Sygnia Life MSCI World Plus Fund UPF

31 July 2026

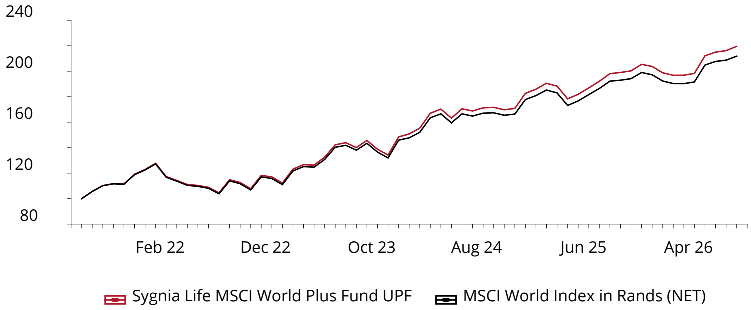
LOW	LOW MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM HIGH	**HIGH**

LESS RISK/ RETURN — **MORE RISK/ RETURN**

0 - 2 YEARS	2 YEARS+	3 YEARS+	5 YEARS+	**7 YEARS+**

Portfolio Manager	**Steven Empedocles; Mish-Al Bassadien**
Regulation 28	**Non-Compliant**
Fund Launch Date	**01 April 2025**
Investment Objective	**The fund aims to deliver performance in line with the returns of the MSCI World Index**
Legal Structure	**Linked life investment fund available via Sygnia life policies**

Cumulative Investment Performance



Cumulative investment performance is for illustrative purposes only.
**Performance prior to 2025/04/01 is back tested*

Asset Allocation

Asset Class	*Percentage*	*Allocation*
Global Equities*	100.0%	

**calculated on effective exposure*

Manager Allocation

Manager	*Percentage*
Sygnia Life MSCI World Plus Fund	100.0%

Performance Analysis

Periodic Performance	*Fund*	**BM*	*Difference*
1 Month	1.6%	1.5%	0.1%
3 Months	3.5%	3.4%	0.1%
Year to Date	10.4%	10.1%	0.3%
1 Year	10.8%	10.2%	0.6%
****3 Years**	16.1%	15.3%	0.8%
****5 Years**	14.8%	14.0%	0.8%
****Since Inception**	16.4%	15.6%	0.8%

**MSCI World Index in Rands (NET)*
***Performance figures are annualised*

Historical Performance

	Jan	*Feb*	*Mar*	*Apr*	*May*	*Jun*	*Jul*	*Aug*	*Sep*	*Oct*	*Nov*	*Dec*	*Year*
2021						5.7%	4.3%	1.4%	-0.3%	6.8%	3.2%	3.9%	27.7%
2022	-8.1%	-2.6%	-2.8%	-0.7%	-1.3%	-3.9%	9.8%	-1.9%	-4.3%	9.7%	-1.0%	-4.1%	-12.1%
2023	9.7%	2.9%	-0.3%	4.9%	7.4%	1.2%	-2.6%	4.0%	-4.7%	-3.3%	10.6%	1.6%	34.3%
2024	3.0%	7.6%	1.9%	-4.2%	4.5%	-1.0%	1.4%	0.2%	-1.1%	0.6%	6.9%	1.8%	23.3%
2025	2.5%	-1.2%	-5.3%	2.0%	2.7%	2.8%	3.1%	0.5%	0.6%	2.6%	-0.8%	-2.4%	6.9%
2026	-1.0%	0.0%	0.7%	7.0%	1.4%	0.5%	1.6%						10.4%

Since inception performance figures are available on request.

Risk Statistics

	Fund	^BM
% Positive Months	61.7%	60.0%
% Negative Months	38.3%	40.0%
Best Month	10.6%	10.6%
Worst Month	-8.1%	-8.2%
Avg Negative Return	-2.6%	-2.5%
Maximum Drawdown	-18.1%	-18.4%
Standard Deviation	14.0%	14.0%
Downside Deviation	6.8%	6.9%

The risk statistics reflected above are calculated on a 60 month or since inception basis, depending on which period is shorter. ^MSCI World Index in Rands (NET)

Fees

Management Fee	0.50% (Jun 2026)

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Fund commentary

Minimum disclosure document (MDD)

2nd Quarter 2026

RISK PROFILE

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TIME HORIZON

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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 MSCI World Plus Fund delivered 9.1% for the quarter, marginally above its benchmark, the MSCI World Net Index. The fund benefitted from underlying exposure to Micron Technology Inc., Nvidia Corp. and Advanced Micro Devices Inc., while its underlying exposure to Exxon Mobil Corp., Netflix Inc. and Chevron Corp. detracted from performance. The fund also benefitted from its derivative structure, where it produced alpha through investments in short-term, low-risk assets.

There were several changes to the tracked index's constituents over the period, including the addition of Space Exploration Technologies Corp., Honeywell Aerospace Inc. and Compass Group PLC and the removal of Coterra Energy Inc., Hologic Inc. and Echostar Corp.

The fund remains true to its investment objective of delivering returns that are in line with the MSCI World Net Index.

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Important information to consider before investing

Investment Objective & Strategy

The Sygnia Life MSCI World Plus Fund is an innovative and low-cost fund that provides exposure to a diversified global equity portfolio. The fund is cognisant of the performance of the MSCI World Index, which includes large- and mid-cap companies from multiple developed markets worldwide.

The fund offers access to diversified exposure of global equities, allowing investors to grow their wealth by capturing the growth potential of developed markets. The fund uses derivatives to boost its returns by adding extra income from South African money market investments rather than holding overnight cash. This helps increase the overall return beyond the underlying market's return.

The Sygnia Life MSCI World Plus Fund offers a cost-effective way for investors to diversify their portfolios and access global equity markets while maintaining a focus on long-term growth. The fund is a linked life investment and is available via Sygnia Life policies

Balancing Risk and Reward

The Sygnia Life MSCI World Plus Fund is a high-risk fund that invests in global equities across developed markets. The strategy faces two additional risks beyond the underlying market volatility: the risk that money market investments may underperform and the risk that the companies issuing derivatives may default. The former is mitigated by diversification and highly rated money market investments, while the latter is mitigated by regular mark to market of the positions. The fund aims to provide returns in line with the MSCI World Index.

Fees

Sygnia charges an annual management fee, which includes fees paid to underlying fund managers and Sygnia's service fee. These fees are deducted from the fund and reflected in the Total Expense Ratio (TER).

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