# Sygnia Itrix FANG.AI Actively Managed ETF

## Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD) Global - Equity - General

Portfolio Managers	Sygn
Inception	29 Se
Fund Size	R 670
NAV Price	1 696
Units in Issue	39 50

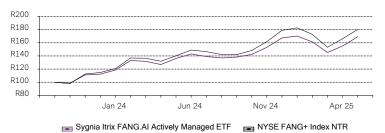
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Fund Information	
Classification	Global - Equity - General
Asset Allocation	100% Offshore
NAV/Index Ratio	ca. 1/1000
Financial Year End	31 December
Benchmark	NYSE <sup>®</sup> FANG+™Index
Dividend Distribution	Semi-annual distribution
NAV Publication	Daily on sygnia.co.za
Portfolio Valuation	Close of relevant market
Foreign exchange source	World Market fix rate 16:00pm EST

### Cumulative Investment Performance

Growth of R100 invested on 30 September 2023

Investment: R169.12 Benchmark: R180.21



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
Netflix Ord Shs	11.0%
CrowdStrike Holdings Ord Shs Class A	11.0%
Broadcom Ord Shs	10.8%
Microsoft Ord Shs	10.5%
ServiceNow Ord Shs	10.5%
NVIDIA Ord Shs	10.0%
Meta Platforms Ord Shs Class A	9.7%
Amazon Com Ord Shs	9.2%
Alphabet Ord Shs Class A	9.1%
Apple Ord Shs	8.1%
Historical Performance	

	RETURN		RETURN			
31 May 2025	1 YEAR+ 2 YEAR	S+ 3 YEARS+ 5 YEARS+	10 YEARS+			
Investment Objective	The fund offers investors exposure to companies harnessing advanced technologies like AI, large language models, cloud storage, big data, social media, and e-commerce.					
Income Distribution	Bi-Annually (Dec	ember and June)				
Trustees	Standard Bank Tr	rustees (021 441 4100)	)			
Listing Information						
Exchange	JSE Limited					
Exchange Code	SYFANG					
Trading Currency	ZAR					
Portfolio Currency	USD					
ISIN	ZAE0003278	370				
RIC	SYFANGJ.J					
Bloomberg Ticker	SYFANG SJ Equity					
Trading Hours	9:00 am - 16:50 pm					
Transaction cut-off	JSE trading I	nours				
Asset Allocation						
Asset	Percent	Allocation				
International Equity	100.0%					
Geographic Allocation						
Region	Percent	Allocation				
United States	100.0%					
Sector Allocation						
Sector	Percent	Allocation				
Information Technology	61.0%					
Communication Services	29.8%					
Consumer Discretionary	9.2%					
Portfolio Performance A	nalysis					

LOW

MEDIUM

MEDIUM

LOW

LESS RISK/

MEDIUM

HIGH

HIGH

MORE RISK/

Period	Sygnia Itrix FANG.AI Actively Managed ETF	NYSE FANG+ Index Net Total Return (ZAR)	NYSE FANG+ Index Net Total Return	Sygnia Itrix FANG.AI Actively Managed ETF (TR)
1 Month	9.1%	8.5%	11.8%	9.1%
3 Months	4.8%	4.3%	7.3%	4.8%
6 Months	10.5%	11.4%	11.5%	10.5%
Year to Da	ate 1.1%	0.8%	5.3%	1.1%
1 Year	24.3%	28.6%	34.1%	24.3%
Since Ince	eption 37.1%	42.4%	46.1%	37.1%

Performance of the fund is calculated by Sygnia Asset Management as at reporting date. Performance figures greater than one year are annualised.

Filstorical Performance													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Νον	Dec	Year
2023										-1.3%	12.7%	1.0%	12.3%
2024	5.6%	12.2%	-0.9%	-3.7%	7.2%	5.0%	-2.7%	-1.5%	0.9%	3.0%	7.6%	9.3%	49.0%
2025	1.7%	-5.2%	-10.0%	6.7%	9.1%								1.1%

Since inception performance figures are available on request.

Risk Statistics		
	Fund	^BM
% Negative Months	35.0%	40.0%
Average Negative Month	-3.6%	-3.4%
Largest Drawdown	-14.6%	-16.1%
Standard Deviation	21.0%	23.1%
Downside Deviation	11.0%	12.6%
Highest Annual Return: Jan 2024 - Dec 2024	49.0%	55.7%
Lowest Annual Return: Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	10.2%	12.2%

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

Fees	
Management Fee	1.00% **
Other costs	0.05% **
VAT	0.16%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.20% (Mar 2025)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.01% (Mar 2025)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	1.22% (Mar 2025)
** Fees are exclusive of VAT	

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## Sygnia Itrix FANG.AI Actively **Managed ETF** Fund commentary

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## Market performance

US markets experienced a sharp sell-off in March, driven by slowing US growth, the uncertainty of President Trump's trade war plans and US technology concerns. The S&P 500 was down 10% from its February highs at one point, but European, Japanese and emerging markets (EMs) posted gains during the same period. In Europe, a historic shift in fiscal policy emerged as Germany announced significant infrastructure and defence spending – a surprising move for a traditionally conservative economy. In China, the government introduced an expanded budget and the Enhanced Consumption Plan. While the US remains exceptional in terms of growth potential, its relative advantage has diminished. That said, the European Union (EU) has only outlined EUR150bn of defence spend so far, and in its best-case scenario Alpine Macro estimate that the EU will spend USD1tn over the next decade on German infrastructure and EU-wide defence. This against the nearly USD1.8tn in onshoring capex commitments that US companies have announced they will spend over the next four years - on top of the USD329bn capex for Amazon, Microsoft, Google and Meta in 2025 - alone a 45% increase. All told, that is more than double the EU spend in less than half the time

In its March outlook, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) downgraded EU and US growth marginally by similar amounts over the next two years and upgraded China's growth. The OECD downgraded global growth by only 20 bp for 2025 on the back of tariff uncertainty and did not forecast a recession for 2025 or 2026. Markets concurred with the OECD outlook as commodities rallied - copper is up 30% this vear, reaching an all-time high - credit spreads are stable and the dollar weakened, all indicators inconsistent with recessionary conditions. We do not expect a recession looking forward, assuming manageable tariff announcements on Liberation Day, but non-US markets are unlikely to be able to rally in absolute terms if US markets fall further, and the risk that trade wars could push the world into recession is certainly rising.

While risks are rising, the US economy remains strong. Household balance sheets remain robust and strong real final sales (above 3%) provide a cushion against policy shocks. The labour market is robust - January's job openings exceeded expectations and reflected broad hiring across sectors. While the Fed lowered growth from 2.1% to 1.7% for 2025, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell stated that the chances of a recession are low. US financial conditions remain easy.

European shares surged after Germany announced a historic fiscal expansion under incoming Chancellor Friedrich Merz, who said the country will do "whatever it takes" to bolster defence spending. Standard Chartered estimate it could boost German GDP by 1.3% per annum over the next decade, which would boost eurozone GDP by 0.35%. While Germany has room to increase spending, other countries in the EU do not have that luxury - France's budget deficit is close to 6%, double the EU limit. Despite the positive market sentiment after the announcement, risks remain from escalating trade tensions between the US and EU. Chartered estimate that trade tensions could reduce EU GDP growth by 0.75%. In addition, German growth will require not only increased spending but structural supply side reforms and deregulation to ensure improved productivity, as lower productivity has caused Germany's GDP to slip by 1% per year over the last 25 years relative to the US.

## 1st Quarter 2025

Investors are now talking about the Xi Put instead of the Fed Put. The National People's Congress set its highest fiscal deficit level in over three decades, a broad deficit of 9% of GDP, and doubled the consumer subsidy scheme to RMB300bn to stimulate domestic spending. The government also unveiled its Special Action Plan to Enhance Consumption, focused on increasing household incomes. Liquidity injections at local government levels have unblocked frozen payments, reducing loss-making enterprises and improving business confidence. Earnings momentum for Chinese companies is solidly positive, outperforming emerging market peers. Chinese tech continues to rally on advancements in AI, with Baidu launching its new Al model, "Ernie X1", and Alibaba also unveiling its latest AI model. Reciprocal tariffs remain a major threat to EMs

Oil fell on the surprise decision by OPEC+ to restart production despite faltering Chinese demand and plentiful American supplies. This will help keep inflation stable

The South African budget saw expenditure increase R233bn from the MTBPS, pushing up the budget deficit and debt-to-GDP ratios, and debt-servicing costs are now estimated at 22c on every rand of tax. After the strong SA equity rally, Goldman Sachs cut SA equities from overweight to equal weight. We remain underweight SA bonds and have subsequently gone underweight SA equities after the recent rally, preferring broader EMs. EM inflation is falling and earnings are accelerating, while China may be best placed to respond to tariffs. The Budget deadline is 2 April.

Prolonged policy uncertainty could undermine consumer confidence and corporate sentiment and push the world into recession. 2 April is "Liberation Day", when new tariffs will be announced by the US, and impacted countries will doubtless announce retaliatory measures thereafter. JPMorgan estimates the average tariff rate on imports could rise to 11% if reciprocal tariffs are introduced - and this before the latest 25% automotive import tariffs. Trump's trade policies are spurring fiscal expansion in the rest of the world, but it remains to be seen whether fiscal spend can outweigh the tariffs. We remain cautious overall but do not expect a recession this year. US S&P global composite PMIs for March rose above expectations to 53.5. We remain neutral equities and underweight bonds, noting the heightened risk of the US slipping into a recession purely on the back of a loss of consumer and corporate confidence. The dollar should strengthen if US growth recovers and as tariffs come into effect. We will be watching the April tariffs closely.

## RISK PROFILE

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LOW	LOW MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM HIGH	нідн		
LESS RISK/ RETURN				MORE RISK/ RETURN		
TIME HORIZON						
0-2 YEARS	2 YEARS+	3 YEARS+	5 YEARS+	7 YEARS+		

#### **Fund performance**

The Sygnia Itrix FANG.AI Actively Managed ETF delivered a return of -13.2% for the quarter measured in rand terms, outperforming the fund's benchmark. This performance was driven by two key factors: negative returns from the fund's holdings and the appreciation of the South African rand relative to the US dollar.

The fund's positions in Netflix and CrowdStrike contributed positively to performance, while its slight overweight in Nvidia had a modest negative impact. On a relative basis, the fund's outperformance was supported by underweight positions in Broadcom and ServiceNow, both having seen large drawdowns over the latest quarter.

In addition, major technology companies continued to make significant investments in cloud computing and related services, which represent a growing source of long-term revenue. These companies, supported by large pools of capital, are increasingly leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning to develop powerful tools and services that enhance their customer offerings

The Sygnia Itrix FANG.AI Actively Managed ETF focuses on the Magnificent Seven group of leading tech giants having a profound impact on global markets. These companies are at the forefront of innovation and consistently demonstrate strong financial performance.

The fund has stayed true to its objective of providing investors with exposure to some of the most advanced US technology companies, focusing on areas like AI, cloud computing and online services

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## Important information to consider before investing

### Investment Approach

The objective of the Sygnia Itrix FANG.AI Actively Managed ETF is to provide a simple vehicle to investors who wish to gain investment exposure to companies which use advanced technologies to acquire and retain users, including industry disrupting technologies such as artificial intelligence, large language models, cloud storage, big data, social media, and e-commerce tools. The portfolio is actively managed and its holdings will depend on a number of factors including the underlying benchmark which is the NYSE<sup>®</sup> FANG+™Index (although the portfolio is not obliged to hold all the benchmark constituents).

### Balancing risk and reward

The fund has a high risk profile, as it is predominantly invested in global equities, which combines both equity market and currency risks. Furthermore, the fund invests specifically in companies involved in new and emerging technologies, which have a high degree of volatility. Risk is also high as the fund is a concentrated portfolio, with the fund's benchmark comprised of only ten shares. Effective exposure of the portfolio invested outside South Africa will always be above 80%, and is affected by, among other factors, general market risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk and legal and regulatory risk.

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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