bn

DISTRIBUTIONS: (Half-yearly)*

Date	Dividend	Interest	Total	Total %
30/06/2026	13.69c	11.06c	24.76c	0.94%
31/12/2025	5.67c	8.54c	14.20c	0.55%

* Class A fund distributions

TAX REFERENCE NUMBER:

1062/110/25/7

CODES	JSE	ISIN
Class A	OMBFA	ZAE000097424
Class B1	OMBB1	ZAE000171096
Class R	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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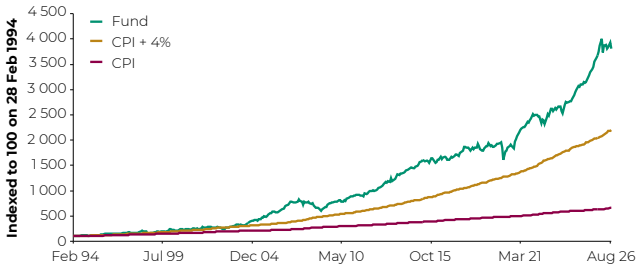
FUND PERFORMANCE AS AT 30/09/2026

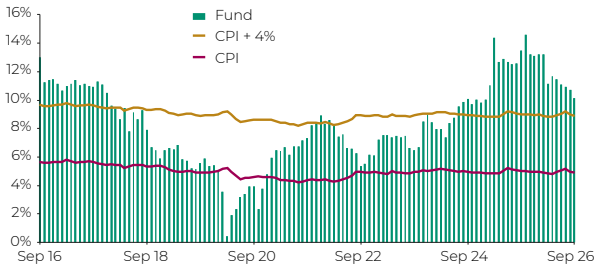
PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION



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[1]
Fund (Class R)	7.5%	14.0%	10.1%	10.5%	8.7%	11.8%
Fund (Class A)[2]	7.1%	13.6%	9.8%	10.1%	8.4%	-
Fund (Class B1)[3]	7.6%	14.0%	10.2%	10.5%	8.8%	-
Benchmark*	4.4%	4.0%	4.9%	4.6%	4.6%	5.9%

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

[1] Performance since inception of the fund.

[2] Inception: 30 June 2007.

[3] 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.

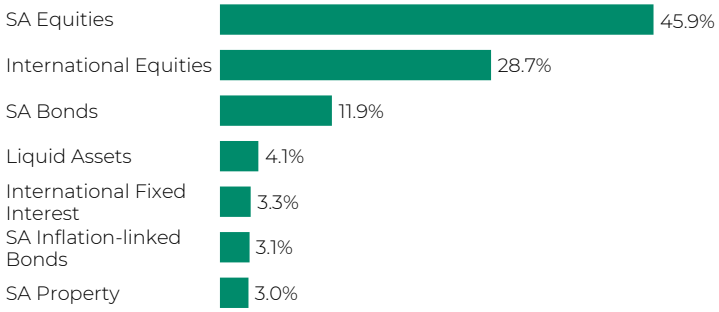
Rolling 12-Month Return	Highest	Average	Lowest
Fund (Since Inception)	45.5%	12.4%	-23.2%

Risk Statistics (Since Inception)	
Maximum Drawdown	-29.1%
Months to Recover	17
% Positive Months	66.5%
Annual Standard Deviation	11.8%

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

FUND COMPOSITION

ASSET & PERCENTAGE ALLOCATION



PRINCIPAL HOLDINGS

Holding	% of Fund
Newgold Issuer Ltd	4.4%
R2044 8.75% 31/01/2044	3.2%
Naspers Ltd	3.1%
Gold Fields Ltd	2.8%
R2037 8.50% 31/01/2037	2.5%
FirstRand Ltd	2.2%
AngloGold Ashanti Plc	2.1%
R2040 9.00% 31/01/2040	2.1%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	1.9%
Glencore Plc	1.8%

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS COMMENTARY

OLD MUTUAL INVESTMENT GROUP

JASON SWARTZ
- MBusSci (Finance), CFA Charterholder
- 26 years of investment experience

MERYL PICK
- BScEng (Chem), MBA
- 22 years of investment experience

SIBONISO NXUMALO
- BCom (Hons), MBA (UCT)
- 21 years of investment experience

The Middle East war and its inflation fallout dominated the quarter. Brent crude returned above US$100 a barrel, European gas stayed above €70/MWh for most of September, and Washington announced a fresh wave of tariffs. A global bond sell-off intensified through the quarter as oil, hawkish central banks and heavy government issuance collided. The US 10-year Treasury yield rose from about 4.4% at the start of the quarter to 5.27% at its peak, its highest level since 2007. Bond yields around the world rose: 10-year yields in Japan, Germany and the UK reached their highest levels since 1996, 2011 and 2007 respectively. Central bank policy turned decisively hawkish. The US Federal Reserve (Fed) held in July but hiked by 25 basis points to 3.75%-4% in September, a unanimous decision and the first hike under new Fed Chair Kevin Warsh. The Bank of Japan and the European Central Bank also hiked rates, while the Bank of England held at 3.75%. The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) raised its repo rate to 7.25%, citing inflation above its 3% target, rising global rates and intensifying oil price pressure.

Despite rising long-dated bond yields and hawkish central banks, global equities remained buoyant, supported by resilient earnings. In rand terms, they returned 1.7% over the quarter, outperforming global bonds (-2.4%), local equities (-0.3%) and local bonds (-0.7%). Within local asset classes, cash and inflation-linked bonds outperformed local bonds and equities. Local equities fell marginally over the quarter, but this masked considerable volatility, especially in mining shares. Precious metal miners rallied strongly in August on higher gold and platinum prices, then fell sharply in September. Outside the resource sector, weakness was broad-based, with index heavyweight Naspers falling sharply on weakness in Tencent. The rand and bonds weakened during the quarter as rising global yields and oil prices took their toll with the South African 10-year bond yield rising from 8.4% to 9%.

Within South African equities, resource holdings contributed significantly to the fund's quarterly return. Gold and platinum holdings benefitted from stronger precious metal prices, while our overweight positions in Sasol and Glencore supported relative performance. Our overweight position in Mondi also helped, with its shares up about 19%. However, positive returns did not always translate into benchmark outperformance. The fund's average allocations to gold and platinum were below benchmark weights, and positioning within these sectors also mattered. Clothing retailers were the largest relative detractor, with our overweight holdings in Woolworths, Truworths and The Foschini Group declining sharply. Overweight positions in food producers Tiger Brands and Premier Foods also detracted. Overweight positions in AB InBev and British American Tobacco also weighed on returns. Our combined Naspers/Prosus holding and MTN were significant detractors from absolute performance.

During the quarter, we increased existing positions in Clicks, Prosus, Naspers and MTN, taking advantage of weaker share prices to buy exceptional businesses at more attractive valuations. These companies meet our definition of underappreciated quality: strong competitive positions, valuable brands or platforms, and the ability to generate cash and reinvest for long term growth. Underappreciation arises when near term concerns overshadow these enduring strengths, creating opportunities to buy businesses at prices that underestimate their long-term potential. Our largest net sales included AngloGold Ashanti, Glencore, Anglo American and Richemont. After the strong commodity rally, we marginally reduced our commodities exposure. Within gold, we also adjusted the mix of our holdings, reducing AngloGold Ashanti while adding to Gold Fields and Harmony.

Overall, stock selection within South African equities drove the fund's third quarter performance, with asset allocation having a smaller impact. The negative selection is South African equities was partially offset by our positive selection in global equities, and to a lesser extent, by our selection in local bonds. In asset allocation, our underweight to global equity detracted modestly, as solid earnings supported global equities despite sharply higher bond yields. The marginal overweight to South African equity also detracted from performance, with local equities lagging both cash and inflation-linked bonds. Gold, which weighed on performance last quarter, made a positive contribution despite a pullback in September. Our underweight allocation to global bonds also added value as yields rose across markets.

A strong rand at the end of August gave us an attractive entry point to add global exposure, which was funded from South African interest-rate-sensitive assets given our view of the impact of higher inflation risk to the local rate outlook. We added to emerging market equities via a fundamentally weighted (RAFI) index, which reduces reliance on Taiwan and semiconductors and adds value and income exposure through a diversified EM basket. Within global cash, we added protection against further Rand weakness by rolling down our currency derivative structure and reduced our US dollar concentration by reallocating part of our offshore cash exposure to the yen and Swiss franc. The US dollar remains a core defensive holding, but spreading exposure across currencies that have historically held up in risk-off periods makes the fund more robust across a wider range of outcomes.

Looking ahead to year-end, oil prices, inflation and central banks' policy responses will be the key forces shaping markets. Higher yields, however, mean fixed income now offers more income than at the start of the quarter, both globally and in South Africa. Domestically, the rand and the SARB's response to oil-driven inflation will have a significant bearing on local assets.

Source: Old Mutual Investment Group as at 30/09/2026

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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.

	36 Months			12 Months		
Total Expenses (Incl. Annual Service Fee) (30/06/2026)	Class A	Class B1	Class R	Class A	Class B1	Class R
Total Expense Ratio (TER) Incl. VAT	1.60%	1.20%	1.26%	1.60%	1.20%	1.25%
Transaction Cost (TC)	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%
Total Investment Charge	1.74%	1.34%	1.40%	1.79%	1.39%	1.44%

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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.

MINIMUM INVESTMENTS

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 R31 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%.

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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.
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- The fund fees and costs that we charge for managing your investment are disclosed in this Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD) and in the table of fees and charges, both of which are available on our public website or from our contact centre.
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- 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 30 September 2026. Source: Morningstar.

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