



OLDMUTUAL

# PENSIONS OPTIPLUS

INCREASE  
ANNOUNCEMENT 2026



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## OLD MUTUAL CORPORATE ANNUITY FUNDS

The Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Limited (OMLAC(SA)) Board has approved the following Pensions OptiPlus increases, effective for increase dates from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026:

PROFIT CATEGORY	PRI <sup>1</sup>	2026 INCREASE <sup>2</sup>	CPI <sup>3</sup>
I	3.5%	8.0%	3.4%
II	4.0%	7.4%	
III	4.5%	6.8%	
IV	5.0%	6.1%	
V	5.5%	5.5%	
VI	6.0%	4.9%	
VII	6.5%	4.3%	
VIII	7.0%	3.7%	
IX	7.5%	3.1%	
X	8.0%	2.5%	

1. Post-retirement Interest rate.

2. Applicable to Pensions OptiPlus annuitants only.

3. Headline CPI year-on-year figure for September 2025.

This note provides an understanding of the factors considered in the declaration of the increases. It also provides some insight into the investment markets leading up to the declaration and the security of Old Mutual's Corporate with-profit annuity range.

Communication to individual annuitants will be distributed during the month in which their increase becomes effective.



In support of improved disclosure on the management of your Pensions OptiPlus investment, the following reports are available in respect of Old Mutual Corporate's with-profit annuity portfolios (which include Pensions OptiPlus):

- With-Profit Annuities Disclosure Report
- Principles and Practices of Financial Management (PPFM)

The above Pensions OptiPlus reports are available on Old Mutual's website at:  
[www.oldmutual.co.za/corporate/pensions-optiplus](http://www.oldmutual.co.za/corporate/pensions-optiplus)

# 1. INVESTMENT MARKETS IN PERSPECTIVE

Pensions OptiPlus increases applicable in 2026 are based primarily on investment returns for the year from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025 (the investment year).

Pensions OptiPlus assets are split between a matched Interest-Bearing Asset (IBA) portfolio and a portfolio of growth assets. The performance of this growth asset portfolio, together with the locked-in yields (LIY) on the matched IBA portfolio is used to support the declared increases.

The table below specifically outlines the gross investment returns per asset class for the period ended 30 September 2025 for Pensions OptiPlus. They are for one-year and three-year periods. In addition, the actual asset allocation as at 30 September 2025, aggregated across the whole Pensions OptiPlus investment portfolio is also shown:

	ONE-YEAR RETURNS	THREE-YEAR RETURNS ANNUALISED	ASSET ALLOCATION
Local Interest-Bearing Assets	6.8%	7.6%	1.1%
Global Interest-Bearing Assets	0.3%	1.1%	0.5%
Local Equities	26.0%	19.8%	12.1%
Global Equities	15.3%	20.4%	18.6%
Local Property	11.9%	9.6%	6.9%
Local Alternatives	12.8%	20.2%	7.9%
Global Alternatives	3.9%	0.3%	4.8%
African Equities	43.5%	23.2%	0.8%
<b>Total Growth Portfolio</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>52.7%</b>
Matched Portfolio	10.7%	10.7%	47.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The return shown for the Matched Portfolio is the average LIY over the relevant period. This LIY is available for increases from the matched assets over the policy term, irrespective of actual market returns on this portion of the portfolio over the short term.

## 2. INCREASE DECLARATION RELATIVE TO INVESTMENT RETURNS

The bonus smoothing reserves (BSRs) for Pensions OptiPlus as at 30 September 2024 and 2025 were within the following bands:

DATE	ST-BSR	LT-BSR
30 September 2024	0% to 5%	-5% to 0%
30 September 2025	0% to 5%	0% to 5%

The long-term BSR (LT-BSR) is the difference between the value of the cash flows that are matched, and the market value of those matching assets. This difference is released gradually over the full lifetime of the annuitants.

The short-term BSR (ST-BSR) is the difference between the value of the remaining liabilities and the market value of the remaining assets.

It is useful to review how the ST-BSR changed over the period, as a result of the experience over the investment year and the impact of the declared increases. The table below outlines how the ST-BSR movements can be estimated for the Pensions OptiPlus portfolio as a whole:

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Opening ST-BSR range at 30 September 2024	0% to 5%
Plus: Investment Return <sup>1</sup>	13.5%
Less: Charges and Fees	1.8%
Less: PRI <sup>2</sup>	4.5%
Less: Increases Declared <sup>3</sup>	6.8%
Less: Other <sup>4</sup>	3.1%
Opening ST-BSR range at 30 September 2025	0% to 5%

1. This is the estimated return, for the year ended 30 September 2025, into the ST-BSR. This includes the return on the growth assets and the contribution from the LIY. The difference between this estimated return and the total return earned on the portfolio would have an influence on the level of the LT-BSR.

2. "PRI" is the post-retirement interest rate. It represents the amount of credit for future investment returns that is given to the annuitant at the outset of the contract. The PRI of 4.5% in the table above represents the weighted average PRI across all the categories.

3. Weighted average cost of increases across all the categories.

4. "Other" includes items like underwriting profit, net client cash flows and other minor adjustments.

### 3. INCREASE HISTORIES AND INFLATION PROTECTION

The table below shows the historical increases that have been declared on the categories offered on Pensions OptiPlus compared to CPI inflation. It also shows the annualised increases over three-, five- and ten-year periods:

YEAR	CPI*	PRI CATEGORY									
		3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%	5.5%	6.0%	6.5%	7.0%	7.5%	8.0%
Annual increases declared											
2017	6.1%	10.5%	9.9%	9.2%	8.6%	8.0%	7.4%	6.7%	6.1%	5.5%	4.9%
2018	5.1%	10.0%	9.4%	8.7%	8.1%	7.5%	6.9%	6.3%	5.7%	5.1%	4.5%
2019	4.9%	9.5%	8.9%	8.2%	7.6%	7.0%	6.4%	5.8%	5.2%	4.6%	4.0%
2020	4.1%	9.0%	8.4%	7.7%	7.1%	6.5%	5.9%	5.3%	4.7%	4.1%	3.5%
2021	3.0%	8.0%	7.4%	6.8%	6.1%	5.5%	4.9%	4.3%	3.7%	3.1%	2.5%
2022	5.0%	9.0%	8.4%	7.7%	7.1%	6.5%	5.9%	5.3%	4.7%	4.1%	3.5%
2023	7.5%	6.5%	5.9%	5.3%	4.7%	4.1%	3.5%	2.9%	2.3%	1.7%	1.1%
2024	5.4%	9.5%	8.9%	8.2%	7.6%	7.0%	6.4%	5.8%	5.2%	4.6%	4.0%
2025	3.8%	12.0%	11.4%	10.7%	10.1%	9.4%	8.8%	8.2%	7.6%	7.0%	6.4%
2026	3.4%	8.0%	7.4%	6.8%	6.1%	5.5%	4.9%	4.3%	3.7%	3.1%	2.5%
Annualised figures over three-, five- and ten-years											
3 years	4.2%	9.8%	9.2%	8.6%	7.9%	7.3%	6.7%	6.1%	5.5%	4.9%	4.3%
5 years	5.0%	9.0%	8.4%	7.7%	7.1%	6.5%	5.9%	5.3%	4.7%	4.1%	3.5%
10 years	4.8%	9.2%	8.6%	7.9%	7.3%	6.7%	6.1%	5.5%	4.9%	4.3%	3.7%

\*The CPI inflation numbers are the year-on-year figures that coincide with the corresponding investment year (i.e. they are the year-on-year figures to 30 September of the previous year).

Over the long term, the 4% PRI category is expected to provide increases that are, on average, in line with CPI inflation. From the above table, it can be seen that the ten-year average increase on the 4% PRI category has been substantially higher than the corresponding increase in the CPI.

## 4. SECURITY IN TURBULENT TIMES

Assets backing Old Mutual's annuity liabilities, including BSRs, are held in policyholder funds – shareholders cannot access these funds. Shareholder capital is separate from, and over and above policyholder funds. Shareholder capital has no impact on the level of annuity increases. It does, however, represent the security backing the annuity guarantees offered by Old Mutual.

The assets backing annuitant liabilities (policyholder funds) have to be in the name of the insurer and may not be encumbered. This means that no outside party may have a claim on those assets. They are for the benefit of the annuitants only.

OMLAC(SA) has a BB+ Insurer Financial Strength rating from S&P Global Ratings, which is higher than the overall South African sovereign debt rating. OMLAC(SA) also remains very well capitalised with a cover ratio of 1.87 times the statutory adequacy capital requirement as at the end of December 2024.



**IN SUMMARY, ANNUITANTS MAY REST ASSURED THAT THE GUARANTEES FROM OLD MUTUAL CAN BE RELIED UPON.**

**PAYMENT OF THEIR ANNUITIES ARE GUARANTEED FOR LIFE AND WILL NEVER DECREASE.**



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