

# Sygnia Itrix MSCI China Feeder ETF

Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD)

Global - Equity - General

30 June 2025

Portfolio Managers

Sygnia Asset Management

Inception

20 April 2022

Fund Size

R 117 Million

NAV Price

3 327 cents

Units in Issue

3 528 155

Investment Objective

Income Distribution

LOW

LOW MEDIUM

MEDIUM

MEDIUM HIGH

HIGH

LESS RISK/  
RETURN

MORE RISK/  
RETURN

1 YEAR+

2 YEARS+

3 YEARS+

5 YEARS+

10 YEARS+

To replicate the price and yield performance of the MSCI China Index

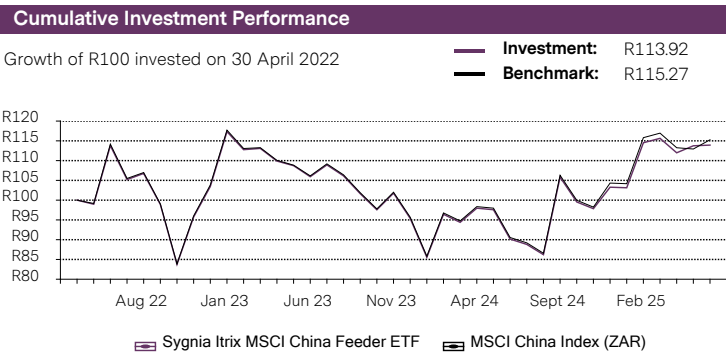
Bi-Annually (June and December)

Payment: 15 Jan 2025 - 31.73074 cents per unit

Payment: 10 Jul 2024 - 9.33748 cents per unit

Standard Bank Trustees (021 441 4100)

Fund Information	
Classification	Global - Equity - General
Asset Allocation	100% Offshore
NAV/Index Ratio	ca. 1/1000
Financial Year End	31 December
Index Tracking	MSCI China Index
Dividend Distribution	Semi-annual distribution
NAV Publication	Daily on sygnia.co.za
Portfolio Valuation	Close of relevant market
Foreign exchange source	World Market fix rate 16:00pm EST



Cumulative investment performance is for illustrative purposes only and is calculated using the NAV before any distributable income and management fee.

Historical Performance													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2022					-1.0%	15.0%	-7.5%	1.5%	-7.4%	-15.3%	14.3%	8.0%	3.4%
2023	13.4%	-3.9%	0.3%	-2.8%	-1.1%	-2.6%	2.8%	-2.6%	-4.2%	-4.0%	4.3%	-6.3%	-7.8%
2024	-10.3%	12.7%	-2.1%	3.8%	-0.4%	-7.6%	-1.5%	-2.9%	22.7%	-5.9%	-1.7%	5.5%	8.3%
2025	-0.1%	11.0%	1.0%	-3.2%	1.6%	0.2%							10.3%

Since inception performance figures are available on request.

Risk Statistics		
	Fund	^BM
% Negative Months	57.9%	60.5%
Average Negative Month	-4.3%	-4.1%
Largest Drawdown	-27.1%	-27.1%
Standard Deviation	26.8%	27.0%
Downside Deviation	12.6%	12.7%
Highest Annual Return: Jul 2024 - Jun 2025	26.4%	27.3%
Lowest Annual Return: Feb 2023 - Jan 2024	-27.1%	-27.1%
Annualised Tracking Error (Active Return) (12 Mths)	-0.9%	-
Annualised Tracking Error (Std Dev of Active Return) (38 Mths)	1.6%	-

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

Listing Information	
Exchange	JSE Limited
Exchange Code	SYGCN
Trading Currency	ZAR
Portfolio Currency	USD
ISIN	ZAE000309159
RIC	SYGCNJ.J
Bloomberg Ticker	SYGCN SJ Equity
Trading Hours	9:00 am - 16:50 pm
Transaction cut-off	JSE trading hours

Asset Allocation		
Asset	Percent	Allocation
International Equity	100.0%	

Portfolio Performance Analysis				
Period	Sygnia Itrix MSCI China Feeder ETF**	MSCI China Index (ZAR)**	MSCI China Index (USD)**	MSCI China Index (TR)
1 Month	0.2%	2.1%	0.7%	0.1%
3 Months	-1.5%	-1.4%	-0.9%	-1.5%
6 Months	10.3%	10.5%	9.4%	10.2%
Year to Date	10.3%	10.5%	9.4%	10.2%
1 Year	26.4%	27.3%	19.2%	26.7%
3 Years	0.0%	0.3%	-5.3%	0.8%
Since Inception	4.2%	4.6%	-2.1%	4.9%
Performance of the fund is calculated by Sygnia Asset Management as at reporting date.				
Performance figures greater than one year are annualised.				
**Price return.				

Fees	
Management Fee	0.17% **
Other costs	0.27% **
VAT	0.06%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.50% (Jun 2025)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.16% (Jun 2025)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.66% (Jun 2025)

\*\*Fees are exclusive of VAT



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## Fund commentary

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2nd Quarter 2025

### 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 gazettement 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% qsa 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.

### RISK PROFILE

LOW	LOW MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM HIGH	HIGH
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RETURN

MORE RISK/  
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### TIME HORIZON

0-2 YEARS	2 YEARS+	3 YEARS+	5 YEARS+	7 YEARS+
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### Fund performance

The Sygnia Itrix MSCI China Feeder ETF delivered -1.5% for the quarter, marginally below its benchmark, the MSCI China Index. The fund benefitted from exposure to Tencent Holdings, while its exposure to Alibaba Group Holding detracted from performance.

The MSCI China Index gave up some of its alpha from earlier in the year during the latest quarter but maintains a strong year to date for 2025, largely due to advancements in artificial intelligence and strong positive earnings.

The fund remains true to its investment objective of delivering returns that mirror those of the MSCI China Index.

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## Important information to consider before investing

### Investment Objective and Strategy

The objective of the Sygnia Itrix MSCI China Feeder ETF is to provide an investment vehicle for investors wishing to track the movement of the MSCI China Index in ZAR by investing in the iShares MSCI China UCITS ETF ("underlying fund") securities. The investment objective of the iShares MSCI China UCITS ETF is to deliver the net total return performance of the MSCI China Index, less the fees and expenses of the fund. In order to achieve this, the investment policy of the iShares MSCI China UCITS ETF is to invest in a portfolio of equity securities that as far as possible and practicable consists of the component securities of the MSCI China Index. Investors should note that the performance reconciliation between the Sygnia Itrix MSCI China Feeder ETF and the underlying feeder fund will be affected by, but not limited to, exchange timing, pricing methodology and domestic and international public holidays.

### Balancing risk and reward

The Fund measures the performance of approximately 85% of the Chinese stock market via large and mid-cap Chinese stock. The Fund will be managed to most effectively give effect to the objectives and investment policy by including apart from assets in liquid form the use of listed and unlisted financial instruments (derivatives) for the exclusive purpose of efficient portfolio management. The Fund is passively managed and aims to produce the same level of income as that produced by the Index.

Annualised performance figures represent the geometric average return earned by the fund over the given time period.

Performance is calculated based on the NAV to NAV calculation of the portfolio. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date and dividend withholding tax.

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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.

### 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.

### How are NAV prices calculated?

Net Asset Value (NAV) 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 permissible deductions from the portfolio divided by the number of units in issue. The price at which ETFs trade on an Exchange may differ from the NAV price published at the close of the trading day, because of intraday price movements in the value of the constituent basket of securities.

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Additional information on the Index including its performance and tracking error can be viewed on the relevant Minimum disclosure document (MDD) on [www.sygnia.co.za](http://www.sygnia.co.za). A schedule of fees, charges and where the ETF engages in securities lending activities, information on such securities lending activities may be requested via [admin@sfs.sygnia.co.za](mailto:admin@sfs.sygnia.co.za) or 0860 794 642. The complete terms and conditions of your ETF investment are contained in the fund's offering circular, pre-listing statement, programme memorandum and/or supplemental deed and index constituents with prices are published daily on Sygnia's website. The documents/information may be obtained from [www.sygnia.co.za](http://www.sygnia.co.za) or on request from Sygnia.

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