

Sygnia Itrix FANG.AI Actively Managed ETF

Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD)

31 January 2024

Portfolio Managers	Sygnia Asset Management
Inception	29 September 2023
Fund Size	R 585 Million
NAV Price	1 189 cents
Units in Issue	49 223 183

Investment Objective

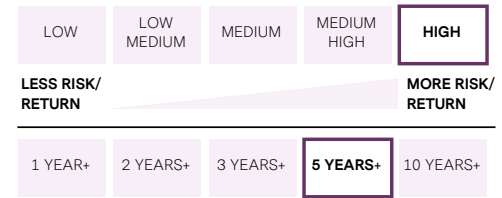
The instrument aims to provide a simple vehicle to investors who wish to gain investment exposure to companies which use advanced technologies to acquire and retain users, including industry disrupting technologies such as artificial intelligence, large language models, cloud storage, big data, social media, and e-commerce tools.

Income Distribution

Bi-Annually (June & December)

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
Benchmark	NYSE® 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

Top 10 Holdings	
Instrument	Percent
Meta Platforms Ord Shs Class A	11.3%
Amazon Com Ord Shs	11.2%
Microsoft Ord Shs	11.2%
Apple Ord Shs	10.5%
Alphabet Ord Shs Class A	10.4%
NVIDIA Ord Shs	10.3%
Netflix Ord Shs	6.4%
Snowflake Ord Shs Class A	5.9%
Tesla Ord Shs	5.9%
Broadcom Ord Shs	5.8%

Listing Information	
Exchange	JSE Limited
Exchange Code	SYFANG
Trading Currency	ZAR
Portfolio Currency	USD
ISIN	ZAE000327870
RIC	SYFANGJJ
Bloomberg Ticker	SYFANG SJ Equity
Trading Hours	9:00 am - 16:50 pm
Transaction cut-off	JSE trading hours

Asset Allocation		
Asset	Percent	Allocation
International Equity	96.9%	
International Cash	3.1%	
Domestic Cash	0.0%	

Geographic Allocation		
Region	Percent	Allocation
United States	96.9%	
Cash	3.1%	

Sector Allocation		
Sector	Percent	Allocation
Information Technology	51.6%	
Communication Services	28.2%	
Consumer Discretionary	17.1%	
Cash	3.1%	

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Fund commentary

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Market performance

At the December 2023 Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, the US Federal Reserve (the Fed) cut its median interest expectation for 2024 by 50 bps, from 5.125% to 4.625%. This very dovish move was amplified by Fed Chair Jerome Powell's comments at the subsequent press conference. The shift in the Fed's reaction function reduces the risk of a recession and brought Christmas early to markets, effectively bringing some of 2024's gains forward into late 2023. The markets' jubilation reflects the potential for downside inflation surprises this year, and while bonds and stocks have gotten ahead of themselves in the short term, the underlying trend remains solid.

In the US, the procyclical fiscal policy tailwind is coming to an end, as is the period of excess pandemic savings, and higher interest rates will impact with a lag. However, a soft landing remains our base-case scenario, as financial conditions have eased in the wake of the dovish Fed and rising equity markets, business and consumer confidence indices are holding steady, US banks and household contagion risks are low and have healthy balance sheets, house price falls will be limited by low supply and unemployment has not yet been impacted by falling job openings. Importantly, disinflation is on track, with Shelter inflation set to drop dramatically, oil prices falling and productivity improving, lowering the unit labour costs and offsetting wage inflation. And because 2024 is an election year, pressure will be on the Fed to stay dovish – as a result, we remain overweight US.

President Xi Jinping rang in the new year declaring China's focus on "high-quality development", but while China's economic data are holding steady, a recovery is unlikely. Consumer and business confidence remain depressed after falling house prices, insufficient government fiscal thrust and a sharp fall in exports. In one of China's biggest-ever bankruptcies, shadow banking giant Zhongzhi Enterprise Group filed for bankruptcy as a result of the property crisis, putting more stress on already fragile consumer and investor sentiment. In addition, China released draft gaming regulations that sent Tencent – and consequently Naspers – plunging. Naspers closed 18% down on the day, but the share price recovered half its losses after authorities said they would listen to feedback from industry players, over 100 online games were approved and the head of publishing in the Communist Party's Publicity Department was removed. Unfortunately, the damage to investor confidence had already been done.

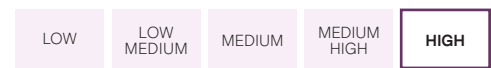
2023 saw the world's hottest 12 months on record, with the global near-surface temperature 1.4°C above average, its warmest in 174 years. Despite this, China connected the greatest number of new coal plants in history and US oil production hit the highest level of any country in history. Not surprising, then, that the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) was a disappointment. Instead of explicitly phasing out fossil fuels, COP28 agreed to transition away from them. While this includes tripling renewable energy targets, Professor Michael Mann of the University of Pennsylvania described

the conference's failure to phase out fossil fuels as "devastating". The first comprehensive assessment of progress under the Paris Agreement highlighted that current efforts are not enough to limit global warming to 1.5oC, and governments are expected to revise their Nationally Determined Contributions upwards. We expect more volatile weather patterns to disrupt global trade.

As South Africa heads into elections this year, we still face a lack of service delivery. The Department of Water and Sanitation's Blue Drop Report for 2023 reported that 46% of the water supply system in South Africa is undrinkable. Dr Anthony Turton of the University of the Free State believes that 90% of the country's wastewater works are to some extent dysfunctional. Eskom's system status outlook for 2024 is dire, with a likely shortfall of over 2 001 MW every week. PetroSA wants to partner with Russia's Gazprombank in a R3.7bn deal to restart the gas-to-liquid refinery in Mossel Bay. The unusually strict criteria of the project bid saw the other 19 bidders disqualified, but Gazprombank is under US sanctions due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The government announced a new nuclear procurement process for 2 500 MW of power, claiming that the National Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) had approved the procurement process. However, none of the details requested by NERSA in September have yet been provided. The state attorney's office sent an inquiry to the Department of Home Affairs, asking why the visa backlog continues to grow and now sits at close to 100 000 applications.

Our outlook remains steady. The US economy will remain resilient despite the lagged effects of monetary tightening in 2024. Growth and inflation will slow, but the scope for interest rate cuts, improved productivity, global product disinflation and strong household and business balance sheets reduce the risk of recession. While the US remains expensive relative to history, we remain overweight US within global equity allocations and neutral global bonds. China needs a huge government fiscal campaign to revive growth – which is unlikely, as growth is stable despite being low. Absent a fix to the property sector, a strong revival of consumer and business confidence is unlikely. US rate-cut expectations have grown quickly, as has the belief in a soft landing. This leaves markets vulnerable to bad news in the short term, such as higher inflation numbers or rising oil prices caused by geopolitical risks. With weather volatility likely to increase and 2024 being a bumper year for national elections – nearly half the world's population will have the opportunity to vote for new leadership – there is no shortage of potential risks to precipitate short- or long-term stumbles in the market.

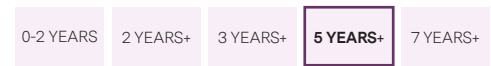
RISK PROFILE



LESS RISK/
RETURN

MORE RISK/
RETURN

TIME HORIZON



Fund performance

The Sygnia Itrix FANG.AI Actively Managed ETF was launched in September 2023 and as per regulation, "since inception" return figures will only be available from 6 months.

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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® 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.

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