

# Sygnia Itrix MSCI Emerging Markets 50 ETF

Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD)  
Global - Equity - General

31 May 2026

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Inception **30 April 2021**  
Fund Size **R 1.084 Billion**  
NAV Price **3 264 cents**  
Units in Issue **33 206 024**

Investment Objective

To replicate the price and yield performance of MSCI Emerging Markets 50 Index

Income Distribution

Payment: 14 Jul 2025 - 15.09102 cents per share  
Payment: 14 Jan 2026 - 16.03812 cents per share

Trustees

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 EM 50 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 London Time

## Cumulative Investment Performance

Growth of R100 invested on 31 May 2021

Investment: R175.28  
Benchmark: R175.14



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
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Ord Shs	27.7%
Samsung Electronics Ord Shs	14.8%
SK Hynix Ord Shs	12.8%
Tencent Holdings Ord Shs	5.0%
Alibaba Group Holding Ord Shs	3.9%
Mediatek Ord Shs	3.0%
Delta Electronics Ord Shs	2.3%
Hon Hai Precision Industry Ord Shs	1.7%
China Construction Bank Ord Shs H	1.4%
HDFC Bank ADR Representing Three Ord Shs	1.3%

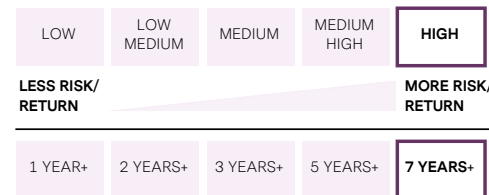
## Historical Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2023	16.1%	-3.9%	1.6%	-2.7%	8.0%	-1.3%	-0.2%	-0.6%	-4.5%	-3.7%	9.6%	-1.2%	16.0%
2024	-4.6%	8.7%	3.7%	0.4%	1.5%	4.0%	-2.8%	-1.0%	4.5%	0.5%	-2.4%	6.7%	20.1%
2025	1.6%	2.9%	-3.2%	-0.3%	2.3%	5.0%	5.5%	-1.9%	9.3%	6.3%	-5.3%	1.1%	24.6%
2026	8.6%	5.7%	-8.6%	15.8%	13.4%								37.8%

## Risk Statistics

	Fund	^BM
% Negative Months	50.0%	48.3%
Average Negative Month	-3.4%	-3.5%
Largest Drawdown	-37.6%	-37.6%
Standard Deviation	20.5%	20.5%
Downside Deviation	10.5%	10.4%
Highest Annual Return: Jun 2025 - May 2026	66.4%	66.4%
Lowest Annual Return: Nov 2021 - Oct 2022	-32.6%	-32.6%
Annualised Tracking Error (Active Return) (12 Mths)	0.0%	-
Annualised Tracking Error (Std Dev of Active Return) (60 Mths)	0.1%	-

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	SYGEMF
Trading Currency	ZAR
Portfolio Currency	USD
ISIN	ZAE000297792
RIC	SYGEMFJJ
Bloomberg Ticker	SYGEMF 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 Emerging Markets 50**	MSCI Emerging Markets 50 Index (ZAR)**	MSCI Emerging Markets USD Return Index	Sygnia Itrix MSCI EM 50 ETF (TR)
1 Month	13.4%	13.4%	16.9%	13.4%
3 Months	20.0%	19.9%	17.9%	20.2%
6 Months	39.3%	39.2%	47.2%	39.7%
Year to Date	37.8%	37.8%	40.9%	37.9%
1 Year	66.4%	66.4%	85.5%	67.8%
3 Years	26.2%	26.2%	35.0%	28.2%
5 Years	11.9%	11.9%	8.2%	13.6%
Since Inception	11.9%	11.9%	8.2%	13.6%

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	0.35% **
Other costs	0.05% **
VAT	0.06%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.46% (Mar 2026)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.03% (Mar 2026)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.49% (Mar 2026)

\*\*Fees are exclusive of VAT

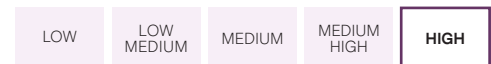
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## Fund commentary

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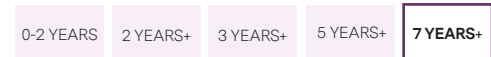
### RISK PROFILE



LESS RISK/  
RETURN

MORE RISK/  
RETURN

### TIME HORIZON



### Market performance

Escalation between the US/Israel and Iran has driven crude oil to \$120 per barrel (/bbl). Equity, currency and bond markets across Europe and emerging economies have sold off sharply as carry trades unwind. The dollar has strengthened and gold has softened, reaffirming the dollar's safe-haven status in a high-geopolitical-risk environment.

US forces have struck Iran's Kharg Island, the country's principal crude export hub. Iran has struck its Gulf neighbours hard, removing 12 million barrels per day (mb/d) of supply and effectively closing the Strait of Hormuz and impeding the 20 mb/d that ordinarily transits it. In response, the International Energy Agency released 400 million barrels – larger than any prior drawdown. The US has also permitted purchases of sanctioned Russian oil, estimated at 124 million barrels. However, these measures combined amount to only 26 days of Hormuz-replacement supply. Yemen's Houthi militia have officially entered the war, which threatens to close the key Bab al-Mandab Strait, the alternative transit route via the Red Sea; this could affect a further 5mb/d of seaborne crude oil. On 18 March, Israel struck the Iranian portion of the South Pars/North Dome gas field, the largest gas field in the world (shared with Qatar). Iran retaliated with widespread attacks on oil and gas infrastructure, impairing 17% of Qatar's liquid natural gas capacity for three to five years. Natural gas prices have almost doubled year-to-date.

Even a unilateral US declaration of "victory" would not produce a clean exit. Several structural obstacles remain:

- Iran has rejected the US's 15-point proposal, wishing to maintain its nuclear facilities and gain recognition of its "authority" over the Strait of Hormuz.
- Iran "wins" by controlling the Strait. It is charging transit fees on some commercial vessels through the strait at \$2m per voyage; the US has limited means to prevent Iranian drone attacks on Persian Gulf shipping, and Iranian mines make naval escorts operationally difficult.
- Russia benefits from a prolonged conflict, as higher prices are delivering a financial windfall to Moscow. Russia may also be supplying Iran with weapons.
- Israel has extended evacuation orders in southern Lebanon to cover 14% of the total area, and domestic Israeli polling shows overwhelming support for the operation Prime Minister Netanyahu has advocated for decades. Israeli skirmishes may thus independently continue to keep Iran engaged.
- Ports and infrastructure damaged during the conflict will take time to repair.
- Once drawn down, strategic reserves must be replenished, creating a persistent demand overhang.

JPM research shows energy prices close to \$100/bbl through midyear (moderating towards \$80/bbl thereafter), which would raise consumer prices by 1.0% and reduce growth by 0.8%. But the disruption extends well beyond crude oil. The Strait of Hormuz also carries critical flows of chemical and petrochemical products whose supply impairment has global implications for food, agriculture and semiconductor manufacturing. To place this in historical context, the Strait of Hormuz remained open during both the Gulf War (1990) and the Iraq War (2003).

The closest historical analogue is Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, which disrupted the Black Sea, a critical corridor for grain and fertiliser. Around 50% of the world's seaborne sulphur trade passes through the Strait of Hormuz; sulphuric acid is a key input in wafer cleaning and microchip fabrication. The price of urea – the world's most widely used nitrogen fertiliser – has risen 70% since the conflict began, and ammonia is up 80%. The Middle East also supplies approximately one-third of the world's commercial helium, which is essential for semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

The US is most protected from this shock, as dollar strength dampened imported inflation for the US, growth coming into the shock was stronger than peers, the US is a net energy exporter and American WTI oil is trading \$20/bbl cheaper than Brent crude. Energy goods and services as a share of US personal consumer expenditure have more than halved over the past 50 years. Europe is materially more exposed, as currency weakness provides less of a cushion against dollar-denominated commodities, and the region is bearing the primary burden of the sharp rise in natural gas prices. Energy costs account for about 11% of household income in Europe, compared with 3.4% in the US. We have reduced our eurozone bond allocation to neutral.

Major emerging market (EM) economies are oil importers, and households spend a higher share of consumption on transport and food than in developed markets. Immediate currency weakness has already raised inflation expectations, and EM central banks are being forced into rate hikes even as growth deteriorates. The combination of a stronger dollar, higher inflation, rising rates and deteriorating risk sentiment creates a deeply adverse environment for EM assets. We have reduced our EM bond and equity overweight to neutral.

The key question is whether the oil shock will trigger a major global downturn. The answer depends on the magnitude and duration of the energy shock. Historically, a sustained doubling of oil prices to around \$130 for two months has been the threshold for a recession. The US has strong incentives to seek a relatively swift resolution to the conflict in the Middle East. However, even if a ceasefire happens immediately, it will take time for supply to return to the Strait. Given the uncertainty of the outlook, we have reduced our overweight in EMs back to neutral, including South African equities.

South Africa is heavily dependent on energy and fertiliser imports, and the rand has weakened materially. Rate expectations have shifted from pricing in nearly three cuts over the next twelve months to pricing in three hikes. If oil is sustained at \$90/bbl and the USD/ZAR at 17.00 for three months, JPMorgan models headline CPI above 4.1% by June. Gold's failure to make new highs during this conflict represents an additional downside risk to South African equities, as precious metals make up one third of the Top 40 Index.

### Fund performance

The Sygnia Itrix MSCI Emerging Markets 50 ETF delivered 5.0% for the quarter, marginally above its benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets 50 Index. The fund benefitted from exposure to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and SK Hynix Inc, while its exposure to Tencent Holdings Ltd, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd and HDFC Bank Ltd detracted from performance.

There were several changes to the tracked index's constituents over the period, including the addition of ASE Technology Holding Co Ltd and SK Square Co Ltd and the removal of Kuaishou Technology and Yum China Holdings Inc.

The fund remains true to its investment objective of delivering returns that mirror those of the MSCI Emerging Markets 50 Index.

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## Important information to consider before investing

### Investment Objective and Strategy

The objective of the Sygnia Itrix MSCI Emerging Markets 50 ETF is to provide an investment vehicle to investors who want to achieve long term capital appreciation in tracking the performance of the MSCI EM 50 Index ("benchmark index").

In order to achieve this objective, the Sygnia Itrix MSCI Emerging Markets 50 ETF shall track the MSCI EM 50 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 its 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 MSCI EM 50 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 general equity product, but one with a specific focus, and thus a specific risk and return profile. For changes in the index constituents, refer to the "About this fund" section on our website, where the fund's holdings are published daily. Index Performance data can be sourced from Bloomberg, Reuters, other data providers and at [www.sygnia.co.za](http://www.sygnia.co.za).

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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