

Dear OMEGS Member,

OLD MUTUAL EXERCISES DISCRETION TO LIMIT THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS ON THE ABSOLUTE GROWTH PORTFOLIOS

In order to protect SuperFund benefit payments during this unprecedented time, Old Mutual, in making the April 2020 bonus declaration, has acted to limit the negative impact of the COVID-19 crisis on fund values of the Absolute Growth Portfolios (AGP). **Instead of declaring a negative bonus of minus 15%, they have exercised discretion and only declared a negative bonus of minus 5%** for the Absolute Smooth Growth Portfolio and Absolute Stable Growth Portfolio.

The letter below explains:

- The reasons why Old Mutual has applied discretion to the April 2020 bonus declarations for the Absolute Smooth Growth Portfolio and Absolute Stable Growth Portfolio.
- It also **positions the performance of these portfolios and shows how these portfolios have protected members** against the current market crisis compared to other investment strategies.
- Lastly, it outlines other management actions that are being taken to protect the interests of members in AGP.

Notwithstanding the negative bonus rates for April 2020, these portfolios continue to perform in line with what they were designed to do – to protect benefit payments during very difficult times.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

OMEGS members invested in the **Absolute Smooth Growth Portfolio are impacted by the 5% negative bonus** that has been declared.

The action above **does NOT affect the CoreGrowth 100 Portfolio**, which is the other smooth bonus fund option available to OMEGS members. If you recall, OMEGS replaced the Absolute Secure Growth Portfolio (AGP 100) with the CoreGrowth 100 Portfolio last year.

Before making any investment decisions, we strongly encourage you to consult with an <u>OMEGS accredited financial adviser</u>. These advisers have had rigorous training on OMEGS and its benefits and there is no cost involved in arranging a consultation in relation to your OMEGS benefits.

Click here to read the full letter.

We have also put together a <u>FAQ</u> document to assist you. If you have any queries, please call **Member Support Services: 0860 38 88 73**

Stay safe and healthy!

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