



ABOUT THE FUND

SARAF started as a retirement annuity fund in 1961. Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Limited (Old Mutual) is the sponsor and administrator of SARAF.

SARAF is registered with the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) and the South African Revenue Services (SARS), as required by legislation. SARAF operates as a separate legal entity from its sponsor, Old Mutual, and is managed by a Management Board, also known as a board of trustees.

All benefits paid by SARAF are underwritten by policies issued by Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Limited. A range of investment options is offered from which you can select to suit your risk profile and growth objectives. These options also include outside investments. It is important to note that legally, all the policies are owned by SARAF, and not by the members of the SARAF. The policy/ies that SARAF owns is used to provide the benefit payable in terms of its rules.

Once you retire from SARAF, Old Mutual also offers a range of income generating solutions. These have been developed to answer specific needs and circumstances. Your choice will depend on whether you want a guaranteed income, a varying income based on the performance of your investments in the market, or a combination of both.

SARAF converted to a self-administered Fund. This enables SARAF to offer an even more flexible choice of investments to its members. SARAF has opened its own bank account and fund governance has been improved to ensure that the interest of its members is protected.

MEMBERS

To meet the wide variety of needs of members and prospective members, a variety of investment portfolios are available for new investments. Members, with the assistance of their investment advisers, select the appropriate portfolios into which the net contributions will be invested. This means that the member also carries the risk relating to the performance of the chosen investment portfolios.

- **Membership of SARAF is voluntary** and is open to all persons residing in South Africa.
- Prospective members can **choose how much they want to contribute to their retirement**, subject to product limitations.
- Contributions may, within prescribed limits, be **tax deductible**.

SARAF also accepts transfers of benefits from other approved retirement funds.



OBJECTIVES

SARAF aims to enable members to make provision for their retirement in a tax efficient manner. Some members use this as their only source of retirement provision, whilst others use it to supplement existing retirement provisions. Should a member pass away before his/her retirement, SARAF also provides death benefits to the deceased member's dependants and/or nominees.

FUND MANAGEMENT

SARAF is managed by a Management Board also known as a board of trustees. Old Mutual, in consultation with the existing Management Board, appoints members to this Management Board.

The Principal Officer is appointed by the Management Board and oversees the relationship with, and monitors the performance of, the Fund's service providers. The Principal Officer is also responsible for communication with the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) and the submission of all legislative requirements (e.g. annual financial statements, levies, etc.) to the FSCA.

OBJECTIVE AND DUTIES OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD:

The Management Board must direct, control and oversee the operations of SARAF in terms of legislation and the fund's rules. To do this, the Management Board must:

- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the interests of its members, in terms of the **rules of the Fund** and the provision of the **Pension Funds Act**, are protected at all times.
- Act with due care, diligence and good faith.
- Avoid conflict of interest.
- Act objectively in respect of all members and beneficiaries.

In order to achieve this SARAF has appointed various service providers: these include, an administrator, external auditors, an investment consultant, and an actuary.

OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD

Currently the board consists of six trustees, three of whom are independent.



Due to the complexity and size of SARAF, the board has created sub-committees to investigate and attend to particular matters on its behalf. The following sub-committees have been created:

- Governance and Investment
- Audit
- Claims
- Administration and Communication

These subcommittees enable SARAF to maintain good governance and ensure that the interests of the Fund and its members are attended to at all times.

SERVICE PROVIDERS

SARAF appointed the following service providers:

- Auditors: [Deloitte](#)
- Administrator: Old Mutual (South Africa) Life Assurance Company Ltd
- Investment Adviser: Dennis Murray, Senior Old Mutual Corporate Consulting Consultant.
- Assistant Investment Adviser: Michelle de Leeuw, Assistant Old Mutual Corporate Consulting Consultant
- Actuary: Shamiel Basadien, Consulting Actuary