Sygnia Itrix MSCI China Feeder ETF

Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD)
Global - Equity - General

31 January 2026

LOW	LOW MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM HIGH	**HIGH**

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

1 YEAR+	2 YEARS+	3 YEARS+	5 YEARS+	**7 YEARS+**

Portfolio Managers	**Steven Empedocles, Mish-Al Bassadien**
Inception	**20 April 2022**
Fund Size	**R 159 Million**
NAV Price	**3 504 cents**
Units in Issue	**4 528 155**

**Note: With effect from 11 December 2024, Sygnia Itrix New China Sectors ETF was, via a ballot, changed to an feeder ETF with the benchmark of the MSCI China Index.*

Investment Objective	**To replicate the price and yield performance of the MSCI China Index**
Income Distribution	**Payment: 15 Jan 2025 - 31.73074 cents per unit** **Payment: 10 Jul 2024 - 9.33748 cents per unit**
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 China 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**

Listing Information

Exchange	**JSE Limited**
Exchange Code	**SYGCN**
Trading Currency	**ZAR**
Portfolio Currency	**USD**
ISIN	**ZAE000309159**
RIC	**SYGCNJ.J**
Bloomberg Ticker	**SYGCN SJ Equity**
Trading Hours	**9:00 am - 16:50 pm**
Transaction cut-off	**JSE trading hours**

Cumulative Investment Performance

Growth of R100 invested on 30 April 2022

Investment: R120.09
Benchmark: R121.76

Cumulative investment performance is for illustrative purposes only and is calculated using the NAV before any distributable income and management fee.

Asset Allocation

Asset	*Percent*	*Allocation*
International Equity	100.0%	

Portfolio Performance Analysis

Period	*Sygnia Itrix MSCI China Feeder ETF***	*MSCI China Index (ZAR)***	*MSCI China Index (USD)***	*MSCI China Index (TR)*
1 Month	1.3%	1.3%	4.7%	1.3%
3 Months	-6.8%	-6.7%	0.7%	-6.8%
6 Months	-1.1%	-0.9%	10.8%	-1.2%
Year to Date	1.3%	1.3%	4.7%	1.3%
1 Year	16.4%	16.9%	27.7%	16.2%
3 Years	0.8%	1.1%	0.5%	1.2%
Since Inception	5.0%	5.4%	2.2%	5.6%

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

Historical Performance

	Jan	*Feb*	*Mar*	*Apr*	*May*	*Jun*	*Jul*	*Aug*	*Sep*	*Oct*	*Nov*	*Dec*	*Year*
2023	13.4%	-3.9%	0.3%	-2.8%	-1.1%	-2.6%	2.8%	-2.6%	-4.2%	-4.0%	4.3%	-6.3%	-7.8%
2024	-10.3%	12.7%	-2.1%	3.8%	-0.4%	-7.6%	-1.5%	-2.9%	22.7%	-5.9%	-1.7%	5.5%	8.3%
2025	-0.1%	11.0%	1.0%	-3.2%	1.6%	0.2%	6.6%	2.7%	6.9%	-3.4%	-3.7%	-4.5%	14.8%
2026	1.3%												1.3%

Since inception performance figures are available on request.

Risk Statistics

	Fund	*^BM*
% Negative Months	55.6%	57.8%
Average Negative Month	-4.2%	-4.1%
Largest Drawdown	-27.1%	-27.1%
Standard Deviation	25.4%	25.5%
Downside Deviation	11.8%	11.9%
Highest Annual Return: Sep 2024 - Aug 2025	44.6%	45.8%
Lowest Annual Return: Feb 2023 - Jan 2024	-27.1%	-27.1%
Annualised Tracking Error (Active Return) (12 Mths)	-0.5%	-
Annualised Tracking Error (Std Dev of Active Return) (45 Mths)	1.5%	-

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

Fees

Management Fee	0.17% **
Other costs	0.27% **
VAT	0.06%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.51% (Dec 2025)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.14% (Dec 2025)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.65% (Dec 2025)

***Fees are exclusive of VAT*

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Fund commentary

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4th Quarter 2025

RISK PROFILE

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TIME HORIZON

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Market performance

Global markets delivered impressive returns in 2025, with the dramatic 10% decline in the US dollar emerging as the defining force across asset classes. The greenback's weakest annual performance since 2017, driven largely by President Trump's punitive tariff regime, reshaped investment outcomes and created significant divergence between dollar-based and local currency returns.

The S&P 500 posted a 16% gain in dollar terms, supported by three additional Federal Reserve rate cuts totalling 75 basis points and by ongoing enthusiasm around artificial intelligence (AI) investments. While market leadership broadened modestly beyond mega-cap technology stocks, companies at the forefront of the AI revolution remained the primary drivers of performance.

Currency movements told a different story for domestic investors, however. The rand's 14% appreciation against the dollar significantly reduced US equity returns to just 2.2% in South African currency terms, highlighting the material impact of foreign exchange fluctuations on investment outcomes.

The real winners in 2025 were commodity-linked and emerging market (EM) assets. Gold and silver recorded their strongest annual gains since 1979, while copper surged by the most in a decade. This commodity rally propelled the FTSE/JSE Capped All Share Index to an exceptional 43% return, marking a standout year of domestic asset outperformance. The JSE All Bond Index gained 24.2%, the second consecutive year of strong double-digit returns for South African bonds.

EMs broadly benefitted from dollar weakness, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index returning 17.3% in rand terms, outperforming the MSCI World Index by 11 percentage points.

The Federal Reserve cut rates by 25 basis points in December 2025, bringing the federal funds rate to 3.5–3.75%. While equity markets responded positively, reaching new all-time highs, Chair Jerome Powell's accompanying statement suggested limited additional easing ahead. The Fed's language describing policy as "appropriately positioned" mirrors the phrasing that preceded a nine-month pause in 2024. With inflation still running near 3% and Powell's term extending through May 2026, the central bank appears set to hold rates steady until at least mid-year. Markets are currently pricing in a potential cut in April or June, followed by another in September, while the Fed's own projections suggest just one cut for the entire year.

However, a significant wildcard is Powell's anticipated replacement by Kevin Hassett, who is viewed as more aligned with the Trump administration. Hassett has indicated he sees no tariff-related threat to the Fed's 2% inflation target, potentially opening the door to more aggressive rate cuts than currently anticipated.

This environment is expected to support a stronger dollar in the first half of 2026 before it weakens again and equity volatility increases as expectations adjust. Fixed income yields are likely to remain attractive at the front end of the curve, while longer-dated bonds may face pressure as tariff-driven inflation concerns filter through the market.

A further wildcard is Trump's proposed signature "Freedom Cheque" initiative, which represents approximately $300 billion in annual direct payments to working-class households, equivalent to 1% of GDP. Pending Congressional approval for a first-quarter 2026 rollout, this stimulus could push economic growth to 3.0–3.5%, well above the consensus estimate of 2.4%. With consumer spending being 70% of GDP, the program represents substantial demand stimulus. The fiscal implications are considerable. The US budget deficit could expand to 7.5% of GDP, and inflation may accelerate by 0.5–1 percentage point. With debt-to-GDP approaching 100%, concerns about fiscal sustainability are intensifying. Powell has already signalled that the Fed will not accommodate excessive fiscal stimulus, setting up potential policy tension later in the year.

US growth equities have reached extraordinary valuation levels by historical standards. The Shiller CAPE ratio, which adjusts for economic cycles, is at record highs and now exceeds levels seen in the dot-com bubble. Historical data suggest that after such valuation peaks, 10-year returns typically average just 0–3%. These elevated valuations increase the likelihood of heightened volatility and suggest the need for diversification and tempered return expectations.

While US markets trade at stretched valuations, EMs offer compelling alternatives. Trading at a CAPE ratio of just 13, EMs present the most attractive global valuations. Several factors support the case for EM exposure: many countries serve as critical links in the semiconductor supply chain benefitting from AI deployment; Chinese companies continue capturing global market share, particularly from European competitors; and commodity producers stand to benefit from AI data centre infrastructure buildouts and increased global defence spending.

European equities, trading at a CAPE ratio of 18, appear attractive on a relative basis but face structural challenges. Europe's productivity growth lags the US, Germany has continued to lose market share to China as infrastructure stimulus remains delayed, and France faces political gridlock. We generally prefer European bonds over equities given these headwinds.

We remain overweight equities through EM and South African equity exposure. We are underweight developed market bonds, particularly US Treasuries, offset by overweight positions in local currency EM bonds, which are expected to benefit from falling EM inflation and a weaker dollar environment.

Despite a constructive outlook, significant risks warrant monitoring. Geopolitical tensions are escalating between the US and Venezuela and between China and Japan, while prospects for a Russia-Ukraine peace deal remain uncertain. Tariff-driven inflation could force markets to reprice Federal Reserve rate cut expectations. Combined with elevated valuations and geopolitical uncertainty, we are bracing for heightened volatility throughout 2026.

The year ahead promises both opportunity and challenge as diverging growth dynamics, shifting monetary policy and stretched valuations create a complex environment for portfolio management. Geopolitics, fiscal stimulus and inflation expectations are likely to remain key themes as markets navigate this evolving landscape.

Fund performance

The Sygnia Itrix MSCI China Feeder ETF delivered -11.0% for the quarter, in line with its benchmark, the MSCI China Index. The fund benefitted from underlying exposure to Ping An Insurance (Group) of China Ltd, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd and China Life Insurance Co Ltd, while its underlying exposure to Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, Tencent Holdings Ltd and Xiaomi Corp detracted from performance.

The MSCI China Index underperformed many of its global counterparts during the fourth quarter of 2025 as weak Chinese corporate earnings led to reduced investor confidence. Policy shortfalls such as the lagging implementation of Chinese fiscal stimulus added further pressure to overall investor confidence.

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

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Important information to consider before investing

Investment Objective and Strategy

The objective of the Sygnia Itrix MSCI China Feeder ETF is to provide an investment vehicle for investors wishing to track the movement of the MSCI China Index in ZAR by investing in the iShares MSCI China UCITS ETF ("underlying fund") securities. The investment objective of the iShares MSCI China UCITS ETF is to deliver the net total return performance of the MSCI China Index, less the fees and expenses of the fund. In order to achieve this, the investment policy of the iShares MSCI China UCITS ETF is to invest in a portfolio of equity securities that as far as possible and practicable consists of the component securities of the MSCI China Index. Investors should note that the performance reconciliation between the Sygnia Itrix MSCI China Feeder ETF and the underlying feeder fund will be affected by, but not limited to, exchange timing, pricing methodology and domestic and international public holidays.

Balancing risk and reward

The Fund measures the performance of approximately 85% of the Chinese stock market via large and mid-cap Chinese stock. The Fund will be managed to most effectively give effect to the objectives and investment policy by including apart from assets in liquid form the use of listed and unlisted financial instruments (derivatives) for the exclusive purpose of efficient portfolio management. The Fund is passively managed and aims to produce the same level of income as that produced by the Index.

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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