



# Reviewed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

For the six months ended 31 March 2024



For All

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## Corporate information

### Country of incorporation and domicile

South Africa

### Nature of business and principal activities

Sygnia Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group") is a specialist financial services group headquartered in South Africa and listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange ("JSE") and A2X Markets ("A2X"). The Group focuses on the provision of investment management and administration solutions to institutional and retail clients predominantly located in South Africa. The main services provided by the Group include multi-manager investment products, index-tracking investment products, custom-designed investment strategy management, transition management, institutional investment administration services, retail investment administration services, employee benefit administration services, stockbroking, securities lending and treasury services.

Board of Directors	Date of appointment	Date of resignation
MF Wierzycka (CEO) #	17/09/2007	
WA Wierzycki #	10/06/2021	14/12/2023
NJ Giles (Financial Director) #	17/05/2023	
J Corelli #	14/12/2023	
G Cavaleros (Lead Independent) ^	28/06/2019	
HI Bhorat (Chairman) *	11/06/2015	
MH Jonas ^	01/09/2018	17/10/2023
J Boyd ^	29/07/2021	
A Jakoet ^	07/08/2023	

^ Independent Non-executive Director

\* Non-executive Director

# Executive Director

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### Company registration number:

2007/025416/06

### Company secretary:

G MacLachlan  
Appointed: 01/11/2016

### Sponsor:

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Limited  
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### External auditor:

Forvis Mazars  
Rialto Road, Grand Moorings  
Precinct, Century City, 7441

### Transfer secretaries:

Computershare Investor Services  
Proprietary Limited  
Rosebank Towers, 15 Biermann  
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# Highlights

For the six months ended 31 March 2024

**R341.3bn** **+9.1%**

**Assets under management and administration**

31 March 2023: R312.7 billion

**R444.2m** **+8.7%**

**Revenue**

31 March 2023: R408.6 million

**R152.5m** **+10.2%**

**Profit after tax**

31 March 2023: R138.4 million

**100.7c** **+9.7%**

**Basic earnings and headline earnings per share**

31 March 2023: 91.8 cents

**90c** **+3.4%**

**Interim dividend per share**

31 March 2023: 87 cents

# Commentary of the directors

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report on the activities of the Group for the six months ended 31 March 2024.

## Market overview

2024 started on an optimistic note on expectations that the US Federal Reserve, and consequently other central banks, would finally bring inflation under control and commence interest rate cuts. These expectations were premature, however, as inflation remained stickier than expected. Happily, the equity markets were buoyed by the boom in artificial intelligence, and the “Magnificent Seven” stocks, the main drivers of AI-driven investment, powered ahead, supported by strong earnings growth. A modest recovery in commodity prices also helped deliver positive returns.

Geopolitical risks posed by the conflicts in the Ukraine and the Gaza Strip provided a tense backdrop as close to 50% of the world’s population prepared to vote in national elections. The three most closely watched for us are those in the UK, US and South Africa. In the UK, the Labour Party is expected to take over from the Conservatives, inheriting a moribund economy, while the US race between President Joe Biden and ex-President Donald Trump is too close to call – but the policies of both have historically had a neutral effect on equity markets. The US and China have continued down their economic “decoupling” path, but given their mutual dependencies, their rhetoric is often stronger than their action.

In South Africa, Eskom put the “pedal to the metal” to keep the pre-election lights on, with investors alarmed by the expectation of an unknown coalition government. As it stands, foreign investors own only 25% of all government-issued bonds, down from 43% in 2018. This has led to talk of prescribed asset requirements and stricter offshore investment limits for retirement funds (via Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act). In reality, retirement funds already own 25% of government debt, and it is difficult to see how a higher prescription would solve long-term solvency issues. Similarly, applying more stringent offshore investment limits would deprive savers of the benefits of diversification and force them to invest in an ever-shrinking JSE, where the top 10 stocks already represent 45% of its market capitalisation. Many of these companies do not have significant operations in South Africa and contribute little to the economy (for example, Naspers and Prosus are proxies for one Chinese technology company). The suggestion of a “wealth tax” has also raised concern, as it would most likely lead to even more tax emigration by those who can afford to do so.

The final election results reflected years of neglect and mismanagement of the economy, as well as a lack of strategic planning, with ANC support falling to 40%. The options facing the ANC at the time of writing are to form coalitions or to govern as a minority government. From an investment perspective, much will depend on what political choices and compromises are made in the weeks ahead, as these will determine to what extent democracy in South Africa can be preserved.

Whatever happens, the demands on government have not changed. Foreign investment, a focus on fixing dysfunctional municipalities, and fiscal prudence remain economic priorities.

Without taking politics into account, the IMF downgraded its growth forecasts for South Africa for 2024 to 0.9% given the ongoing logistical challenges constraining economic activity. Inflation is expected to remain at 4.9%. The SA Reserve Bank’s latest estimate is that load shedding has reduced economic growth in 2023 by an incredible 1.8%. The SARB expects GDP growth of 1.2% in 2024 and inflation to stabilise at 4.5% by mid-year. There is no light at the tunnel in terms of South Africa’s greylisting by the Financial Action Task Force, nor of the likelihood of the Monetary Policy Committee reducing interest rates.

On a positive note, South Africa remains a destination of choice for tourists and cannot be completely ignored on the global stage. It is important to remind ourselves that the “s” does not denote a plural in the BRICS alliance, and that South Africa has proven itself to be a resilient country.

## 2024 interim results

Group revenue for the six months to 31 March 2024 increased by 8.7% to R444.2 million (31 March 2023: R408.6 million), while total expenses rose by 8.0% to R253.8 million (31 March 2023: R235.0 million). After accounting for net interest and investment income and finance costs of R20.0 million (31 March 2023: R18.0 million), pre-tax profit amounted to R210.4 million (31 March 2023: R191.6 million). At an effective rate of 27.5%, income tax for the reporting period was R57.9 million (31 March 2023: R53.2 million). After-tax profit came in at R152.5 million (31 March 2023: R138.4 million), up by 10.2% over the prior comparable period.

For the half year ended 31 March 2024, basic and headline earnings per share increased by 9.7% to 100.7 cents (31 March 2023: 91.8 cents).

Assets under management and administration grew by 7.3% over the six months to 31 March 2024, with a closing balance of R341.3 billion (30 September 2023: R318.1 billion). Market appreciation of R35.1 billion more than countered net outflows of R11.2 billion (31 March 2023: R5.1 billion) over the six months under review. Over the six months to 31 March 2024, the FTSE/JSE All Share Index rose by 4.5% and the JSE All Bond Index by 6.2%, while the rand depreciated by 0.5% relative to the US dollar. Over twelve months, the FTSE/JSE All Share and All Bond indices were up 1.5% and 4.2%, respectively, while the rand depreciated by 6.7% against the US dollar.

## Business review

The ongoing financial success of the Group is largely dependent on the growth of assets under management and administration from a mix of institutional and retail clients. The results are also cyclical, reflecting the performance of the markets and currency.

Institutional assets under management increased to R269.8 billion at the end of March 2024 (30 September 2023: R256.5 billion; 31 March 2023: R253.3 billion).

Our institutional flagship Sygnia Signature multi-manager and passively managed Sygnia Skeleton fund ranges have outperformed their benchmarks over all long-term time frames to 31 March 2024 since inception. Compared to peers, the Sygnia Signature funds ranked at or near the top of the Alexander Forbes Multi- Manager Watch Survey™ across all risk profiles over five through ten years to 31 March 2024 and outperformed most actively managed portfolios in the Alexander Forbes Global Large Manager Watch Survey™ over the same timeframe. The newly launched Signature 70 Pro Fund is top of the Alexander Forbes Multi- Manager Watch Survey™ over a 1 year period.

The Sygnia Umbrella Retirement Fund (“SURF”) accounts for R15.5 billion of the institutional assets under management, an increase of 14.0% over the six months ended 31 March 2024 (30 September 2023: R13.6 billion; 31 March 2023: R13.2 billion). With another R0.7 billion awaiting regulatory transfer approval, SURF is the sixth-largest commercial umbrella fund in South Africa.

Retail assets under management were R71.5 billion at 31 March 2024 (30 September 2023: R61.6 billion; 31 March 2023: R59.4 billion).

Our wide range of domestic and global specialist index-tracking funds and our risk-profiled Sygnia Skeleton Balanced unit trusts have continued to produce outstanding peer-comparable performance since inception (source: Morningstar). Highlights include the Sygnia Skeleton Balanced 70 Fund, which ranked

11<sup>th</sup> out of 75 mostly actively managed unit trusts since 2013, and the Sygnia Skeleton Balanced 60 and 40 funds, which are ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 46 and 1<sup>st</sup> out of 64 funds, respectively, since their launch in 2014.

Sygnia is the second-largest provider of exchange traded funds (ETFs) in South Africa and the largest provider of international ETFs on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE). Total assets under management of the Sygnia Itrix range of 14 ETFs, included in the relevant client-type assets reported above, amounted to R45.2 billion as at 31 March 2024 (30 September 2023: R37.2 billion; 31 March 2023: R36.0 billion).

## Interim dividend

Sygnia is committed to rewarding its shareholders with regular distributions of free cash flow generated. Accounting for projected cash requirements, a gross dividend of 90.0 cents per share was declared on 4 June 2024 out of retained earnings, resulting in a net dividend of 72.0 cents per share for shareholders after dividends tax (DT).

In compliance with the JSE listings requirements, the following dates are applicable:

Last day to trade: Tuesday, 25 June 2024  
Share trade ex-dividend: Wednesday, 26 June 2024  
Record date: Friday, 28 June 2024  
Payment date: Monday, 1 July 2024

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 26 June 2024 and Friday, 28 June 2024, both dates inclusive. Dividends declared after 31 March 2012 are subject to DT where applicable. The local DT rate is 20%.

The number of ordinary shares in issue at the date of this declaration is 151 278 489. Sygnia’s tax reference number is 9334/221/16/6.

These condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared under the supervision of the Financial Director, Niki Giles CA (SA).

# Independent Auditor's Review Report on the Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

for the period ended 31 March 2024

## To the Shareholders of Sygnia Limited

We have reviewed the consolidated interim financial statements of Sygnia Limited for the six months ended 31 March 2024, contained in the accompanying report, which comprise the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2024 and the condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the six-months then ended, and selected explanatory notes.

### Directors' Responsibility for the Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these consolidated interim financial statements in accordance with the requirements as set out in note 1 to the consolidated interim financial statements, and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated interim financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these consolidated interim financial statements. We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. ISRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the consolidated interim financial statements are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. This standard also requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of consolidated interim financial statements in accordance with ISRE 2410 is a limited assurance engagement. We perform procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluate the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than and differ in nature from those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

### Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying consolidated interim financial statements of Sygnia Limited for the six months ended 31 March 2024 are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements as set out in note 1 to the consolidated interim financial statements, and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

### Other reports required by the Companies Act of South Africa

The consolidated interim financial statements include the Directors' Report as required by the Companies Act of South Africa. The directors are responsible for the Directors' Report. Our conclusion on the consolidated interim financial statements does not cover the Directors' Report and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our independent review of the financial statements, we have read the Directors' Report and, in doing so, considered whether the Directors' Report is materially inconsistent with the consolidated interim financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the independent review, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the Directors' Report, we will report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

*Forvis Mazars*

Partner: Mia Pieterse  
Registered Auditor  
04 June 2024  
Cape Town

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7441

# Condensed consolidated statement of financial position

as at 31 March 2024

	Note	Reviewed 31 March 2024 R'000s	Reviewed 31 March 2023 R'000s	Audited 30 September 2023 R'000s
<b>Assets</b>				
Intangible assets		407 409	409 389	408 400
Property and equipment		13 845	15 601	14 788
Loans receivable		36 549	35 473	37 585
Right-of-use assets		93 246	18 992	32 946
Deferred tax assets		25 685	3 972	42 624
Investments linked to investment contract liabilities	6	166 079 265	133 246 810	140 724 578
Other receivables		10 743	11 536	9 855
Trade receivables		124 128	108 834	106 351
Investments		356 061	345 128	370 931
Amounts owing by clearing houses		5 662	36 564	419
Amounts owing by clients		19 730	145 103	308 800
Cash and cash equivalents		308 335	329 491	1 084 174
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>167 480 658</b>	<b>134 706 893</b>	<b>143 141 451</b>
<b>Equity</b>				
Stated capital		670 742	665 070	667 660
Retained earnings		352 372	355 485	386 195
Reserves		(231 714)	(234 988)	(232 788)
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>791 400</b>	<b>785 567</b>	<b>821 067</b>
Attributable to the owners of the parent		791 084	785 223	820 674
Attributable to non-controlling interest		316	344	393
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Loan payable - Non-current		35 315	45 357	35 305
Preference share liability - Non-current		-	100 000	100 000
Lease liabilities - Non-current		86 051	2 680	28 402
Deferred tax liabilities		70 438	71 676	69 019
Third-party liabilities arising on consolidation of collective investment schemes	6	2 083 725	2 811 202	2 222 968
Investment contract liabilities	6	164 015 278	130 435 608	138 534 181
Tax payable		17 199	35 794	20 603
Preference share liability - Current		100 000	-	-
Lease liabilities - Current		9 791	16 131	7 203
Trade and other payables		245 873	220 449	993 476
Amounts owing to clearing houses		-	113 554	90 872
Amounts owing to clients		25 588	68 875	218 355
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>166 689 258</b>	<b>133 921 326</b>	<b>142 320 384</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>167 480 658</b>	<b>134 706 893</b>	<b>143 141 451</b>

# Condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

for the period ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2024 R'000s	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2023 R'000s	Audited for the year ended 30 September 2023 R'000s
Revenue	4	444 243	408 615	843 890
Operating expenses		(253 849)	(235 031)	(462 812)
<b>Profit from operations</b>		<b>190 394</b>	<b>173 584</b>	<b>381 078</b>
Investment contract income		19 321 577	15 285 736	20 497 849
Transfer to investment contract liabilities		(19 321 577)	(15 285 736)	(20 497 849)
Interest income		23 575	20 045	42 124
Other investment income		4 321	4 056	9 861
Finance costs		(7 905)	(6 068)	(13 178)
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>210 385</b>	<b>191 617</b>	<b>419 885</b>
Income tax		(57 862)	(53 225)	(119 445)
<b>Profit after tax</b>		<b>152 523</b>	<b>138 392</b>	<b>300 440</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>				
<i>Items that may subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss:</i>				
Foreign currency translation reserve		1 011	1 857	3 001
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>		<b>153 534</b>	<b>140 249</b>	<b>303 441</b>
<b>Profit attributable to:</b>				
Owners of the parent		152 250	138 089	299 808
Non-controlling interest		273	303	632
		<b>152 523</b>	<b>138 392</b>	<b>300 440</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to:</b>				
Owners of the parent		153 261	139 946	302 809
Non-controlling interest		273	303	632
		<b>153 534</b>	<b>140 249</b>	<b>303 441</b>
<b>Earnings and headline earnings per share (cents)</b>	5			
Basic		100.7	91.8	198.9
Diluted		99.0	89.6	194.5



# Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity

for the period ended 31 March 2024

	Attributable to equity holders of the group					
	Stated capital R'000s	Other reserves R'000s	Share-based payment reserve R'000s	Retained earnings R'000s	Non-controlling interest R'000s	Total equity R'000s
<b>Balance at 30 September 2022</b>	<b>662 712</b>	<b>(253 174)</b>	<b>18 742</b>	<b>412 956</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>841 557</b>
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	1 857	-	138 089	303	140 249
Dividends paid *	-	-	-	(195 560)	(280)	(195 840)
Share-based payment expense	-	-	(1 745)	-	-	(1 745)
Issue of shares relating to share options exercised	1 492	-	-	-	-	1 492
Ordinary shares repurchased	(146)	-	-	-	-	(146)
Transfer between share based payment reserve and stated capital for share options exercised	1 012	-	(1 012)	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>665 070</b>	<b>(251 317)</b>	<b>15 985</b>	<b>355 485</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>785 567</b>
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	1 144	-	161 719	329	163 192
Dividends paid **	-	-	-	(131 009)	(280)	(131 289)
Share-based payment expense	-	-	3 597	-	-	3 597
Transfer between share based payment reserve and stated capital for share options exercised	2 590	-	(2 590)	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>667 660</b>	<b>(250 173)</b>	<b>16 992</b>	<b>386 195</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>821 067</b>
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	1 011	-	152 250	273	153 534
Dividends paid ***	-	-	-	(186 073)	(350)	(186 423)
Share-based payment expense	-	-	2 835	-	-	2 835
Issue of shares relating to share options exercised	387	-	-	-	-	387
Transfer between share based payment reserve and stated capital for share options exercised	2 695	-	(2 695)	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>670 742</b>	<b>(249 162)</b>	<b>17 132</b>	<b>352 372</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>791 400</b>

\* Dividend per share - 130 cents  
Declared 5 December 2022

\*\* Dividend per share - 87 cents  
Declared 5 June 2023

\*\*\* Dividend per share - 123 cents  
Declared 4 December 2023

Other reserves relate to equity acquired in subsidiaries from minority shareholders in prior periods, as well as business combinations under common control in which the consideration exceeded the carrying value of the net assets acquired and a foreign currency translation reserve.

# Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

for the period ended 31 March 2024

	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2024 R'000s	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2023 R'000s	Audited year ended 30 September 2023 R'000s
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash flow from operations #	(561 033)	153 179	1 156 992
Dividends received	128	4	4
Interest received	12 595	19 503	41 611
Interest paid	(7 895)	(6 004)	(13 166)
Tax paid	(55 670)	(48 938)	(139 028)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>(611 875)</b>	<b>117 744</b>	<b>1 046 413</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Additions to property and equipment	(1 209)	(676)	(2 796)
Loans advanced	-	-	(1 961)
Loans repaid	1 036	7 148	6 997
Purchase of investments	(84 677)	(96 486)	(150 277)
Proceeds on sale of investments	115 552	149 000	181 147
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>30 702</b>	<b>58 986</b>	<b>33 110</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Dividends paid	(186 423)	(195 840)	(327 129)
Issue of ordinary shares	387	1 492	1 492
Ordinary shares repurchased	-	(146)	(146)
Loan repaid	-	-	(10 000)
Lease liabilities paid - principal portion	(8 608)	(9 903)	(16 489)
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>(194 644)</b>	<b>(204 397)</b>	<b>(352 272)</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(775 817)</b>	<b>(27 667)</b>	<b>727 251</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	1 084 174	357 524	357 524
Exchange gains on cash and cash equivalents	(22)	(366)	(601)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>308 335</b>	<b>329 491</b>	<b>1 084 174</b>

## Note to the statement of cash flows:

Cash held in overnight settlement accounts on behalf of policyholders of Sygnia Life Limited and clients of Sygnia Collective Investments (RF) Proprietary Limited, Sygnia Securities Proprietary Limited and Sygnia Itrix (RF) Proprietary Limited is included on the face of the statement of financial position under "Cash and cash equivalents". A corresponding payable to clients is included in trade and other payables (unsettled trades).

# The movement in trade and other payables (unsettled trades) is shown under the "Cash flow from operations", under the "Cash flows from operating activities" section on the statement of cash flows. Unsettled trades fluctuate daily and can result in significant fluctuations if comparing "Cash flow from operations" between reporting periods.

# Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements

for the period ended 31 March 2024

## 1. Accounting policies

The reviewed condensed consolidated financial statements ("interim financial statements") comprise Sygnia Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group"). The accounting policies applied in the preparation of these interim financial statements conform to IFRS® Accounting Standards and are consistent with those accounting policies and methods of computation applied in the preparation of the consolidated annual financial statements as at and for the year ended 30 September 2023.

## Basis of preparation

The interim financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, in accordance with and containing information required by IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and the SA financial reporting requirements, the requirements of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 of South Africa and the JSE Listings Requirements. The interim financial statements are presented in Rands and are prepared on the historical cost basis, except for the measurement of certain financial instruments which are measured at fair value.

## 2. Use of estimates and judgements

In preparing these interim financial statements, the significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023.

## 3. Segment information

The South African operations constitutes one operating segment.

## 4. Revenue

The Group's main revenue streams are those described in the 2023 annual financial statements. The Group's revenue is derived from contracts with customers.

	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2024 R'000s	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2023 R'000s	Audited year ended 30 September 2023 R'000s
Investment management fees	251 293	232 179	488 900
Investment administration fees	87 945	64 051	139 699
General partner fees	5 221	4 656	9 865
Treasury income	69 536	76 590	143 543
Securities lending income	20 240	14 640	31 712
Brokerage income	10 008	16 499	30 171
	<b>444 243</b>	<b>408 615</b>	<b>843 890</b>
<b>Timing of revenue recognition</b>			
Revenue recognised at a point in time	79 544	93 089	173 714
Revenue recognised over time	364 699	315 526	670 176
	<b>444 243</b>	<b>408 615</b>	<b>843 890</b>

## 5. Earnings and headline earnings per share

	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2024 R'000s	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2023 R'000s	Audited year ended 30 September 2023 R'000s
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	152 250	138 089	299 809
<b>Headline earnings</b>	<b>152 250</b>	<b>138 089</b>	<b>299 809</b>

	Number of shares	Number of shares	Number of shares
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (basic)	151 153 467	150 488 731	150 700 476
Potential number of shares issued in respect of diluted instruments	2 684 651	3 611 278	3 452 301
<b>Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (diluted)</b>	<b>153 838 118</b>	<b>154 100 009</b>	<b>154 152 777</b>

	Cents	Cents	Cents
Earnings per share (basic)	100.7	91.8	198.9
Earnings per share (diluted)	99.0	89.6	194.5
Headline earnings per share (basic)	100.7	91.8	198.9
Headline earnings per share (diluted)	99.0	89.6	194.5
<b>Alternative performance measures</b>			
Net asset value per share	523.1	521.7	543.9
Tangible net asset value per share	253.8	249.8	273.4

The tangible net asset value per share is the net asset value, excluding intangible assets, divided by the number of ordinary shares in issue at the end of the period.

## 6. Corporate vs third party financial information

A subsidiary of the Group, Sygnia Life Limited is a linked insurance company and issues linked policies to policyholders (where the value of the policy benefit is directly linked to the fair value of the supporting assets), and as such does not expose the business to the market risk of fair value adjustments on the financial asset, as this risk is contractually assumed by the policyholder. Sygnia Securities Proprietary Limited (subsidiary) provides stockbroking services to clients, which results in significant working capital fluctuations due to the timing of the close of the JSE in terms of client settlements (amounts owing to/by clearing houses/clients). In order to evaluate the consolidated financial position, the Group segregates the statement of financial position and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income between corporate (own balances) and third-party (client-related balances). Third-party balances represent investments linked to investment contract liabilities, third-party liabilities arising on consolidation of collective investment schemes, investment contract liabilities, related deferred tax liabilities, cash and cash equivalents and unsettled trades. During the current period, the Group no longer controls the Sygnia Health Innovation Global Equity Fund, therefore the fund is no longer consolidated. This resulted in a reduction of investments linked to investment contract liabilities and third-party liabilities arising on consolidation of collective investment schemes in the consolidated statement of financial position amounting to R0.6 billion. The Sygnia Transnational Equities Fund met the criteria for control during the period ended 31 March 2024, the fund has therefore been consolidated. This resulted in an increase to investments linked to investment contract liabilities and third-party liabilities arising on consolidation of collective investment schemes in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position amounting to R0.2 billion. The Group has significant influence over the Sygnia Skeleton Balanced 40 Fund, Sygnia Top 40 Index Fund, Sygnia Skeleton Balanced 60 Fund, Sygnia FANG.AI Equity Fund, Sygnia Enhanced Income Fund, Sygnia Money Market Fund and Sygnia Health Innovation Global Equity Fund with a total investment balance of R3.2 billion at 31 March 2024.

## Statement of financial position

	Reviewed 31 March 2024			Reviewed 31 March 2023			Audited 30 September 2023		
	Consolidated R'000s	Corporate balances R'000s	Third-party balances R'000s	Consolidated R'000s	Corporate balances R'000s	Third-party balances R'000s	Consolidated R'000s	Corporate balances R'000s	Third-party balances R'000s
<b>Assets</b>									
Intangible assets	407 409	407 409	-	409 389	409 389	-	408 400	408 400	-
Property and equipment	13 845	13 845	-	15 601	15 601	-	14 788	14 788	-
Loans receivable	36 549	36 549	-	35 473	35 473	-	37 585	37 585	-
Right-of-use assets	93 246	93 246	-	18 992	18 992	-	32 946	32 946	-
Deferred tax assets	25 685	5 947	19 738	3 972	3 972	-	42 624	10 054	32 570
Investments linked to investment contract liabilities	166 079 265	-	166 079 265	133 246 810	-	133 246 810	140 724 578	-	140 724 578
Other receivables	10 743	10 743	-	11 536	11 536	-	9 855	9 855	-
Trade receivables	124 128	124 128	-	108 834	108 834	-	106 351	106 351	-
Investments	356 061	356 061	-	345 128	345 128	-	370 931	370 931	-
Amounts owing by clearing houses	5 662	-	5 662	36 564	-	36 564	419	-	419
Amounts owing by clients	19 730	-	19 730	145 103	4	145 099	308 800	-	308 800
Cash and cash equivalents	308 335	199 047	109 288	329 491	329 491	-	1 084 174	241 539	842 635
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>167 480 658</b>	<b>1 246 975</b>	<b>166 233 683</b>	<b>134 706 893</b>	<b>1 278 420</b>	<b>133 428 473</b>	<b>143 141 451</b>	<b>1 232 449</b>	<b>141 909 002</b>
<b>Equity</b>									
Stated capital and reserves	791 400	791 400	-	785 567	785 567	-	821 067	821 067	-
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>791 400</b>	<b>791 400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>785 567</b>	<b>785 567</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>821 067</b>	<b>821 067</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>									
Loan payable - Non-current	35 315	35 315	-	45 357	45 357	-	35 305	35 305	-
Preference share liability - Non-current	-	-	-	100 000	100 000	-	100 000	100 000	-
Lease liabilities - Non-current	86 051	86 051	-	2 680	2 680	-	28 402	28 402	-
Deferred tax liabilities	70 438	70 438	-	71 676	71 676	-	69 019	69 019	-
Third-party liabilities arising on consolidation of collective investment schemes	-	-	2 083 725	2 811 202	-	2 811 202	2 222 968	-	2 222 968
Investment contract liabilities	164 015 278	-	164 015 278	130 435 608	-	130 435 608	138 534 181	-	138 534 181
Tax payable	17 199	17 199	-	35 794	35 794	-	20 603	20 603	-
Preference share liability - Current	100 000	100 000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease liabilities - Current	9 791	9 791	-	16 131	16 131	-	7 203	7 203	-
Trade and other payables	245 873	136 585	109 288	220 449	220 449	-	993 476	150 841	842 635
Amounts owing to clearing houses	-	-	-	113 554	-	113 554	90 872	-	90 872
Amounts owing to clients	25 588	196	25 392	68 875	766	68 109	218 355	8	218 347
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>166 689 258</b>	<b>455 575</b>	<b>166 233 683</b>	<b>133 921 326</b>	<b>492 853</b>	<b>133 428 473</b>	<b>142 320 384</b>	<b>411 381</b>	<b>141 909 003</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>167 480 658</b>	<b>1 246 975</b>	<b>166 233 683</b>	<b>134 706 893</b>	<b>1 278 420</b>	<b>133 428 473</b>	<b>143 141 451</b>	<b>1 232 448</b>	<b>141 909 003</b>

**Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**

	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2024			Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2023			Audited year ended 30 September 2023		
	Consolidated R'000s	Corporate R'000s	Third-party R'000s	Consolidated R'000s	Corporate R'000s	Third-party R'000s	Consolidated R'000s	Corporate R'000s	Third-party R'000s
Revenue	444 243	444 243	-	408 615	408 615	-	843 8910	843 890	-
Operating expenses	(253 849)	(253 849)	-	(235 031)	(235 031)	-	(462 812)	(462 812)	-
<b>Profit from operations</b>	<b>190 394</b>	<b>190 394</b>	-	<b>173 584</b>	<b>173 584</b>	-	<b>381 078</b>	<b>381 078</b>	-
Investment contract income	19 321 577	-	19 321 577	15 285 736	-	15 285 736	20 497 849	-	20 497 849
Transfer to investment contract liabilities	(19 321 577)	-	(19 321 577)	(15 285 736)	-	(15 285 736)	(20 497 849)	-	(20 497 849)
Interest income	23 575	23 575	-	20 045	20 045	-	42 124	42 124	-
Other investment income	4 321	4 321	-	4 056	4 056	-	9 861	9 861	-
Finance costs	(7 905)	(7 905)	-	(6 068)	(6 068)	-	(13 178)	(13 178)	-
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>210 385</b>	<b>210 385</b>	-	<b>191 617</b>	<b>191 617</b>	-	<b>419 885</b>	<b>419 885</b>	-
Income tax	(57 862)	(57 862)	-	(53 225)	(53 225)	-	(119 445)	(119 445)	-
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>152 523</b>	<b>152 523</b>	-	<b>138 392</b>	<b>138 392</b>	-	<b>300 440</b>	<b>300 440</b>	-
Foreign currency translation reserve	1 011	1 011	-	1 857	1 857	-	3 001	3 001	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>153 534</b>	<b>153 534</b>	-	<b>140 249</b>	<b>140 249</b>	-	<b>303 441</b>	<b>303 441</b>	-

## 7. Fair value

The carrying values of all financial instruments reflected in the statement of financial position approximate their fair values. The carrying value and gains and losses of financial instruments are as follows:

	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2024 R'000s	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2023 R'000s	Audited year ended 30 September 2023 R'000s
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>			
<i>Condensed consolidated statement of financial position</i>			
Investments linked to investment contract liabilities	166 079 265	133 246 810	140 724 578
Investments	356 061	345 128	370 931
	<b>166 435 326</b>	<b>133 591 938</b>	<b>141 095 509</b>
<i>Condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income</i>			
Investment contract income	19 321 577	15 285 736	20 497 849
Other investment income	4 321	4 056	9 861
	<b>19 325 898</b>	<b>15 289 792</b>	<b>20 507 710</b>
<b>Financial assets at amortised cost</b>			
<i>Condensed consolidated statement of financial position</i>			
Loans receivable	36 549	35 473	37 585
Trade receivables	124 128	108 834	106 351
Amounts owing by clearing houses	5 662	36 564	419
Amounts owing by clients	19 730	145 103	308 800
Cash and cash equivalents	308 335	329 491	1 084 174
	<b>494 404</b>	<b>655 465</b>	<b>1 537 329</b>
<i>Condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income</i>			
Interest income	23 575	20 045	42 124
	<b>23 575</b>	<b>20 045</b>	<b>42 124</b>
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>			
<i>Condensed consolidated statement of financial position</i>			
Investment contract liabilities	164 015 278	130 435 608	138 534 181
Third-party liabilities arising on consolidation of collective investment schemes	2 083 725	2 811 202	2 222 968
	<b>166 099 003</b>	<b>133 246 810</b>	<b>140 757 149</b>
<i>Condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income</i>			
Transfer to investment contract liabilities	(19 321 577)	(15 285 736)	(20 497 849)
	<b>(19 321 577)</b>	<b>(15 285 736)</b>	<b>(20 497 849)</b>

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	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2024 R'000s	Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2023 R'000s	Audited year ended 30 September 2023 R'000s
<b>Financial liabilities at amortised cost</b>			
<i>Condensed consolidated statement of financial position</i>			
Loan payable	35 315	45 357	35 305
Preference share liability	100 000	100 000	100 000
Lease liabilities	95 842	18 811	35 605
Trade and other payables	245 873	220 449	993 476
Amounts owing to clearing houses	-	113 554	90 872
Amounts owing to clients	25 588	68 875	218 355
	<b>502 618</b>	<b>567 046</b>	<b>1 473 613</b>
<i>Condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income</i>			
Finance costs	(7 905)	(6 068)	(13 178)
	<b>(7 905)</b>	<b>(6 068)</b>	<b>(13 178)</b>

The following table shows the categories of financial instruments at fair value based on the degree to which fair value is observable.

Level 1 - fair value is derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 1 investments relates to equities and interest income securities.

Level 2 - fair value is derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). Level 2 investments relate to unlisted private equity investment, interest income securities, collective investment schemes, hedge funds, investments in insurance policies, investment contract portfolio debtors, investment contract portfolio accrued interest and cash and cash equivalents.

Level 3 - fair value is derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). The level 3 investment relates to limited liability partnership investments.



	Level 1 R'000s	Level 2 R'000s	Level 3 R'000s	Total R'000s
<b>Reviewed as at 31 March 2024</b>				
Investments linked to investment contract liabilities	34 320 966	125 644 642	6 113 657	166 079 265
Investments	-	356 061	-	356 061
Third-party liabilities arising on consolidation of collective investment schemes	(1 444 547)	(639 178)	-	(2 083 725)
Investment contract liabilities	(32 876 419)	(125 025 202)	(6 113 657)	(164 015 278)
<b>Reviewed as at 31 March 2023</b>				
Investments linked to investment contract liabilities	33 771 686	93 587 148	5 887 976	133 246 810
Investments	-	345 128	-	345 128
Third-party liabilities arising on consolidation of collective investment schemes	(2 302 219)	(508 983)	-	(2 811 202)
Investment contract liabilities	(31 469 467)	(93 078 165)	(5 887 976)	(130 435 608)
<b>Audited as at 30 September 2023</b>				
Investments linked to investment contract liabilities	25 165 755	109 447 715	6 111 108	140 724 578
Investments	-	370 931	-	370 931
Third-party liabilities arising on consolidation of collective investment schemes	(1 875 348)	(347 620)	-	(2 222 968)
Investment contract liabilities	(23 290 407)	(109 132 666)	(6 111 108)	(138 534 181)
		<b>Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2024 R'000s</b>	<b>Reviewed six months ended 31 March 2023 R'000s</b>	<b>Audited year ended 30 September 2023 R'000s</b>
<b>Level 3 financial instruments</b>				
Opening balance		6 111 108	5 381 260	5 381 260
Additions - discretionary mandates		76 617	80 184	161 561
Additions - non-discretionary mandates		68 672	262 614	347 707
Fair value adjustment included in investment contract income		(142 740)	163 918	220 580
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>6 113 657</b>	<b>5 887 976</b>	<b>6 111 108</b>

The level 3 investment relates to investments in partnerships registered in Guernsey, Braavos Capital I LP (BC I LP), Braavos Capital II LP (BC II LP) and Braavos Capital III LP (BC III LP) and a limited liability partnership registered in the UK, Sygnia Ventures LP. Sygnia Ventures LP's most significant asset is its investment in BC II LP. The Braavos Capital partnerships are administered and valued by an independent administrator. On a quarterly basis, the independent administrator provides adjusted net asset values (assets less liabilities) to each partner. Assets include listed and unlisted investments. Liabilities include carried interest accruals amounting to GBP 5.3 million (31 March 2023: GBP 7.4 million). Carried interest is only payable if certain performance conditions are met or when a fund is wound up. A summary of the valuation policy applied to listed and unlisted investments is as follows:

- Listed investments - the fair values of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as recognised stock exchanges) are based on quoted market prices.
- Unlisted investments - the fair value of unlisted securities will be established using valuation techniques and methodologies consistent with the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines ("IPEVCV guidelines") endorsed by the European Private Equity and Venture Capital Associations. These include the use of recent arm's-length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis and earnings multiples. For investments in seed, start up and early-stage companies, cost may be the best indication of fair value unless there is objective evidence that the investment has since been impaired. If recent investments have been made by third parties, the price of this investment can provide a basis for valuation. If there is no readily ascertainable value following the price of recent investments, or there is objective evidence that a deterioration in fair value has occurred since a relevant transaction, the Fund will consider alternative methodologies in the IPEVCV guidelines such as discounted cash flows ('DCF') or price-earnings multiples.

A subsidiary in the Group, Sygnia Life Limited, has made a commitment to invest GBP 115.7 million (31 March 2023: GBP 115.7 million) in BC I LP, GBP 98.6 million (31 March 2023: GBP 98.6 million) in BCI II LP and GBP 42.5 million (31 March 2023: GBP 42.5) in BC III LP. These commitments consist of commitments made in respect of discretionary mandates managed by Sygnia Life Limited, as well as commitments secured by Braavos Investment Advisers LP directly from third-party clients to whom Sygnia Life Limited provides administration services only. These commitments will be financed from existing and future Sygnia Life Limited cash flows.

## 8. Related-party transactions

Related-party transactions similar to those disclosed in the Group's consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 took place during the period under review.

As explained in the SENS announcement dated 18 December 2023, a director of the Group exercised share options, amounting to R0.8 million, during the current period.

As explained in the SENS announcement dated 5 March 2024, a subsidiary in the Group, Sygnia Asset Management Proprietary Limited, entered into agreements in terms of which it renewed certain lease agreements with related parties. The impact of the transaction resulted in a lease modification. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities both increased by R65.0 million in the current period.

## 9. Events subsequent to the reporting date

On June 4 2024, the directors proposed and approved a dividend of 90 cents per share.

In May 2024, the South African Reserve Bank released a publication providing an update on the Jibar transition plan. The transition plan defines the trajectory of the transition away from the Johannesburg Interbank Average Rate (Jibar), having considered the best practice recommendations that have emerged through similar offshore transitions and taking into account the structure of the South African financial markets. The formal Jibar cessation announcement is expected during 2025. The Jibar is expected to cease before the end of 2026.

The directors are not aware of any other matters or circumstances, arising since the end of the financial period, not otherwise dealt with in the interim financial statements that significantly affect the financial position of the Group or the results of its operations.

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