# Sygnia Itrix S&P Global 1200 ESG ETF

Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD) Global - Equity - General

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 Inception
 12 April 2021

 Fund Size
 R 2.608 Billion

 NAV Price
 6 242 cents

 Units in Issue
 41 776 873

Fund Information	
Classification	Global - Equity - General
Asset Allocation	100% Offshore
NAV/Index Ratio	ca. 1/1000
Financial Year End	31 December
Index Tracking	S&P Global 1200 Scored & Screened 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.

Top 10 Holdings	
Instrument	Percent
NVIDIA Ord Shs	7.3%
Apple Ord Shs	7.0%
Microsoft Ord Shs	6.2%
Alphabet Ord Shs Class A	3.1%
Alphabet Ord Shs Class C	2.5%
Meta Platforms Ord Shs Class A	2.4%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Ord Shs	1.9%
Eli Lilly Ord Shs	1.4%
Visa Ord Shs Class A	1.0%
Exxon Mobil Ord Shs	0.8%

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Investment Objective To replicate the price and yield performance of the S&P Global 1200 Scored & Screened Index

2 YEARS+

3 YEARS+

LOW

LOW

LESS RISK/

1 YEAR+

RETURN

MEDIUM

5 YEARS+

HIGH

7 YEARS+

MORE RISK/ RETURN

Income Distribution Payment: 15 Jan 2025 - 30.47462 cents per unit
Payment: 14 Jul 2025 - 38.55198 cents per unit

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Listing Information	
Exchange	JSE Limited
Exchange Code	SYGESG
Trading Currency	ZAR
Portfolio Currency	USD
ISIN	ZAE000296778
RIC	SYGESGJ.J
Bloomberg Ticker	SYGESG 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%	
Geographic Allocation		
Region	Percent	Allocation
United States	67.2%	
Japan	6.2%	
United Kingdom	3.5%	•
France	2.9%	
Other	20.3%	

Sector Allocation		
Sector	Percent	Allocation
Information Technology	30.8%	
Financials	16.7%	
Communication Services	10.6%	
Health Care	10.1%	
Other	31.9%	

Portfolio Perf	ormance Analy	sis		
Period	Sygnia Itrix S&P Global 1200 ESG	S&P Global 1200 Scored & Screened Index (ZAR)**	S&P Global 1200 Scored & Screened Index USD	Sygnia Itrix S&P Global 1200 Scored & Screened (TR)
1 Year	9.9%	9.9%	15.9%	11.2%
3 Years	17.4%	17.4%	17.1%	19.1%
Since Inception	13.4%	13.4%	9.3%	14.8%
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Performance of the fund is calculated by Sygnia Asset Management as at reporting date. Performance figures greater than one year are annualised.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Price return.

Historical Performance													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2023	9.8%	2.1%	-0.1%	5.0%	7.4%	0.9%	-2.7%	3.5%	-5.0%	-3.2%	10.1%	0.8%	31.0%
2024	2.6%	7.1%	1.9%	-3.9%	4.3%	-1.0%	1.1%	-0.1%	-1.4%	0.2%	5.9%	1.6%	19.2%
2025	1.5%	-0.9%	-5.4%	1.2%	2.0%	2.8%	3.4%	0.5%	1.0%	3.0%	-0.7%		8.2%

 $Since\ inception\ performance\ figures\ are\ available\ on\ request.$ 

Risk Statistics		
	Fund	^BM
% Negative Months	41.8%	41.8%
Average Negative Month	-2.6%	-2.6%
Largest Drawdown	-17.8%	-17.9%
Standard Deviation	14.3%	14.3%
Downside Deviation	6.9%	6.9%
Highest Annual Return: Jul 2022 - Jun 2023	34.4%	34.4%
Lowest Annual Return: Jan 2022 - Dec 2022	-13.3%	-13.3%
Annualised Tracking Error (Active Return) (12 Mths)	0.0%	-
Annualised Tracking Error (Std Dev of Active Return) (55 Mths)	0.1%	-

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

Fees	
Management Fee	0.30% **
Other costs	0.02% **
VAT	0.05%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.37% (Sept 2025)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.01% (Sept 2025)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.38% (Sept 2025)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Fees are exclusive of VAT



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### 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 Nauséda 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.

# LOW LOW MEDIUM MEDIUM MIGH HIGH LESS RISK/ RETURN MORE RISK/ RETURN MORE RISK/ RETURN MORE RISK/ RETURN 7 YEARS+

### Fund performance

The Sygnia Itrix S&P Global 1200 ESG ETF delivered 4.9% for the quarter, in line with its benchmark, S&P Global 1200 Scored & Screened Index. The fund benefitted from exposure to Apple Inc, Nvidia Corp and Alphabet Inc, while its exposure to SAP SE, Salesforce Inc and Accenture PLC detracted from performance.

There were several changes to the tracked index's constituents over the period, including the addition of Paramount Skydance Corp and the removal of Hess Corp, Li Auto Inc and Mediobanca Banca di Credito Finanziario SpA.

The fund remains true to its investment objective of delivering returns that mirror those of the S&P Global 1200 Scored & Screened Index.

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### Important information to consider before investing

### **Investment Objective and Strategy**

The objective of the Sygnia Itrix S&P Global 1200 ESG ETF is to provide an investment vehicle to investors who want to achieve long term capital appreciation in tracking the performance of the S&P Global 1200 Scored & Screened Index (.SPGESUP) ("benchmark index").

In order to achieve this objective, the Sygnia Itrix S&P Global 1200 ESG ETF shall track the S&P Global 1200 Scored & Screened (.SPGESUP) Index as closely as practically and feasibly possible by buying securities that substantially make up the index at similar weighting as they are included in the Index. Whenever the Index gets rebalanced, the Portfolio will be rebalanced to align its holdings to that of the benchmark and to the extent that it's performance will not deviate from its benchmark.

### Balancing risk and reward

The Fund has a 100% strategic allocation to global equities. The structure of the Fund is dictated by the composition of the S&P Global 1200 Index and managed with the aim to produce the same level of income as that produced by the index. Investors are alerted to the fact that the Fund is not a a general equity product, but one with a specific focus, and thus a specific risk and return profile. For a change in the index constituents, please refer to the published SENS. Index Performance data can be sourced from Bloomberg, Reuters, other data providers and at www.sygnia.co.za.

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

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### **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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