



# THE DISCERNING **INVESTOR**

The Executive Bond offers you a high-powered portfolio that puts you in the driving seat (for non-UK residents)

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# GIVING YOU ULTIMATE INVESTMENT FREEDOM

## THE EXECUTIVE BOND FROM OLD MUTUAL INTERNATIONAL ISLE OF MAN LIMITED (OLD MUTUAL INTERNATIONAL), IS A MEDIUM- TO LONG-TERM INVESTMENT (5 TO 10 YEARS OR LONGER) THAT CAN ADAPT AS YOUR LIFE UNFOLDS. YOU CAN CHANGE ASSETS, MAKE PAYMENTS, TAKE WITHDRAWALS – WHATEVER SUITS YOUR EVOLVING LIFESTYLE.

This intelligently composed portfolio bond takes maximum advantage of offshore tax benefits. It gives you the freedom to build on your wealth by investing in a wide range of assets with plenty of potential for capital growth.

It could help you create the financial future you want, as well as providing estate planning options to enable you to pass on as much of your wealth as possible to your children and future generations.

Different versions of the Executive Bond are available depending on your investment needs and your country of residence. Please see the relevant 'At a glance' document which should accompany this brochure for more information about the version that may be suitable for you.

Alternatively, please ask your financial adviser for a copy.

The bond is a 'wrapper' which you own. Its value is linked to a selection of assets that you choose, but which are owned by Old Mutual International. You can normally trade these assets as and when you need to. This allows you to consolidate your investments within a single portfolio, making it easier for you to monitor their performance and saving you and your financial adviser valuable time.

With the Executive Bond you can:

- invest a lump sum of £50,000/US\$75,000/€75 000 or more (or currency equivalent)
- add extra lump sums of at least £5,000/US\$7,500/€7 500 (or currency equivalent)
- take advantage of investment opportunities from many of the world's leading fund managers and major stock exchanges
- choose exactly how you want to invest your money, with your financial adviser's help
- enjoy flexible access to your capital including an option to take regular withdrawals (see [Easy access to your capital](#) on page 7)
- change assets to update your portfolio and keep in step with developments in your life
- transfer existing assets into your bond\*
- appoint an independent fund adviser or a 'discretionary manager' so you can benefit from their guidance and expertise
- reduce paperwork and monitor your investment easily, keeping all the investments in a single wrapper.

\*subject to our acceptance.

## A PREMIER PROVIDER OF OFFSHORE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS FOR OVER 20 YEARS

Old Mutual International is a leading provider of financial solutions designed for both expatriate and local investors across the world, including Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the United Kingdom. Our products and solutions are underpinned by a wide choice of investments and ways to monitor and manage them online, with the help of your financial adviser.

What makes us stand out is the flexibility of the solutions we offer. They are designed so that you can tailor them to suit your individual financial needs and ultimately help you achieve your life goals, whether that's growing or preserving your financial worth, helping your children get on in life or simply retiring active and happy.

Old Mutual International is the international arm of Old Mutual Wealth, a leading retail investment business. Old Mutual Wealth is a core part of Old Mutual plc, one of the world's largest financial services companies. Founded in 1845, Old Mutual is a FTSE® 100 company overseeing £300.5 billion in investments for 16 million customers worldwide (as at 30 June 2014).

## THE BENEFITS OF OPEN ARCHITECTURE

The Executive Bond gives you immense flexibility and freedom of choice, through access to a wide range of investment asset types. This wide investment choice is known as 'open architecture'. It enables you to invest in all kinds of offshore or mutual funds, stocks and shares, fixed-interest securities, multi-currency deposits, hedge funds, structured notes, exchange-traded funds and other alternative investments.

This means you can customise your portfolio precisely to your individual needs and preferences, without having to compromise in order to fit in with pre-set rules and parameters.

**i** Please remember that investments can fluctuate and you may not get back the full amount of your original investment.

This brochure explains how an Executive Bond could benefit individual investors. Many of these benefits equally apply to trustees and companies wishing to invest. Please speak to your financial adviser, who will be able to explain any important differences.



# THE INVESTMENT THAT CHANGES WITH YOUR LIFE

## **YOUR INVESTMENT NEEDS WILL CHANGE REGULARLY AS YOUR LIFE EVOLVES. THAT'S WHY THE EXECUTIVE BOND IS DESIGNED TO BE SO FLEXIBLE.**

You can take it with you if you need to move from country to country, and you can change the balance of your portfolio to reflect a need for more security, greater potential or a different ethical slant.

There is no legal restriction on your contributions\* or fund size, so you can invest as much as you wish in your bond and even move assets\* across from existing investments.

\*subject to our acceptance.

## **A CHOICE OF ASSETS**

The Executive Bond allows you and your financial adviser to build a portfolio of assets to match your medium- to long-term objectives and your current attitude to risk. You then have freedom to change the assets as and when appropriate.

You can choose from a wide range of assets from all over the world. These include collective investment funds or unit trusts agreed by Old Mutual International; bank accounts; and stocks and shares quoted on a recognised stock exchange. Plus, subject to our approval, you can add fixed-interest securities, multi-currency deposits, hedge funds, structured notes, exchange-traded funds and other alternative investments.

Our own range of unit-linked funds covers a wide spread of UK and overseas investments, including shares, government stocks, fixed interest securities and commercial property.

You can invest in as many different assets as you wish, provided you keep a minimum of £5,000/US\$7,500/€7 500 (or currency equivalent) in each holding.

## **SUPPORT AND SERVICE FROM OLD MUTUAL INTERNATIONAL**

As an Executive Bond policyholder, you can take advantage of our experience, excellent customer service and specialist investment administration team, who will coordinate all deals for you. Your financial adviser can also call on us at any time for technical support, from tax information to administrative issues.

## **PLUS EXTRA EXTERNAL EXPERTISE...**

If you wish, you can nominate an independent fund adviser to work alongside your financial adviser. The fund adviser can guide you both through the process of choosing assets and then manage your portfolio for you. However, all decisions will ultimately be made by you.

You can also go one step further and allow your fund adviser to make decisions on your behalf in line with pre-agreed boundaries. This role is sometimes known as a 'discretionary manager'. This could give you the reassurance that your bond is being pro-actively managed and holds the most appropriate assets for your needs.

If you are interested in using a fund adviser or discretionary manager, your financial adviser will be able to recommend one for you, or may even be able to offer this service themselves.

## **...AND YOUR CHOICE OF CUSTODIAN**

The structure of a bond means that you need a 'custodian' to hold, on Old Mutual International's behalf, the assets that you choose to link to your bond. You may want to appoint your own 'custodian', who also has the power to carry out deals and transfers for you. For example, you may have a relationship with a financial institution that is already holding some existing assets for you, and that you therefore know, trust and want to continue using. If you don't have your own custodian, then Old Mutual International will use its own appointed custodian to play this important role for you.

## A CHOICE OF CURRENCIES

When you open your bond, you choose a currency for it, which can be any one of a number of major currencies listed in our application form. So, your investments can all be summarised in your chosen currency and viewed at the same time. However, that does not mean you have to make your payments or withdrawals in that currency, or that you are limited to investments based on that currency.

For example, you could choose US dollars as your policy currency, but make your payments in euros and invest in assets based in sterling. However, you should be aware that making investments in different currencies could lead to losses or gains due to exchange rate fluctuations.

## AWARD-WINNING PERFORMANCE

We're proud of our achievements and are grateful for the awards we've received. These awards recognise the quality of our products, service and expertise, and further strengthen our reputation for providing market-leading financial solutions and excellent support. Our most recent awards\* include:

### INTERNATIONAL FUND & PRODUCT AWARDS

#### 2014

Best International Adviser Portal – **Winner**

Best International Life Group – **Highly Commended**

Best International Protection Product – **Highly Commended**

Best International Savings Plan – **Highly Commended**

Best International Structured Product Provider – **Highly Commended**

#### 2013

Best International Life Group – **Winner**

Best International Portfolio Bond – **Winner**

Best Trust/Estate Planning Product – **Highly Commended**

Best International Protection Plan – **Highly Commended**

Best International Savings Plan – **Highly Commended**

### INTERNATIONAL ADVISER LIFE AWARDS

#### 2014

Best Online Proposition (UK Offshore, Europe) – **Winner**

Best New Product (Hong Kong) – **Winner**

Best Single Premium Investment Product (Singapore, Europe) – **Winner**

Best for Adviser Support/ Customer Service (Europe) – **Winner**

Best Regular Premium Investment Product (Middle East) – **Winner**

#### 2013

Best Online Proposition (UK Offshore, Europe, Singapore, Middle East) – **Winner**

Best New Product (UK Offshore, Singapore) – **Winner**

Best Overall Product Range (Middle East, Europe, UK Offshore) – **Winner**

Best Trust/Estate Planning Product (Middle East, Europe, Singapore) – **Winner**

Best Single Premium Investment Product (Singapore) – **Winner**

Best Regular Premium Investment Product (Europe, Middle East) – **Winner**

Best Adviser Support/Customer Service (Europe) – **Winner**

\* Accolades for 2014 or earlier were awarded to us as Skandia International (our former name).

## CASE STUDY: OLIVIA

'My financial adviser recommended the Executive Bond because she believes I should spread my investments across as wide a range of assets as possible. The bond's open architecture aspect allows that, as well as giving me greater growth potential.

I've also nominated a discretionary manager who can make decisions on my behalf because, let's face it, I don't have the time or expertise to dabble in the markets. When he sees an offer I shouldn't refuse, he snaps it up, so I never miss out on a good opportunity.'

Please note: this quotation and case study are fictional and used purely to illustrate a possible real-life scenario.

**'I trust my financial adviser to make the right choices for me.'**

# NEATLY PACKAGED TO SAVE YOU TIME, HASSLE AND MONEY

## **KEEPING TRACK OF A WIDE-RANGING PORTFOLIO CAN BE TIME-CONSUMING AND FRUSTRATING. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE JOYS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOND IS THAT YOU CAN MANAGE AND MONITOR ALL THE INVESTMENTS WITHIN A SINGLE WRAPPER.**

So when you or your financial adviser want to check your portfolio's performance, you can access all the valuations and reports within a single website, instead of logging on to multiple sites\*.

What's more, we will coordinate all the deals for you. You'll also enjoy the benefits of consolidated reporting, without the hassle of individual paperwork, dividend receipts and tax returns for each separate investment. This may even save you money, as it involves less work for your accountant and financial adviser.

\*if you are a trustee or corporate investor, access to some of our online facilities is restricted.

## **SIMPLE DEALING**

It's easy to move money between assets whenever you want. All deals are coordinated by Old Mutual International and you or your financial adviser will always complete the same dealing form for multiple trades.

Furthermore, because the deals are carried out by Old Mutual International, the administration for certain processes is reduced, which ensures deals can be put through much faster.

Please note that there may be dealing charges, one for the sale and one for each purchase.

You can transfer existing investments into your Executive Bond account, to reduce paperwork even further – as well as potentially lowering your overall portfolio management costs. Please note that all assets need to be agreed by Old Mutual International beforehand, and that the transfer may affect your tax liabilities.

## **ECONOMIES OF SCALE**

You'll also benefit from Old Mutual International's global buying power. Because we make multiple deals on behalf of our investors, we may be able to negotiate higher interest rates on deposits for you, as well as making savings on initial asset charges, so more of your money is invested right from the start.

You may even be able to access funds which would not normally be available to you as an individual investor. Some of these are specialist funds, so it's vital to seek professional advice and read the fund prospectus to make sure you're aware of all the possible risks.



# EASY ACCESS TO YOUR CAPITAL

## THE EXECUTIVE BOND GIVES YOU FLEXIBLE ACCESS TO YOUR CAPITAL – SUBJECT TO A MINIMUM WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT OF £500/US\$750/€750 (OR CURRENCY EQUIVALENT).

All withdrawals will be free of charge as long as you leave in a surrender value\* of £10,000/US\$15,000/€15 000 (or currency equivalent), or at least 25% of your total investment, whichever is higher. There may, however, be a charge on the asset from which you are withdrawing, e.g., a fixed-term deposit. If the value of your bond falls below this amount, we have the right to surrender it.

There may be tax implications to making encashments of any type. You should speak to your financial adviser about any tax consequences before you instruct us to encash any part of your bond.

## ONE-OFF WITHDRAWALS

As long as you leave the minimum amount in your bond (see previous paragraph), you can normally withdraw any amount you want. However, please remember that the Executive Bond is designed for medium- to long-term investment, so taking money out of your bond in the early years can dramatically reduce its growth potential.

## REGULAR WITHDRAWALS

You can use your bond to create a regular income; either yearly, half-yearly, quarterly or monthly. You should ask your financial adviser about the tax and financial planning implications before you commit to this.

\*The surrender value must take into account any charges that apply.

## CASE STUDY: BAHIR

'Over the years I seem to have accumulated a ridiculous number of different investments in different places. The Executive Bond has allowed me to consolidate them all into a single account contract where I can look at them all together and get a holistic view of how they're doing at the touch of a button. Then I can make properly informed decisions and choices with the help of my financial adviser.'

Please note: the quotation and case study are fictional and used purely to illustrate a possible real-life scenario.

**'The bond makes it much easier to keep track of my investments.'**

**i** You may take one-off regular withdrawals for your bond, although an early withdrawal charge may sometimes apply if you cash in some of your investment (this will also depend on the assets you have invested in). Also, depending on the assets you have invested into, there may be early withdrawal charges. Please refer to the charges section of the Terms and Conditions for further details.

Taking money out of your bond, especially in the early years, will dramatically reduce the potential for your investments to perform – so we strongly believe you should stay invested for at least five years. This will also help to mitigate the effect of the charges made when you set up your bond.

# THE TAX-EFFICIENT WAY TO INVEST

## TAX PLANNING

As an offshore asset, your investments can grow virtually free of income tax, capital gains tax or corporation tax in the Isle of Man\*.

This in turn enables you to postpone and minimise tax payments by timing your withdrawals appropriately.

## A SAFE HOME FOR YOUR INVESTMENTS

The Executive Bond is provided by Old Mutual International Isle of Man Limited. Old Mutual International Isle of Man is based in an established international finance centre with a stable and independent legal, political and regulatory framework. This means your investment is held in a secure offshore environment.

## WHY WE'VE CHOSEN THE ISLE OF MAN AS OUR BASE

The Isle of Man is a tax-efficient environment and Old Mutual International is not currently liable to income tax, capital gains tax or corporation tax on assets linked to policies, so your investment will be able to grow virtually tax free.

It's possible that withholding tax may be deducted from some of the dividends at their country of origin. However, once inside your bond they can accumulate tax free\*.

This environment means you can make the best use of your own personal tax allowances. Switching between funds and assets will also be tax free in the Isle of Man.

\*You may have to pay some tax, either on the growth of the investment or when money is paid out, depending on the taxation in the country in which you reside.

## MOVING TO THE UK

In the UK, an Executive Bond is regarded as a personal portfolio bond. This means that where this type of bond is held by a UK tax resident, a penal tax charge will apply year on year. This is a 15% cumulative deemed gain which will apply each year in relation to the premium plus the deemed gain.

If you are planning to move to the UK you will become UK tax resident, and will be liable for this tax charge. To mitigate the charge, you can ask Old Mutual International to endorse your Executive Bond to restrict the assets in which your Bond can invest.

We strongly recommend you discuss your options with your financial adviser before becoming UK tax resident.

## ESTATE PLANNING

Your financial adviser may suggest that you place your Executive Bond in trust. This can ensure your wealth is used as you intend during your lifetime and after you die, and may offer some advantages in the future, for example if you are self-employed or get divorced, or if you have an estranged family.

It can also benefit your family or beneficiaries after your death by helping them to avoid probate issues.

As an added benefit, Old Mutual International offers a range of standard trusts which could be suitable for your needs. If you wish, you can complement this with our professional trust service, the Old Mutual International Trust Company.

If you want to find out more about trusts and nomination, we have a range of literature available which explains them in more detail. Your financial adviser will be able to give you copies and advise you whether a trust would be advantageous for you.



# FEES AND CHARGES

## **THE CHARGES FOR SETTING UP AND MAINTAINING YOUR EXECUTIVE BOND WILL DEPEND ON THE KIND OF ASSETS YOU CHOOSE, YOUR AGREEMENT WITH YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISER, AND OTHER VARIABLES.**

Your financial adviser will provide details and explanations, and the charges will also be listed for you in a charges schedule.

The charges will cover:

- the costs Old Mutual International has incurred in setting up and managing your bond
- the administrative costs of the fund managers
- fees charged by your financial adviser.

You may need to pay an early withdrawal charge if you cash in your bond fully. The amount of this charge reflects the cost to us of setting up the bond, including any payments (such as commission) made by Old Mutual International to your financial adviser. This charge may also apply if you cash in part of your bond and the amount remaining is less than either 25% of your total investment, or £10,000/US\$15,000/€15 000 (or another currency equivalent).

If you decide to move any of the investments into a different fund or asset, you will usually have to pay a dealing charge. This is currently £15 for each transaction. Most switches involve two transactions: out of the current asset and into the new one – so the charge would be £30. If they are external assets (i.e. outside the Old Mutual International internal fund range) you may need to pay other third-party charges, such as bank charges, which will be included in the net amount being switched.

The Executive Bond and some of the investments which may be held within it have fees which exist partly to meet the advice, promotion and distribution expenses. These may include initial and ongoing payments (such as commission) made by us to your financial adviser. These payments could be in addition to any commission payable by the investment provider to your financial adviser in respect of the investment held.

Further details of the fees payable by you and the amounts payable to your financial adviser are available from your financial adviser on request.

# TALK TO YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISER ABOUT **THE EXECUTIVE BOND**

Your financial adviser looks at your financial arrangements holistically and can help make sure the bond fits in with your overall objectives and plans. They will be able to answer your questions, recommend specific assets and fund managers, and provide you with further support material, including the full Terms and Conditions.

If you decide you wish to open an Executive Bond, your financial adviser will make the application and help to select the investments that are most suitable for you.

## THE EXECUTIVE BOND COULD BE RIGHT FOR YOU **IF YOU WANT TO:**

- take maximum advantage of offshore tax benefits
- have flexible access to your investment
- use your investment to generate a regular income
- invest at least £50,000/US\$75,000/€75,000 (or currency equivalent)
- save for growth over the medium- to long-term
- be able to deal investment funds, quickly and simply
- consolidate any existing investments you hold in collective funds or unit trusts
- invest in a wide range of assets
- create a trust or nomination for your children or grandchildren's future.



We strongly recommend you and your financial adviser manage your bond to ensure there is always enough cash in liquid assets to meet charges and any regular withdrawals.

We do not sell our products directly to customers, but through financial advisers. Making an investment is an important decision, and we recommend that you seek your own independent financial advice by appointing one. With your appointed financial adviser you can decide whether to take out an Old Mutual International

product and manage any investments you make. Old Mutual International cannot give you that advice. Whichever financial adviser you use you will need to provide us with confirmation that they can act on your behalf. Once we have received this we will consider them to be acting as your 'intermediary' between us. Unless you inform us otherwise, we may pay commission to your financial adviser in respect of any products you take out with us. Details of this payment will be available from your financial adviser.



This document was last reviewed in July 2013.

Please confirm with your financial adviser that this is the most up-to-date document for your product or servicing needs.

**i** The value of your bond can rise or fall over time and there is no guarantee that your capital will be returned to you. You should view your investment in the bond as a long-term commitment; if you cash in your bond in the early years we may make a charge and the amount you receive may be less than the premiums you've paid.

You and your financial adviser should satisfy yourselves that any particular asset is suitably based on your needs, objectives and attitude to risk. You should also familiarise yourself with any particular risks associated with the assets in your portfolio. There may be currency risks if assets are denominated in another currency, or liquidity and valuation risks for property funds, for example. The value of the assets linked to the bond determines the value of the policy and can fall as well as rise.

This brochure should be read in conjunction with the Policy Terms and where appropriate any additional disclosure information. A Key Features Document is available on request. Alternatively, please ask your financial adviser for a copy.

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