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Dear Bursar

INTRODUCTION OF A SHARI'AH PORTFOLIO

Please note that a Shari'ah portfolio- Oasis Crescent Balanced High Equity Fund of Funds, will be available to members of the Funds from 1 April 2017, to address the needs of members who wish to exercise their religious and moral beliefs with regards to Islamic law. This portfolio conforms to Islamic economic and financial principles and will be available as a member investment choice.

Shari'ah law prohibits an investment portfolio from investing in companies which are involved in gambling, alcohol, unlawful entertainment, tobacco, pork and all other forbidden activities, including the earning of income from interest.

Members who elect this portfolio for religious reasons can be assured that the underlying portfolio manager (Oasis Asset Manager) adheres to the prescribed guidelines as all investments are thoroughly screened and analysed to ensure conformity to the Shari'ah Law.

Members can also take comfort that the normal investment research disciplines are not disregarded.

PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVE- OASIS CRESCENT BALANCED HIGH EQUITY FUND OF FUNDS

The Oasis Crescent Balanced High Equity Fund of Funds is an asset allocation prudential portfolio that maintains a relatively large holding in equity instruments. The objective is to provide a relatively high rate of capital growth, when compared to other asset allocation funds. The portfolio will also invest in property and bond (sukuk) instruments, which would allow for retirement funds to invest in this particular investment product.

The portfolio is based on a selection of underlying investments that comply with moral and ethical considerations, and satisfies the criteria for Shari'ah compliant investments. It is classified as multi-managed high-equity portfolio that is well diversified by asset class in accordance with prudential investment regulations. This Fund is managed in accordance with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act 24 of 1956.

Attached find the Oasis Crescent Balanced High Equity Fund of Fund Factsheet for more information. **Please note the Trustees negotiated a flat fee of 1.25% for the ISASA Pension Scheme and Provident fund.**

Switches

The Portfolio will be effective 1 April 2017. Members who wish to elect this portfolio can do so through a manual switch at no cost. Switch forms can be obtained from the Bursar.

Please note members are able to change their Portfolio choice three times a year on 1 March, 1 July and 1 November at no cost. Additional switches can be made at a cost of R250 plus VAT per switch. As this is a new investment option, members will be allowed to switch online on the Old Mutual website from 1 April 2017 throughout the year.

Members have various investment options and it is very important that they seek independent professional advice from an accredited financial adviser, in order to ensure that the investment of their Accumulated Credit in the Fund between now and their retirement is invested in line with their future financial needs.

Should you have any queries please contact us at ISASA@oldmutual.com

Regards
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