

# Trustfund Newsletter

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## BOARD CONFIRMS DA-SOUZA'S APPOINTMENT AS SUBSTANSIVE MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO



Mrs. Helen Da-Souza (MD/CEO)  
Trustfund Pensions Plc.

**T**he National Pension Commission has approved the appointment of Mrs. Helen Da-Souza as the substantive Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Trustfund Pensions Plc.

The Board of Trustfund Pensions Plc led by Dr. Mrs. Ngozi Olejeme had earlier confirmed the appointment of Da-Souza, the erstwhile Acting Managing Director/CEO as the substantive Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer of Trustfund Pensions Plc during the company's Annual General Meeting held in July, 2013.

Da-Souza Joined Trustfund Pensions Plc as Director, Finance and Administration in 2010. She

brought on board a wealth of experience garnered over 27 years having worked in Akintola Williams Deloitte from 1985 to 2010.

She joined Akintola Williams Deloitte as a Trainee Accountant in 1985, and rose to the position of Associate Director in 2009, a position she held before joining Trustfund Pensions Plc in 2010.

She attended the University of Nigeria Nsukka, where she bagged a B.Sc in Accountancy in 1984. She is also an alumnus of the prestigious Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

She is an Associate member:

1. Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) November 1988
2. Chartered Institute of Taxation (CITN) November 2000.

Mrs. Da-Souza has attended and delivered papers at several conferences at home and abroad on Taxation, and Accounting.

Speaking on her confirmation, Da-Souza expressed appreciation to the Board members for the confidence they accorded her leadership. She added that assuming the position of the Managing Director of Trustfund has added the responsibility of taking the organization to even greater heights. "I feel very excited and elated that this has happened. I promise that with the support of the management team and the board, this is just the beginning of exciting times'.

Shareholders have continued to applaud the confirmation of Da-Souza as the substantive MD CEO of Trustfund.

A former Director of the company and Director General of the Nigeria Employers Consultative Association NECA, Mr. Olusegun Oshinowo, said the Board could not have taken a better decision than to confirm Da-Souza as the substantive Managing Director, noting that she has turned the company around since she took over leadership of the company in acting capacity. "Her confirmation has shown that Trustfund is on the upward swing since she came on board'. She is competent,

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experienced and the performance of the company in these two years is an evidence of the quality she has brought to the organization, Oshinowo said. In the same vein, Nigeria labour Congress President and a Director, Comrade Abdulwaheed Omar, said of the progress recorded by the fund, "we are progressing and I hope this trend will continue. I am expressing my views both as a director representing NLC and shareholders. What we are seeing in Trustfund today is a direct result of peace and harmony in the organization'.

The immediate past president of the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria, Comrade Peter Esele, threw his weight behind the management of the company stating, that their performance over the years is an indication that 'Trustfund is indeed a PFA to trust.' He explained that both the NLC and TUC have often encouraged their members to open their RSA accounts with Trustfund pension because of their track record of efficiency and effectiveness in the management of pension funds in the nation's financial services industry.