## Sygnia FANG.AI Equity Fund Class B

Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD)
Class B (Tax Free Savings Account Only)

Global - Equity - General

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 Regulation 28
 Non-Compliant

 Fund Launch Date
 23 August 2018

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 31 August 2018

 Fund Size
 R 1 881 Million

 Unit Price
 475.14

 Units in Issue
 43,990,582

30 September 2025

Investment Objective

The fund offers investors exposure to companies harnessing advanced technologies like Al, large language models, cloud storage, big data, social media, and e-commerce.

MEDIUM

3 YEARS+

MEDIUM

5 YEARS+

HIGH

MORE RISK/ RETURN

7 YEARS+

Income Distribution Bi-annually (September and March)

LOW

LESS RISK/

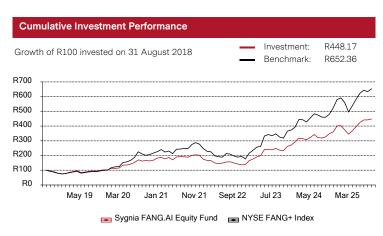
RETURN

Payment: None to date

LOW

2 YEARS+

Trustees Standard Bank Trustees (021 441 4100)



Performance Analysis			
Periodic Performance	Fund	*BM	Difference
1 Month	1.4%	3.0%	-1.6%
3 Months	5.4%	4.7%	0.7%
6 Months	29.8%	31.5%	-1.7%
Year to Date	11.6%	12.6%	-1.0%
1 Year	37.2%	41.8%	-4.6%
**3 Years	44.1%	49.0%	-4.9%
**5 Years	22.5%	25.3%	-2.8%
**Since Inception	23.6%	30.3%	-6.7%
Performance as calculated by Sygnia Asset	t Management as at reporting	a date	

Performance as calculated by Sygnia Asset Management as at reporting date \*NYSE FANG+ Index (Rand)

Asset Allocation		
Asset Class	Percentage	Allocation
International Equities	100.0%	
Top 10 Holdings		
Asset		Percentag
Apple Ord Shs		10.0%
CrowdStrike Holdings Ord Shs	Class A	9.8%
NVIDIA Ord Shs		9.7%
Microsoft Ord Shs		9.5%
ServiceNow Ord Shs		9.3%
Netflix Ord Shs		9.1%
Alphabet Ord Shs Class A		9.1%
Amazon Com Ord Shs		9.0%
Meta Platforms Ord Shs Class A	١	8.9%
Broadcom Ord Shs		8.9%

Historical Performance													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2021	8.5%	1.9%	-4.6%	4.7%	-8.5%	11.5%	1.4%	-0.6%	-1.6%	6.8%	1.6%	-1.3%	19.8%
2022	-13.4%	-4.6%	-1.1%	-9.3%	-3.6%	3.0%	4.8%	1.2%	-5.0%	-4.9%	-4.0%	0.6%	-31.8%
2023	19.8%	6.9%	8.0%	4.6%	20.9%	-0.1%	-0.4%	3.8%	-5.0%	-1.1%	12.4%	3.1%	96.4%
2024	7.9%	8.6%	-0.7%	-2.4%	5.1%	6.1%	-6.2%	-0.6%	2.3%	6.7%	3.4%	11.4%	48.4%
2025	0.3%	-7.2%	-7.7%	6.6%	7.8%	7.2%	3.9%	0.1%	1.4%				11.6%

Risk Statistics		
	Fund	ВМ
% Negative Months	40.0%	43.3%
Avg Negative Return	-4.0%	-4.5%
Maximum Drawdown	-33.1%	-38.4%
Standard Deviation	22.4%	26.7%
Downside Deviation	11.8%	12.2%
Highest Annual Return: Jan 2023 - Dec 2023	96.4%	110.6%
Lowest Annual Return: Dec 2021 - Nov 2022	-33.1%	-32.3%

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	0.79% **
Performance Fee	N/A
Other costs	0.03% **
VAT	0.12%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.94% (Sept 2025)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.02% (Sept 2025)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.96% (Sept 2025)

\*\*Fees are exclusive of VAT



<sup>\*\*</sup>Annualised performance figures

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3rd Quarter 2025

#### **RISK PROFILE** MEDIUM HIGH LOW MEDIUM HIGH LESS RISK/ MORE RISK/ RETURN TIME HORIZON 0-2 YEARS 2 YEARS+ 3 YEARS+ 5 YEARS 7 YEARS+

#### Market performance

The gold price surged more than 10% in September on the risk of a US government shutdown, pushing the real (inflation-adjusted) gold price to an all-time high. Gold's weighting has reached 15% of the JSE All Share Index, nearly three times its 2006 peak; including platinum group metals, total precious metals now account for 22% of the SA equity market, pushing the South African resources sector to more than double year to date Gold previously performed well in the 2018/2019 US shutdown, and the short-term rise in gold has likely been driven by investors seeking safe haven. Beyond the shutdown, emerging market central banks are likely to continue to buy gold and President Trump will continue his attacks on the Fed, so gold's rally is likely to continue. However, the stretched price of gold has raised the risk of a short-term reversal.

The Fed lowered interest rates by 25 basis points, marking its first rate cut in 2025 amid emerging signs of a softening in the labour market. However, the Fed's Summary of Economic Projections (SEP) for 2026 showed an upgrade in growth expectations, raising GDP growth from 1.6% to 1.8%, increasing core personal consumption expenditure (PCE) inflation forecasts from 2.4% to 2.6% and lowering the unemployment rate from 4.5% to 4.4%. The combination of a rate cut alongside upgraded growth and inflation forecasts has raised investor concerns about Fed credibility and dollar debasement. Fed Chair Jerome Powell described September's rate cut as "risk management", but Bloomberg Economics suggests political pressure may have influenced the decision. The SEP and Fed rate cut forecasts suggest a Fed inflation target around 2.8%, higher than the Fed's official 2% target, raising the risk that this implicit inflation bias could shift even higher as the composition of the Federal Open Market Committee changes under Trump. Without political pressure, deep cuts are unlikely. Although the 5 September payroll report showed a significant drop in employment growth, the unemployment rate only ticked up slightly. to 4.3% - breakeven payroll gains (jobs needed to keep unemployment stable) have dropped as a result of a shrinking labour force caused by lower participation and the increased deportation of undocumented workers. The full impact of the increased deportation of undocumented workers may not yet reflect in the data, so the slowdown in labour supply may be greater than reported. This could push wages higher, which, alongside tariff-driven inflation, would likely reduce rate cuts

While inflation rose less than expected, to 3%, the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) kept rates unchanged, with SARB governor Lesetja Kganyago blaming "the serious dysfunction in administered prices, which undermines purchasing power and weakens growth. The solution to this crisis is not a higher level of inflation, but rather sector-specific reforms to improve efficiency.

Infrastructure is a glaring weakness for South African competitiveness. Theo Boshoff, CEO of Agbiz, recently noted that it is still cheaper to import soya beans to Cape Town from Argentina than to transport them from South Africa's inland regions. According to the latest Ctrack data, South African freight volumes and overall activity have continued to deteriorate (from 2024 to end Q2 2025). Transnet is lining up public-private partnerships, but private sector "railing" operations are only expected to begin in 2026/27 at the earliest. According to Dr Sean Phillips, Director-General of the Department of Water and Sanitation, municipal debt owed to water boards tripled from 2018 to July 2025, reaching R24.58bn.

US reciprocal tariff rates for many neighbouring economies were reduced substantially in August from initial levels announced on Liberation Day, but South Africa's rate has remained unchanged from April. Standard Chartered believes this could reduce GDP by as much as 0.3 percentage points - significant when GDP is only expected to grow by 1%. Productivity remains key to improving SA growth. President Cyril Ramaphosa has acknowledged the significant challenges facing SA's public services, including a skills gap, outdated systems and processes, inconsistent service delivery and corruption. On the upside, reform momentum is at its highest level in over a year according to the Business Leadership SA tracker, and 26 of 240 reform deliverables have been marked as complete to date

This year's upside growth surprise is due to tariff hikes occurring more gradually than expected, with the observed US tariff rate only reaching 9.7% in July. As front-loading spending in the US slows, a weakening of labour income will occur just as tariffs squeeze purchasing power, with the effective tariff rate expected to reach 19% by year end. US real labour income is thus projected to decline in the coming months. Despite slower employment, inflationary pressures from tariffs and immigration-driven wage increases pose significant risks that could prematurely end the Fed's rate cut cycle. Investment lead growth is supporting the economy for now and the Atlanta Fed's GDPNow model is spiking. suggesting GDP growth could reaccelerate to 3.3% in Q3. Cheaper energy, a weaker dollar, lower equity earnings yields and narrowing credit spreads are all stimulative for business activity.

Geopolitical noise and risks remain high. The oil price spiked after Trump reversed his stance on Ukraine, writing on social media: "I think Ukraine, with the support of the European Union, is in a position to fight and WIN all of Ukraine back in its original form." Poland shot down 19 Russian drones that entered its airspace during a massive Kremlin airstrike on Ukraine, calling the trespass an "act of aggression". Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk subsequently invoked NATO's Article 4 to consult allies on collective defence measures. Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda warned Russia over the recent entry of three armed Russian fighter jets into Estonian airspace and a series of incursions along the Eastern part of the NATO alliance countries.

Markets are very stretched and pullbacks are likely due to geopolitical risks or inflation. The Fed continues to provide liquidity, and fiscal stimulus is much stronger than it should be at this point in the economic cycle, which suggests that any pullbacks will be shallow.

#### **Fund performance**

The Sygnia FANG.AI Equity Fund delivered a return of 5.4% for the guarter measured in rand terms. outperforming the fund's benchmark. This performance was driven by strength in the US technology sector, while the appreciation of the South African rand relative to the US dollar detracted from the fund's performance.

The fund's allocation to Alphabet (Google's parent company), Apple and artificial intelligence chip designing and manufacturing through companies such as Nvidia and Broadcom were the largest contributors to performance

Netflix and ServiceNow were the largest detractors from the fund's performance during the quarter, with both companies' share prices down more than 10%

Major technology companies have continued to make significant investments in cloud computing and related services, representing a growing source of long-term revenue. These companies are at the forefront of innovation and consistently demonstrate strong financial performance. Supported by large pools of capital, they are increasingly leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) to develop powerful tools and services that enhance their customer offerings

The fund has stayed true to its objective of providing investors with exposure to some of the most advanced US technology companies, focusing on areas like AI, cloud computing and online services

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### Important information to consider before investing

#### **Investment Objective and Strategy**

The objective of the Sygnia FANG.AI Equity Fund is to provide a simple vehicle to investors who wish to gain investment exposure to companies which use advanced technologies to acquire and retain users, including industry disrupting technologies such as artificial intelligence, large language models, cloud storage, big data, social media, and e-commerce tools. The portfolio is actively managed and its holdings will depend on a number of factors including the underlying benchmark which is the NYSE® FANG+™Index (although the portfolio is not obliged to hold all the benchmark constituents).

#### **Balancing Risk and Reward**

The fund has a high risk profile as it has a high strategic allocation to global equities, which combines both equity market and currency risk. Furthermore, the fund invests specifically in companies involved in new and emerging technologies. The payoff profile and the time horizon to profitability of these technologies are not certain. Risk is managed by spreading investments across a large number of companies operating in different industries. 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. This may impact on liquidity and in the case of foreign securities, the repatriation of funds.

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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.

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Sygnia charges an annual management fee comprised of applicable basis fees paid to underlying managers and Sygnia's annual service fee. The fund may invest in other unit trusts (underlying funds) that levy their own charges and which may charge performance fees in the event that the underlying fund's performance exceeds its benchmark.

A schedule of fees and charges is available on request from Sygnia. Permissible deductions may include management fees, brokerage, STT, auditors fees, bank charges and trustee fees. Sygnia does not provide advice and therefore does not charge advice fees.

## 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 published returns. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. Where the financial product has a been in existence for less than a year, the TER and transaction costs cannot be accurately determined. Calculations are based on actual data where possible and best estimates where actual data are not available.

#### **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

#### **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.

#### Tax-Free Unit Trust

This fund qualifies as a tax-free investment according to section 12T of the Income Tax Act, effective from 1 March 2015. South African individuals qualify for the associated tax benefits – namely no tax on dividends, income or capital gains – while still enjoying all the benefits of a unit trust. Contributions to tax-free investments are limited to R36 000 per tax year, with a lifetime limit of R500 000. Amounts invested in excess of these permissible thresholds are taxable.

#### 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 15:00 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.

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