Sygnia Skeleton International Equity FoFs

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

31 May 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+

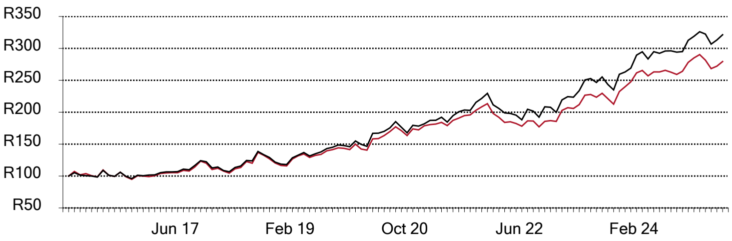
Portfolio Managers	**Kyle Hulett, Iain Anderson**
Regulation 28	**Non-Compliant**
Fund Launch Date	**15 October 2015**
Class Launch Date	**27 November 2015**
Fund Size	**R 2 135 Million**
Unit Price	**270.77**
Units in Issue	**493,555,975**

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: R279.41
Benchmark: R321.38



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	2.7%	2.6%	0.0%
3 Months	-0.8%	-0.3%	-0.4%
6 Months	0.5%	2.8%	-2.3%
Year to Date	-2.0%	0.8%	-2.8%
1 Year	6.2%	9.0%	-2.8%
****3 Years**	15.3%	18.0%	-2.7%
****5 Years**	12.0%	14.0%	-2.0%
****Since Inception**	11.4%	13.1%	-1.7%

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%								-2.0%

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	12.1%	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	0.03% **
VAT	0.09%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.69% (Mar 2025)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.03% (Mar 2025)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.73% (Mar 2025)

*** Fees are exclusive of VAT*

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Fund commentary

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1st Quarter 2025

RISK PROFILE

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TIME HORIZON

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Market performance

US markets experienced a sharp sell-off in March, driven by slowing US growth, the uncertainty of President Trump's trade war plans and US technology concerns. The S&P 500 was down 10% from its February highs at one point, but European, Japanese and emerging markets (EMs) posted gains during the same period. In Europe, a historic shift in fiscal policy emerged as Germany announced significant infrastructure and defence spending – a surprising move for a traditionally conservative economy. In China, the government introduced an expanded budget and the Enhanced Consumption Plan. While the US remains exceptional in terms of growth potential, its relative advantage has diminished. That said, the European Union (EU) has only outlined EUR150bn of defence spend so far, and in its best-case scenario Alpine Macro estimate that the EU will spend USD1tn over the next decade on German infrastructure and EU-wide defence. This against the nearly USD1.8tn in onshoring capex commitments that US companies have announced they will spend over the next four years – on top of the USD329bn capex for Amazon, Microsoft, Google and Meta in 2025 – alone a 45% increase. All told, that is more than double the EU spend in less than half the time.

In its March outlook, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) downgraded EU and US growth marginally by similar amounts over the next two years and upgraded China's growth. The OECD downgraded global growth by only 20 bp for 2025 on the back of tariff uncertainty and did not forecast a recession for 2025 or 2026. Markets concurred with the OECD outlook as commodities rallied – copper is up 30% this year, reaching an all-time high – credit spreads are stable and the dollar weakened, all indicators inconsistent with recessionary conditions. We do not expect a recession looking forward, assuming manageable tariff announcements on Liberation Day, but non-US markets are unlikely to be able to rally in absolute terms if US markets fall further, and the risk that trade wars could push the world into recession is certainly rising.

While risks are rising, the US economy remains strong. Household balance sheets remain robust and strong real final sales (above 3%) provide a cushion against policy shocks. The labour market is robust – January's job openings exceeded expectations and reflected broad hiring across sectors. While the Fed lowered growth from 2.1% to 1.7% for 2025, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell stated that the chances of a recession are low. US financial conditions remain easy.

European shares surged after Germany announced a historic fiscal expansion under incoming Chancellor Friedrich Merz, who said the country will do "whatever it takes" to bolster defence spending. Standard Chartered estimate it could boost German GDP by 1.3% per annum over the next decade, which would boost eurozone GDP by 0.35%. While Germany has room to increase spending, other countries in the EU do not have that luxury – France's budget deficit is close to 6%, double the EU limit. Despite the positive market sentiment after the announcement, risks remain from escalating trade tensions between the US and EU. Chartered estimate that trade tensions could reduce EU GDP growth by 0.75%. In addition, German growth will require not only increased spending but structural supply side reforms and deregulation to ensure improved productivity, as lower productivity has caused Germany's GDP to slip by 1% per year over the last 25 years relative to the US.

Investors are now talking about the Xi Put instead of the Fed Put. The National People's Congress set its highest fiscal deficit level in over three decades, a broad deficit of 9% of GDP, and doubled the consumer subsidy scheme to RMB300bn to stimulate domestic spending. The government also unveiled its Special Action Plan to Enhance Consumption, focused on increasing household incomes. Liquidity injections at local government levels have unblocked frozen payments, reducing loss-making enterprises and improving business confidence. Earnings momentum for Chinese companies is solidly positive, outperforming emerging market peers. Chinese tech continues to rally on advancements in AI, with Baidu launching its new AI model, "Ernie X1", and Alibaba also unveiling its latest AI model. Reciprocal tariffs remain a major threat to EMs.

Oil fell on the surprise decision by OPEC+ to restart production despite faltering Chinese demand and plentiful American supplies. This will help keep inflation stable.

The South African budget saw expenditure increase R233bn from the MTBPS, pushing up the budget deficit and debt-to-GDP ratios, and debt-servicing costs are now estimated at 22c on every rand of tax. After the strong SA equity rally, Goldman Sachs cut SA equities from overweight to equal weight. We remain underweight SA bonds and have subsequently gone underweight SA equities after the recent rally, preferring broader EMs. EM inflation is falling and earnings are accelerating, while China may be best placed to respond to tariffs. The Budget deadline is 2 April.

Prolonged policy uncertainty could undermine consumer confidence and corporate sentiment and push the world into recession. 2 April is "Liberation Day", when new tariffs will be announced by the US, and impacted countries will doubtless announce retaliatory measures thereafter. JPMorgan estimates the average tariff rate on imports could rise to 11% if reciprocal tariffs are introduced – and this before the latest 25% automotive import tariffs. Trump's trade policies are spurring fiscal expansion in the rest of the world, but it remains to be seen whether fiscal spend can outweigh the tariffs. We remain cautious overall but do not expect a recession this year. US S&P global composite PMIs for March rose above expectations to 53.5. We remain neutral equities and underweight bonds, noting the heightened risk of the US slipping into a recession purely on the back of a loss of consumer and corporate confidence. The dollar should strengthen if US growth recovers and as tariffs come into effect. We will be watching the April tariffs closely.

Fund performance

The Sygnia Skeleton International Equity Fund of Funds returned -5.9% for the quarter, while its benchmark returned -3.8%.

The first quarter of 2025 was marked by heightened global uncertainty following a series of announcements from US President Donald Trump regarding new tariffs and trade penalties targeting several international partners, initially focused on Canada and Mexico. These actions triggered a spike in market volatility, resulting in a -3.8% ZAR return for the MSCI All Country World Index. Investor sentiment shifted notably from the optimism seen at the end of 2024 – when markets welcomed President Trump's perceived pro-market stance – to growing concern about a US-led global economic slowdown. This shift also altered interest rate expectations, with anticipated cuts from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell no longer a certainty as rising inflationary concerns further constrained the Fed's flexibility. As a result, global bonds, as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index, declined by 0.6% during the quarter in rand terms.

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.

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