

# Sygnia Top 40 Index Fund

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Class A

South African - Equity - SA Equity

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Regulation 28	<b>Non-Compliant</b>
Fund Launch Date	<b>30 May 2013</b>
Class Launch Date	<b>14 November 2013</b>
Fund Size	<b>R 656.00 Million</b>
Unit Price	<b>259.92</b>
Units in Issue	<b>238 014 341</b>

Investment Objective

Income Distribution

Trustees

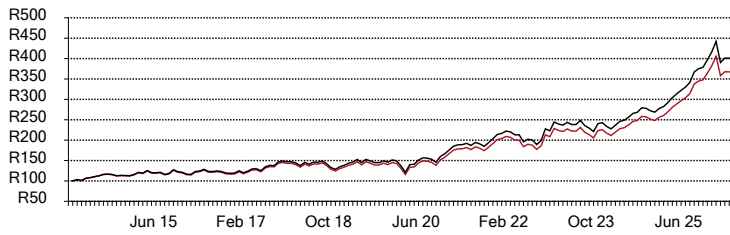
The fund aims to deliver performance in line with the returns of the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index  
**Bi-annually (September and March)**  
**Payment: 1 Apr 2026 - 3.68 cents per unit**  
**Payment: 1 Oct 2025 - 3.82 cents per unit**  
**Standard Bank Trustees (021 441 4100)**

LOW	LOW MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM HIGH	<b>HIGH</b>
LESS RISK/ RETURN			MORE RISK/ RETURN	
0 - 2 YEARS	2 YEARS+	3 YEARS+	5 YEARS+	<b>7 YEARS+</b>

## Cumulative Investment Performance

Growth of R100 invested on 30 November 2013

— Investment: R367.49  
 — Benchmark: R401.13



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## Sector Allocation

Sector	Percent	Allocation
Resources	36.0%	<div style="width: 36%;"></div>
Financials	33.9%	<div style="width: 33.9%;"></div>
Industrials	29.2%	<div style="width: 29.2%;"></div>
Liquidity	1.0%	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>

## Performance Analysis

Periodic Performance	Fund	*BM	Difference
<b>1 Month</b>	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>3 Months</b>	-9.3%	-9.2%	-0.1%
<b>6 Months</b>	5.7%	6.0%	-0.3%
<b>Year to Date</b>	0.9%	1.1%	-0.2%
<b>1 Year</b>	27.2%	27.9%	-0.7%
<b>**3 Years</b>	18.2%	19.0%	-0.7%
<b>**5 Years</b>	15.1%	15.9%	-0.7%
<b>**Since Inception</b>	11.0%	11.8%	-0.8%

Performance as calculated by Sygnia Asset Management as at reporting date

\*FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index

\*\*Annualised performance figures

## Top 10 Holdings

Asset	Percentage
<b>Naspers Limited Ord Shs Class N</b>	8.6%
<b>Gold Fields Ord Shs</b>	7.6%
<b>AngloGold Ashanti Ord Shs</b>	7.0%
<b>Firstrand Ord Shs</b>	6.4%
<b>Standard Bank Group Ord Shs</b>	5.6%
<b>Capitec Ord Shs</b>	5.3%
<b>MTN Group Ord Shs</b>	5.2%
<b>Valterra Platinum Ord Shs</b>	4.4%
<b>Anglo American Ord Shs</b>	3.5%
<b>Absa Group Ord Shs</b>	2.7%

## Historical Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
<b>2022</b>	1.2%	2.7%	-1.0%	-3.3%	-0.1%	-8.1%	3.3%	-1.1%	-5.6%	4.9%	14.6%	-2.2%	3.5%
<b>2023</b>	9.7%	-2.1%	-1.1%	2.9%	-2.3%	-0.1%	4.1%	-5.2%	-2.6%	-3.8%	8.7%	0.9%	8.2%
<b>2024</b>	-3.8%	-2.6%	3.9%	3.9%	1.0%	3.1%	3.5%	1.0%	4.0%	-0.5%	-2.2%	-1.3%	10.0%
<b>2025</b>	3.2%	1.7%	3.5%	4.0%	3.0%	2.7%	2.5%	3.4%	7.5%	2.2%	0.9%	4.7%	46.8%
<b>2026</b>	4.9%	6.1%	-11.7%	2.7%	-0.1%								0.9%

## Risk Statistics

	Fund	BM
<b>% Negative Months</b>	40.0%	38.3%
<b>Avg Negative Return</b>	-2.9%	-2.9%
<b>Maximum Drawdown</b>	-15.2%	-14.8%
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	15.0%	15.0%
<b>Downside Deviation</b>	9.2%	9.2%
<b>Highest Annual Return: Mar 2025 - Feb 2026</b>	55.6%	56.4%
<b>Lowest Annual Return: Mar 2023 - Feb 2024</b>	-5.5%	-4.9%

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

## Fees

<b>Management Fee</b>	0.37% **
<b>Other costs</b>	0.03% **
<b>VAT</b>	0.06%
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	0.46% (Mar 2026)
<b>Transaction Costs (TC)</b>	0.14% (Mar 2026)
<b>Total Investment Charge (TIC)</b>	0.61% (Mar 2026)

\*\*Fees are exclusive of VAT

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## Fund commentary

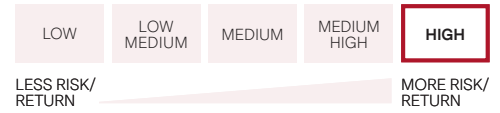
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1st Quarter 2026

### RISK PROFILE



### 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 Top 40 Index Fund delivered -1.7% for the quarter, marginally below its benchmark, the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index. The fund benefitted from exposure to AngloGold Ashanti PLC, Sasol Ltd and MTN Group Ltd, while its exposure to Naspers Ltd, Prosus NV and Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd detracted from performance.

There were several changes to the tracked index's constituents over the period, including the addition of Pan African Resources PLC and the removal of Mondi PLC.

The fund remains true to its investment objective of delivering returns that mirror those of the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index.

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## Important information to consider before investing

### Investment Objective & Strategy

The Sygnia Top 40 Index Fund aims to replicate the performance achieved by the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index (J200T) by buying constituent securities at the same weighting as they are included in the Index. This passively managed general equity fund is managed with the objective of delivering returns in line with its benchmark and constructed so as to match the constituents of the index as closely as possible. The fund will be managed with prudential guidelines and invest in a minimum of 80% of equities at all times. Only derivative Futures will be allowed for efficient portfolio management.

### Balancing Risk and Reward

The Sygnia Top 40 Index 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. The investment is also suitable for investors who wish to maximise their returns in the most cost-effective manner without the need to select asset managers or take on the risk of active and subjective investment decision-making processes.

The recommended investment term for investors in the Sygnia Top 40 Index Fund is a minimum of five years. The Fund has a 100% strategic allocation to South African equities. The risk is managed by spreading investments across sectors and individual shares. However, the structure of the Fund is dictated by the composition of the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index. Equity markets are volatile and the price of equities fluctuate based on a number of factors such as changes in the economic climate, general movements in interest rates and the political and social environment which will also affect the value of the securities held in the unit trust, thereby affecting the overall value of the unit trust. There are regulations in place which limit the amount that a unit trust may invest in securities, thereby spreading the risk across securities, asset classes and companies. The fund may also be exposed to liquidity risk. This relates to the ability of the unit trust to trade out of a security held in the portfolio at or near to its fair value.

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Annualised performance figures represent the geometric average return earned by the fund over the given time period. Unannualised performance represents the total return earned by the fund over the given time period, expressed as a percentage. Performance is calculated for the portfolio. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. Reinvestment of income is calculated on the actual amount distributed per participatory interest, using the ex-dividend date NAV price of the applicable class of the portfolio, irrespective of the actual reinvestment date.

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### 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.

### 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 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](http://www.sygnia.co.za).

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