Sygnia Skeleton International Equity FoFs

Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD)
Class A
Global - Equity - General

30 June 2025

LOW	LOW MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM HIGH	**HIGH**

LESS RISK/ RETURN — **MORE RISK/ RETURN**

0 - 2 YEARS	2 YEARS+	3 YEARS+	**5 YEARS+**	7 YEARS+

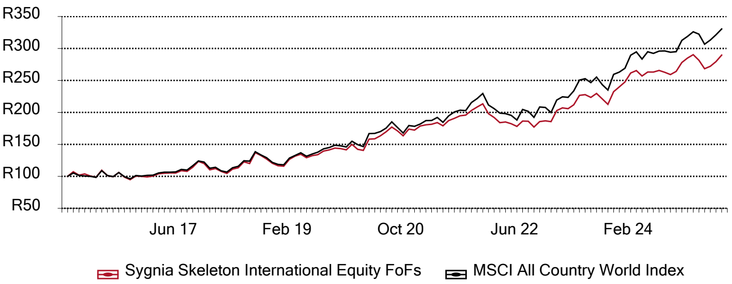
Portfolio Managers	**Kyle Hulett, Iain Anderson**
Regulation 28	**Non-Compliant**
Fund Launch Date	**15 October 2015**
Class Launch Date	**27 November 2015**
Fund Size	**R 2 215 Million**
Unit Price	**280.66**
Units in Issue	**490,370,120**

Investment Objective	**The fund targets an annual return in excess of the total return of the MSCI All Country World Index**
Income Distribution	**Bi-annually (September and March)** **Payment: 1 Apr 2025 - 0.52 Cents per Unit** **Payment: 1 Oct 2024 - 0.97 Cents per Unit**
Trustees	**Standard Bank Trustees (021 441 4100)**

Cumulative Investment Performance

Growth of R100 invested on 30 November 2015

Investment: R289.62
Benchmark: R330.49



Geographic Allocation as at 31 March 2025

Region	*Percentage*	*Allocation*
North America	74.7%	
Europe (incl UK)	12.0%	
Developed Asia Pacific	7.0%	
Emerging Markets	6.4%	

Performance Analysis

Periodic Performance	*Fund*	**BM*	*Difference*
1 Month	3.7%	2.8%	0.8%
3 Months	7.9%	7.8%	0.2%
6 Months	1.6%	3.6%	-2.0%
Year to Date	1.6%	3.6%	-2.0%
1 Year	10.1%	13.1%	-3.0%
****3 Years**	17.6%	20.7%	-3.1%
****5 Years**	12.1%	14.2%	-2.1%
****Since Inception**	11.7%	13.3%	-1.5%

Performance as calculated by Sygnia Asset Management as at reporting date
**MSCI All Country World Index (ZAR)*
***Annualised performance figures*

Sector Allocation as at 31 March 2025

Sector	*Percentage*
Information Technology	29.4%
Financials	14.1%
Consumer Discretionary	11.2%
Health Care	10.3%
Industrials	9.3%
Telecommunication Services	8.9%
Consumer Staples	6.1%
Energy	3.4%
Materials	2.6%
Utilities	2.5%
Real Estate	2.3%

Historical Performance

	Jan	*Feb*	*Mar*	*Apr*	*May*	*Jun*	*Jul*	*Aug*	*Sep*	*Oct*	*Nov*	*Dec*	*Year*
2020	6.0%	-5.1%	-1.2%	12.5%	0.3%	3.0%	3.8%	4.4%	-3.4%	-4.5%	6.4%	-0.9%	21.8%
2021	3.7%	1.0%	0.5%	1.4%	-2.7%	4.6%	1.9%	2.1%	0.6%	3.7%	2.7%	2.4%	23.9%
2022	-7.2%	-3.0%	-4.2%	0.6%	-1.5%	-2.3%	4.7%	-0.1%	-4.9%	4.8%	0.6%	-0.7%	-13.0%
2023	9.3%	2.1%	-0.6%	3.0%	7.0%	0.5%	-1.9%	2.8%	-3.7%	-3.9%	9.3%	3.2%	29.3%
2024	3.2%	5.6%	1.5%	-3.2%	2.4%	0.0%	1.0%	-1.1%	-1.3%	1.9%	5.3%	2.5%	18.8%
2025	1.8%	-3.0%	-4.7%	1.4%	2.7%	3.7%							1.6%

Risk Statistics

	Fund	BM
% Negative Months	36.7%	40.0%
Avg Negative Return	-2.7%	-2.8%
Maximum Drawdown	-17.0%	-18.1%
Standard Deviation	12.2%	14.2%
Downside Deviation	6.3%	7.0%
Highest Annual Return: Jan 2023 - Dec 2023	29.3%	31.7%
Lowest Annual Return: Jan 2022 - Dec 2022	-13.0%	-13.0%

The risk statistics reflected above are calculated on a 60-month or since-inception basis, depending on which period is shorter.

Fees

Initial Fee	0.00% **
Management Fee	0.57% **
Performance Fee	0.00%
Other costs	0.02% **
VAT	0.09%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.68% (Jun 2025)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.03% (Jun 2025)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.71% (Jun 2025)

*** Fees are exclusive of VAT*

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Fund commentary

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2nd Quarter 2025

RISK PROFILE

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TIME HORIZON

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Market performance

Global markets rose strongly in June despite a cocktail of geopolitical tensions and policy risk and the potential for simultaneous supply shocks from tariffs, migration constraints and rising oil prices. Iran and Israel agreed to a ceasefire after 12 days of intense missile and drone strikes between Iran and Israel, and just one day after US operation "Midnight Hammer", which "obliterated" Iran's three uranium nuclear sites, including Fordow, a uranium-enrichment facility buried deep in a mountain. The ceasefire brought relief to the oil markets. While the conflict in the Middle East increases geopolitical risk, the ceasefire renders the impact of tariffs on US growth and inflation the greater uncertainty, with the 90-day tariff pause granted by the US expiring on 9 July. Trump has warned that countries will receive a "take-it-or-leave-it" letter detailing tariff terms, though the 15 countries already engaged in negotiations with the US may see this an extension to the deadline. Tariff pass-through inflation in the US was minimal in May, but corporates are likely to begin passing costs on to consumers, with inflationary consequences over the coming quarters reinforcing expectations of "higher for longer" interest rates and reduced growth. The World Bank concurred in its June outlook, downgrading its 2025 global growth forecast by 0.5 percentage points to 2.3%, projecting the weakest non-recessionary growth since 2008. Looking further ahead, average global growth in the 2020s is expected to settle around 2.5% – its slowest pace since the 1960s. Developed markets will bear the brunt of the growth downgrade and inflation increase, while emerging markets (EMs) will continue to offer a relatively resilient inflation–growth trade-off.

US inflation data for May offered a reprieve, rising by less than expected for the fourth consecutive month. While US firms have passed on some of the recent tariff costs – particularly on goods heavily exposed to China, such as appliances, electronics and household equipment – the full effect will take two to three months to unfold. In addition, CPI surprised to the downside due to price declines in recreational services and durable goods which signal growing consumer caution. Subdued inflation offers breathing room, but it is ultimately a function of softer economic activity. Weak May retail sales, falling consumer confidence and continued softness in manufacturing data indicate slowing demand. The Yale Budget Lab estimates that the current 15%+ effective tariff rate could reduce year-end employment by 375 000 jobs. Jobless claims have risen to a three-and-a-half-year high, while non-farm payroll growth outside two core categories has stalled.

The European Central Bank expects GDP growth of just 0.9% in 2025, but even that may be optimistic. Exports are weakening sharply, particularly as frontloading of US trade to avoid tariffs normalises, and the Russia-Ukraine war is continuing, sustaining geopolitical and energy-related pressures. Trump-era tariff risks are also escalating, with the US indicating that trade negotiations with the EU may not be resolved by the 9 July deadline. The EU's slow pace of trade negotiation – seen clearly during Brexit – exacerbates the risk that the bloc may bear a disproportionate burden of any new US tariffs.

China's economy is gaining traction, with early signs that policy stimulus is finally filtering through to the real economy: money growth is accelerating and May retail sales rose to a 17-month high. Beyond China, EMs are capitalising on trans-shipment opportunities, firm commodity prices, a weakening US dollar, low inflation and resilient earnings growth.

The gazetting in South Africa of new information technology (IT) procurement rules in June means that government departments can finally access IT services without having to use the State Information Technology Agency (SITA). In other good news, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has made an initial determination that SA's 22-point action plan is complete, granting SA an on-site assessment and paving the way for SA to be removed from the so-called grey list at the FATF's October plenary. However, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development note that Transnet and a general lack of reforms are causing SA to miss out on the commodity rally ("Q1.25 growth stalled at 0.1% qqsa as the ongoing incapacity at Transnet severely limits growth"). This was confirmed as mining production declined by a marked -7.7% y/y in April, following March's -2.5% y/y contraction. Production faces a myriad of challenges, including heightened input costs, labour challenges, the effects of illegal mining and logistical bottlenecks. The pace of reforms will affect SA's ability to break out of the 1% growth range.

The dollar is usually the beneficiary in times of fear, but it has not rallied with current geopolitical tensions. Rate cuts in Europe may end soon even as the Fed starts to cut, so the euro may find further short-term cyclical support relative to the dollar. Despite dollar weakness and global appetite for currency diversification, however, the euro is unlikely to deliver on its "reserve currency moment" for some time.

Overall, the global consumer remains in good shape, financial conditions have eased and US long-term inflation expectations are stable, so we still expect the US to avoid a recession. In addition, we expect the near-term fiscal thrust in Germany and China to be around 2% of GDP. However, markets are entering a precarious period in which geopolitical risk, trade fragmentation and supply shocks intersect.

A combination of domestic tailwinds, global supply chain realignment and policy flexibility is positioning EMs for stronger near-term performance. China's cyclical rebound, coupled with opportunities in EM debt and equity, present a compelling case for diversified exposure in multi-asset portfolios. Global industrial metal prices are also benefiting from the rise in global defence spending, a further tailwind for commodities and emerging markets. We have switched some of our South African exposure to EMs given the better valuations, higher growth and greater diversification.

Fund performance

The Sygnia Skeleton International Equity Fund of Funds returned 7.9% for the quarter, while its benchmark returned 7.8%.

Global markets demonstrated notable resilience during the second quarter of 2025 despite ongoing geopolitical tensions and trade-related uncertainty. Early April saw a sharp market selloff following US President Trump's announcement of "reciprocal tariffs". However, markets rebounded swiftly after the administration paused the tariff implementation for 90 days and agreed on the principles of a trade deal with China. These developments contributed to a 7.8% return (in ZAR) for the MSCI All Country World Index over the quarter.

Global bond markets stabilised following a volatile 2024. Falling inflation expectations and a more dovish tone from central banks led to declining government bond yields, which in turn boosted bond prices. UK gilts, US treasuries and investment-grade corporate bonds all posted positive returns, with the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index rising 0.4% in ZAR terms for the quarter.

We believe the fund remains well positioned to manage portfolio risk and remains true to its investment objective of targeting an annual return in excess of the total return of the MSCI All Country World Index over the long term.

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Important information to consider before investing

Investment Objective and Strategy

The objective of this Sygnia Skeleton International Equity Fund of Funds is to target an annual return in excess of the total return of the MSCI All Country World Index, with a similar risk profile. This is a high equity offshore fund that seeks to outperform its benchmark (MSCI All Country World Index) on a regular basis through tactical asset allocation to reduce risk and enhance returns.The fund operates on a fund of funds basis and has exposure to foreign equities through underlying passively managed funds selected by Sygnia. Derivatives are allowed for effiecient portfolio management.

Balancing Risk and Reward

The Sygnia Skeleton International Equity Fund of Funds is a suitable investment for investors seeking offshore exposure, but who do not wish to make use of their offshore allowance or whose offshore allowance has already been fully utilised. The Fund is also suitable as a part-investment for strategies compliant with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act 1956, as amended.

The recommended investment term for investors in the Sygnia Skeleton International Equity Fund of Funds is a minimum of five years. The Fund has a high risk profile as it is fully invested in global equities. The risk is managed by spreading investments across geographical regions and well diversified indices. This ensures diversification of sources of returns over market cycles. Tactical allocation is used to take advantage of changing market dynamics in an efficient and cost-effective manner and as a risk management tool in volatile markets. Equity markets are volatile and the price of equities fluctuate based on a number of factors such as changes in the economic climate, general movements in interest rates and the political and social environment which will also affect the value of the securities held in the unit trust, thereby affecting the overall value of the unit trust. There are regulations in place which limit the amount that a unit trust may invest in securities, thereby spreading the risk across securities, asset classes and companies. The fund may also be exposed to liquidity risk. This relates to the ability of the unit trust to trade out of a security held in the portfolio at or near to its fair value.

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (unit trusts) are generally medium- to long-term investments. The value of units may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily an indicator of future performance. Unit trusts are traded at the ruling price and are allowed to engage in borrowing and scrip lending.

Annualised performance figures represent the geometric average return earned by the fund over the given time period. Unannualised performance represents the total return earned by the fund over the given time period, expressed as a percentage. Performance is calculated for the portfolio. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. Reinvestment of income is calculated on the actual amount distributed per participatory interest, using the ex-dividend date NAV price of the applicable class of the portfolio, irrespective of the actual reinvestment date.

Fees

A fund of funds is a portfolio that invests in portfolios of collective investment schemes that levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for the fund of funds.

Performance-based fees are calculated in terms of the supplemental deed fee for certain of the underlying portfolios. This performance fee will be paid to the underlying investment manager only when the underlying portfolio performance exceeds that if its benchmark. The performance fee of the Fund of Funds, if any, shall be calculated and accrued daily and payable monthly.

What is the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and Transaction Costs (TC)?

The total expense ratio (TER) is the annualised percentage of the fund's average assets under management that has been used to pay the fund's actual expenses over the past three years. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the fund and impact fund returns. They should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time, including market returns, the type of financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. Since fund returns are quoted after the deduction of these expenses, the TER and Transaction Costs should not be deducted again from the published returns. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return.

Foreign Securities

The fund may also invest in foreign securities, which may be exposed to macroeconomic, settlement, political, tax, reporting or illiquidity risk factors that may be different to similar investments in South African markets. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying investments to go up or down.

How are unit prices calculated?

Unit prices are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the portfolio, including any income accruals and less any deductions from the portfolio, divided by the number of units in issue. Forward pricing is used and fund valuations take place at approximately 17:00 each business day. Purchases and redemption requests must be received by Sygnia by 14:00 each business day to receive that day's price. The price shown is specific to this class. The fund size represents the portfolio size as a whole. Unit prices are updated by 10:00 every business day and are available on our website, www.sygnia.co.za.

Cumulative Investment Performance

Cumulative investment performance is for illustrative purposes only. The investment performance is calculated by taking all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown, with income reinvested on the reinvestment date.

Disclaimer

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