

Old Mutual South Africa Raises R9 Billion for Housing Fund

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[Old Mutual Plc \(OML\)](#)'s Investment Group Alternative Investments unit said it raised R9 billion (\$1.33 billion) for its Housing Impact Fund for [South Africa](#).

The unit, known as OMIGSA, said the fund is one of the largest of its kind ever in South Africa and that it will be managed by Christine Glover, head of OMIGSA's Development Impact Funds. It will finance the construction of homes for low-income households and provide families and students with loans or rental accommodations, bridging a gap between government-funded housing and those with means to buy their own home, the unit of South Africa's largest insurer said today in a statement.

"Although much remains to be done to further improve general living conditions around the country, we believe we have established a successful model for housing investment in underdeveloped areas," said Rojje Kisten, OMIGSA's head of capital raising, in the e-mailed statement.

The nation's Public Investment Corp., the investor of government employees' pension funds and the country's single largest investor, together with electricity provider Eskom, Old Mutual Life Assurance Co. and the [Development Bank](#) of Southern Africa are among the institutions that invested the money, according to the statement.

The fund and its partners have several dozen projects under way involving the construction or development of about 70,000 affordable housing units, with the goal of building about 120,000, OMIGSA said in the statement.

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