

Sygnia Life Transnational Equity Fund

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Portfolio Manager
Regulation 28
Fund Launch Date

Sygnia Life Limited
Non-compliant
11 September 2023

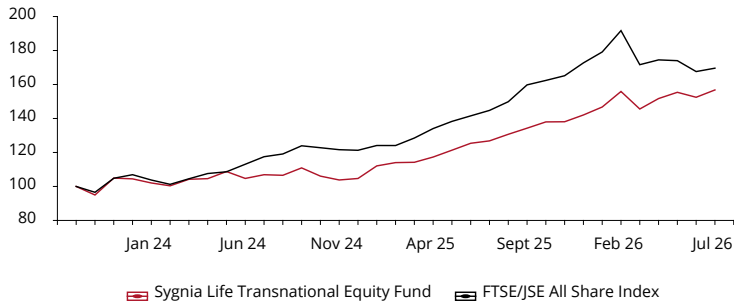
Investment Objective

The fund aims to provide investors with exposure to South African equity instruments that earn the majority of their revenue internationally.

Legal Structure

Linked Life Investment Fund available via Sygnia Life Policies

Cumulative Investment Performance



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

Performance Analysis

Periodic Performance	Fund	*BM	Difference
1 Month	2.8%	1.2%	1.6%
3 Months	3.3%	-2.8%	6.1%
6 Months	6.8%	-5.3%	12.2%
Year to Date	10.4%	-1.8%	12.2%
1 Year	23.6%	17.2%	6.5%
**Since Inception	17.2%	16.3%	0.9%

*FTSE/JSE All Share Index

**Performance figures are annualised

Historical Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2023										-5.0%	10.5%	-0.4%	4.5%
2024	-2.3%	-1.6%	3.8%	0.4%	4.0%	-3.7%	2.1%	-0.3%	4.1%	-4.4%	-2.1%	0.8%	0.2%
2025	7.1%	1.7%	0.2%	2.7%	3.4%	3.4%	1.1%	3.1%	2.8%	2.7%	0.1%	2.9%	35.7%
2026	3.3%	6.2%	-6.6%	4.2%	2.4%	-1.9%	2.8%						10.4%

Since inception performance figures are available on request.

Risk Statistics

	Fund	*BM
% Positive Months	70.6%	70.6%
% Negative Months	29.4%	29.4%
Best Month	10.5%	8.6%
Worst Month	-6.6%	-10.5%
Avg Negative Return	-2.8%	-2.5%
Maximum Drawdown	-6.6%	-12.6%
Standard Deviation	12.3%	12.3%
Downside Deviation	7.1%	10.7%

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

Sector Allocation as at June 2026

Sector	Percent	Allocation
Industrials	57.3%	
Resources	29.3%	
Financials	13.4%	

Top 10 Equity Holdings as at June 2026

Manager	Percentage
British American Tobacco Plc	10.8%
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV	10.5%
Compagnie Financière Richemont	10.2%
MTN Group Ltd	10.1%
Prosus Ord Shs	9.7%
BHP Group Ltd	9.5%
Glencore Ord Shs	6.7%
Anglo American Plc	4.3%
BID Corporation Ltd	3.6%
AngloGold Ashanti Ord Shs	3.0%

Fees

Initial Fee	0.00% (Jun 2026)
Management Fee	0.43% (Jun 2026)

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Fund commentary

Minimum disclosure document (MDD)

2nd Quarter 2026

RISK PROFILE

LOW	LOW MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM HIGH	HIGH
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LESS RISK/
RETURN

MORE RISK/
RETURN

TIME HORIZON

0-2 YEARS	2 YEARS+	3 YEARS+	5 YEARS+	7 YEARS+
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Market performance

The World Bank has trimmed its 2026 global growth forecast to 2.5%, down from 2.6% in January, citing the economic drag from the Middle East conflict. Emerging market and developing economies are now anticipated to grow at 3.6%, a 0.4% downgrade. The US is the notable exception, holding steady at 2.2% – unchanged from January and marginally ahead of its 2.1% outturn in 2025.

The announcement of a memorandum of understanding between Iran and the US caused the oil price to fall dramatically but has not altered our baseline forecasts. The oil price has retracted considerably but will remain elevated throughout 2026 relative to 2025 as geopolitical risks persist:

- A nuclear deal with Iran will be difficult to achieve without Trump agreeing to weaker terms than those secured under Obama's 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (which Trump scrapped).
- Reports of strikes in Lebanon continue, and it remains far from certain whether Israel and Hezbollah can sustain their temporary ceasefire.
- Red Sea traffic remains well below pre-conflict levels and is likely to remain so, as insurance costs remain high; Damaged facilities are still offline, and the UAE, for example, has declared its intention to reduce its Hormuz exposure to zero.

Gold has fallen more than 25% from its peak and bitcoin more than 50% as strong US jobs data and the Fed's reaffirmation of its inflation target pile pressure on assets that had rallied on fears of currency debasement. May US payroll growth came in well above the highest forecast, with substantial upward revisions to prior months. To put the number in context, St Louis Fed economists estimate that monthly job creation of 30 000–85 000 is sufficient to avoid pushing unemployment higher. At 172 000, May's print was double the top of that range. For the Fed, the figures settle the question of labour market softening, allowing it to turn its full attention to the inflation side of its dual mandate. Half of the Fed's 18 members now anticipate at least one rate increase this year, and a third project two or more – a clear shift from the prior easing bias, notwithstanding the Middle East deal and lower oil prices. Markets were debating whether the Fed was quietly acquiescing to an implicit 3% inflation target after five years above the 2% threshold, but incoming chair Kevin Warsh vowed to restore price stability and confirmed the 2% inflation target remains key to the Fed's mandate. Markets reacted sharply to the strong payrolls and later to the hawkish Fed. Yields surged, the dollar strengthened and traders moved to fully price in an additional 25 basis points of tightening. The combination of a hawkish Fed, a stronger dollar and rising bond yields has weighed heavily on the debasement trade, which reflects a cluster of demand drivers: higher geopolitical uncertainty, long-term inflation uncertainty and concerns about debt debasement driven by large fiscal deficits across major economies. One measure of this trade is non-bank investors' allocation to gold and bitcoin relative to their holdings of equities, bonds and cash. After a steady build-up from mid-2023, that allocation has been pulling back since the start of the Iran conflict and has now retreated to levels last seen in March 2025. For emerging markets, a hawkish Fed will cap the emerging market rally. Lower oil prices will partially remove one headwind for emerging markets, but a more restrictive Fed introduces a new one through a stronger dollar and tighter global liquidity, reducing the profitability of the carry trade.

Fitch has upgraded South Africa's sovereign credit rating one notch, from BB- to BB, with a stable outlook. The move brings all three major ratings agencies into alignment at the second-highest non-investment grade rating. That said, the upgrade should not be read as a signal of near-term progress – first-quarter GDP rose 0.5%, beating expectations, but its composition was weak. Growth was driven entirely by net exports, and even that reflected a sharp fall in imports rather than export-led strength. Household spending dropped sharply and investment fell. With the oil shock now feeding through, demand is likely to weaken further from the second quarter, and we expect full-year growth of around 1%. We agree with Fitch that the short-term fiscal outlook is positive. Elevated platinum and gold prices will help insulate government revenues from the oil shock and underpin ongoing budget consolidation and debt stabilisation. We have concerns about the longer term, where risks remain on the spending side, including potential support for state-owned enterprises, large contingent liabilities linked to the Road Accident Fund and the possibility that the Social Relief of Distress grant will become more generous or more widely covered than currently budgeted. Growth is also likely to remain subdued. Interest rate futures are pricing in one hike – a far cry from the three cuts anticipated before the Iran War and the Fed's shift in tone. Softness in gold adds a further headwind for South African growth.

Despite the conflict, growth has proven more resilient than feared. Global fiscal policy remains accommodative, effective US tariff rates have fallen and wealth effects remain positive, with markets at highs and the ongoing AI investment boom providing further support. But central banks are navigating an increasingly difficult environment: core inflation remains elevated and El Niño is expected to add further upward pressure through higher food prices, while future tariffs may lead to import inflation. With the US labour market now demonstrating renewed resilience, the Fed is likely to begin hiking sooner than anticipated to manage core inflation – a meaningful headwind for global equity markets. Emerging economies will continue to face a drag from higher energy and food prices as well as a hawkish Fed.

Fund performance

The Sygnia Life Transnational Equities Fund delivered 4.9% for the quarter, well above its benchmark, the FTSE/JSE All Share, which returned -1.7%. The fund benefitted from exposure to Compagnie Financière Richemont SA, Anheuser-Busch Inbev SA and MTN Group Ltd, while its exposure to Glencore PLC, Gold Fields Ltd and Prosus NV detracted from performance.

There were no changes to the tracked index's constituents over the period.

Remaining committed to its core investment objective, the fund continues to pursue sustained long-term capital growth by strategically investing in stocks with substantial international revenue streams.

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Important information to consider before investing

Investment Objective & Strategy

The Sygnia Life Transnational Equity Fund is a unique investment vehicle designed for South African investors who are limited by regulation from investing more than a specific amount offshore. The fund is actively managed and primarily invests in JSE-listed equities that have a predominantly offshore revenue exposure, providing investors with exposure to diversified global growth opportunities. This can be a valuable asset for investors who are concerned about the potential for South African growth to stagnate.

Balancing Risk and Reward

The Sygnia Life Transnational Equity Fund targets an overall 100% allocation to a concentrated selection of South African equities and has a high risk profile. It is a suitable investment for investors seeking higher returns who are willing to tolerate higher volatility and aim to maximise capital accumulation over a longer-term time horizon. Given the specialist nature of the fund, it should be used as part of a broadly diversified investment strategy rather than as a sole equity investment.

Fees

Sygnia charges an annual management fee comprised of applicable basic fees paid to underlying managers and Sygnia's annual service fee.

Sygnia Life has agreed performance fees with certain of the underlying managers. These performance fees are designed to encourage and reward performance by the investment manager in excess of agreed performance benchmarks with the objective of enhancing the overall portfolio returns and increasing the likelihood of the portfolio achieving its return objectives.

Fees are quoted exclusive of performance fees. To the extent that the fund is invested in underlying hedge funds or international fund of funds it may result in a higher fee structure. Fees charged by underlying managers are treated as an expense of the account.

Sygnia does not provide advice and therefore does not charge advice fees. If a financial planner is appointed, initial and ongoing advice fees may be payable as agreed upon between you and your financial advisor. The payments of these fees are facilitated by the Linked Investment Service Provider (LISP) and not directly by Sygnia.

Disclosures and risks

This is a linked life investment fund made available through Sygnia Life Limited policies. The value of the investment is determined with reference to the underlying investment portfolio and may fluctuate over time due to market movements, changes in asset values and, where applicable, exposure to foreign markets and currency fluctuations. No guarantee is provided in respect of the capital invested or the return achieved.

Past performance cannot be extrapolated into the future and is not an indication of future performance.

Sygnia Life Limited is a licensed insurer (1197) and authorised financial services provider (FSP 2935). Sygnia Asset Management (Pty) Limited is an authorised financial services provider (FSP 873) and is the appointed investment manager of the fund.

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