

Sygnia Skeleton Balanced Absolute Fund Class A

Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD)

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South African - Multi-Asset - Low Equity

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Regulation 28

Compliant

Fund launch date

23 March 2022

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Fund Size

R 383.00 Million

Unit Price

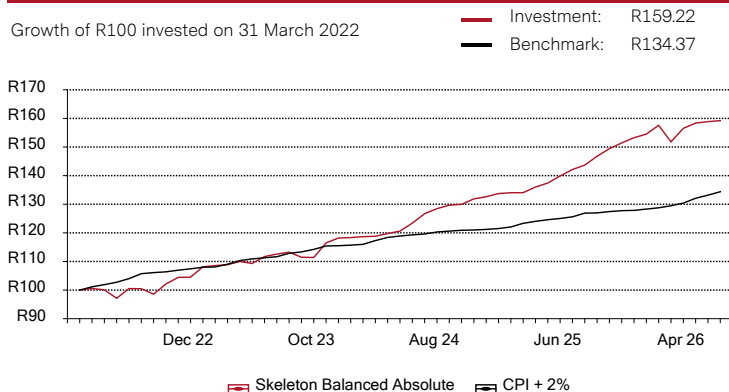
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Units in Issue

296 252 526

Cumulative Investment Performance

Growth of R100 invested on 31 March 2022



Performance Analysis

Periodic Performance	Fund	*BM	Diff
1 Month	0.2%	0.9%	-0.7%
3 Months	1.7%	3.0%	-1.3%
6 Months	3.0%	4.7%	-1.7%
Year to Date	3.9%	5.1%	-1.2%
1 Year	12.0%	7.0%	5.0%
3 Years	12.2%	6.4%	5.9%
Since Inception	11.3%	7.1%	4.3%

*Headline Consumer Price Index + 2%
Performance figures greater than one year are annualised.

Historical Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2022				0.6%	-0.5%	-2.9%	3.5%	0.0%	-1.9%	3.6%	2.3%	0.1%	4.5%
2023	3.4%	0.4%	0.3%	1.0%	-0.6%	2.2%	0.8%	0.6%	-1.6%	-0.1%	4.6%	1.4%	13.1%
2024	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.8%	0.7%	2.3%	2.7%	1.4%	0.9%	0.2%	1.5%	0.6%	12.2%
2025	0.8%	0.2%	0.0%	1.5%	1.0%	1.8%	1.6%	1.1%	2.1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.2%	15.6%
2026	0.8%	2.0%	-3.7%	3.1%	1.2%	0.3%	0.2%						3.9%

Fund Summary

	Fund	Benchmark
% Negative Months	15.4%	0.0%
Avg Negative Return	-1.4%	0.0%
Maximum Drawdown	-3.7%	0.0%
Standard Deviation	5.2%	1.3%
Downside Deviation	4.7%	0.0%
Highest Annual Return: Mar 2025 - Feb 2026	17.6%	5.5%
Lowest Annual Return: Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	8.9%	9.0%

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

LOW MANAGEMENT FEES AT 0.40%



Investment Objective

The fund targets positive returns over rolling 12-month period

Income Distribution

Bi-annually (September and March)

Payment: 1 Apr 2026 - 2.98 cents per unit

Payment: 1 Oct 2025 - 3.16 Cents per unit

Trustees

Standard Bank Trustees (021 441 4100)

Asset Allocation as at 30 June 2026

Asset	Percent	Allocation
Domestic Bonds	28.3%	
Domestic Income	27.4%	
International Equities	15.7%	
Domestic Equities	9.9%	
Domestic Inflation-Linked Bonds	8.7%	
International Fixed Interest	5.9%	
International Cash	3.4%	
Domestic Property	0.8%	

Manager Allocation as at 30 June 2026

Manager	Percentage
Sygnia Asset Management	80.8%
Other	19.2%

Fees

Management Fee	0.35% **
Performance Fee	0.00%
Other costs	0.12% **
VAT	0.07%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.54% (Jun 2026)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.03% (Jun 2026)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.57% (Jun 2026)

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Fund commentary

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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.

RISK PROFILE



TIME HORIZON



Fund performance

The Sygnia Skeleton Balanced Absolute Fund returned 4.6% for the quarter, outperforming its long-term target, CPI + 2% per annum, which returned 2.9%.

Global financial markets navigated a strong but geopolitically charged second quarter of 2026, starting with lingering risk aversion from the Middle East conflict and shifting decisively toward risk appetite as war fears eased and technology-led optimism returned. The escalation in the US-Iran conflict initially drove concern around oil supply, the Strait of Hormuz and a renewed inflation impulse, but a memorandum of understanding between the US and Iran helped de-escalate tensions, reopen the strait and restore confidence that energy disruptions would be limited.

Currency markets were more favourable for rand-based investors, with the US dollar weakening 4.3% against the rand over the quarter.

Global equities rallied strongly, with the MSCI World Index returning 8.9% in rand terms, while emerging markets skyrocketed, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index rising 18.8% over the quarter. These developments resulted in the MSCI All Country World Index returning 10.0% for the quarter. Global bonds – measured by the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index – decreased by 4.4% in rand terms.

South African equities were weighed down by weaker precious metal prices as gold fell on reduced geopolitical uncertainty around the Middle East, resulting in the FTSE/JSE Capped All Share Index returning -2.4% for the quarter.

The fund's positioning is in line with its investment objective of maximising long-term returns, managing the risk of short-term capital losses and maintaining a low level of overall risk.

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Important information to consider before investing

Investment Objective & Strategy

The Sygnia Skeleton Balanced Absolute Fund is a South African - Multi Asset Low Equity portfolio and shall comprise of investments in multiple asset classes as set out below, which may also include international assets. The fund targets positive returns over rolling 12-month periods and as such has an absolute return focus. The Fund will have exposure to both domestic and foreign assets, which will include equities, fixed income and money market assets and will comprise a number of underlying portfolios predominantly managed on a passive, index tracking, basis. The Fund has targets a performance benchmark of SA CPI + 2%.

Balancing Risk and Reward

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Fees

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, levies, stamps, auditor's 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 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.

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 R46 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 permissible 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 the manager 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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