

# Sygnia Itrix Euro Stoxx 50 ETF

Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD)  
Global - Equity - General

30 June 2024

Portfolio Managers **Sygnia Asset Management**  
Inception **10 October 2005**  
Fund Size **R 3.323 Billion**  
NAV Price **9 756 cents**  
Units in Issue **34 063 502**

Investment Objective

To replicate the price and yield performance of the Euro STOXX 50®

Income Distribution

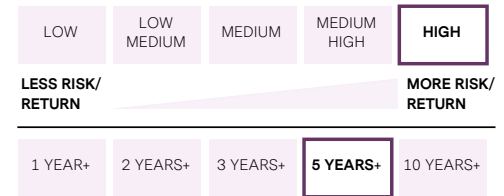
Bi-Annually (December and June)

Payment: 12 Jan 2024 - No distribution

Payment: 13 Jul 2023 - 167.66077 cents per unit

Trustees

Standard Bank Trustees (021 441 4100)

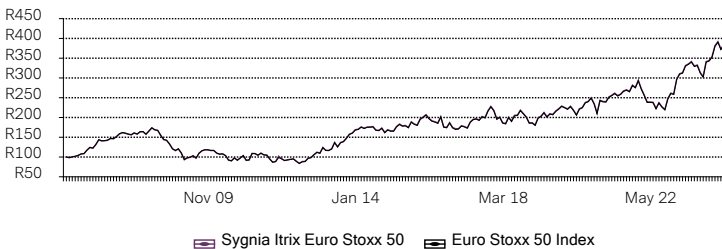


Fund Information	
Classification	Global - Equity - General
Asset Allocation	100% Offshore Equity
NAV/Index Ratio	ca. 1/1000
Financial Year End	31 December
Index Tracking	Fund tracks the Euro Stoxx 50® Index
Dividend Distribution	Semi-annual distribution
NAV Publication	Daily on sygnia.co.za
Portfolio Valuation	Close of relevant market
Foreign exchange source	World Market fix rate 16:00pm EST

## Cumulative Investment Performance

Growth of R100 invested on 31 October 2005

Investment: R360,82  
Benchmark: R359,35



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
ASML Holding Ord Shs	9.9%
SAP Ord Shs	5.6%
Lvmh Ord Shs	5.3%
TotalEnergies Ord Shs	4.3%
Siemens N Ord Shs	3.8%
Schneider Electric Ord Shs	3.7%
Sanofi Ord Shs	3.0%
Allianz Ord Shs	2.9%
L'Oreal Ord Shs	2.9%
L'Air Liquide Societe Anonyme pour l'Etude et l'Exploitation de	2.7%

## Historical Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2021	-0.3%	5.0%	1.7%	2.1%	-2.4%	1.6%	3.1%	1.1%	-1.5%	5.9%	-2.0%	6.5%	22.2%
2022	-7.2%	-5.9%	-6.8%	0.0%	-0.3%	-6.5%	6.5%	-4.3%	-3.1%	12.5%	5.6%	-0.9%	-11.8%
2023	14.4%	4.7%	0.8%	5.8%	1.3%	1.7%	-3.2%	0.7%	-5.7%	-3.4%	12.6%	0.8%	32.7%
2024	2.9%	7.8%	2.7%	-4.7%	2.8%	-6.0%							4.9%

Since inception performance figures are available on request.

## Risk Statistics

	Fund	^BM
% Negative Months	41.7%	41.7%
Average Negative Month	-3.8%	-3.8%
Largest Drawdown	-25.1%	-25.1%
Standard Deviation	18.6%	18.6%
Downside Deviation	9.0%	9.0%
Highest Annual Return: Jul 2022 - Jun 2023	53.0%	53.2%
Lowest Annual Return: Oct 2021 - Sep 2022	-17.2%	-17.2%
Annualised Tracking Error (Active Return) (12 Mths)	0.0%	-
Annualised Tracking Error (Std Dev of Active Return) (60 Mths)	0.1%	-

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

## Listing Information

Exchange	JSE Limited
Exchange Code	SYGEU
Trading Currency	ZAR
Portfolio Currency	EUR
ISIN	ZAE000249512
RIC	SYGEUJJ
Bloomberg Ticker	SYGEU SJ EQUITY
Trading Hours	9:00 am - 16:50 pm
Transaction cut-off	JSE trading hours

## Geographic Allocation

Region	Percent	Allocation
France	36.6%	
Germany	25.6%	
Netherlands	19.0%	
Spain	7.1%	
Other	11.7%	

## Sector Allocation

Sector	Percent	Allocation
Financials	19.7%	
Consumer Discretionary	17.4%	
Information Technology	17.3%	
Industrials	16.7%	
Consumer Staples	6.9%	
Other	22.0%	

## Portfolio Performance Analysis

Period	Sygnia Itrix Euro Stoxx 50**	Euro Stoxx 50 Index (ZAR)**	Euro Stoxx 50 Index (EUR)**	Sygnia Itrix Euro Stoxx 50 (TR)
1 Year	5.7%	5.6%	11.3%	7.8%
3 Years	11.6%	11.6%	6.4%	13.4%
5 Years	11.5%	11.5%	7.1%	13.2%
10 Years	7.4%	7.4%	4.2%	9.4%
Since Inception	7.1%	7.1%	2.1%	9.3%

Performance of the fund is calculated by Sygnia Asset Management as at reporting date.

Performance figures greater than one year are annualised.

\*A positive performance in currency reflects a depreciation of ZAR against base currency and vice versa.

\*\*Price return.

## Annual Management Fee

Broker/Other Platform (excl VAT)	Sygnia Alchemy Platform (excl VAT)
First R 10 Million	First R 2 Million
0.75%pa	0.55%pa
R 10 Million-R 100 Million	R 2 Million-R 100 Million
0.60%pa	0.50%pa
Over R 100 Million	Over R 100 Million
0.40%pa	0.30%pa
VAT	
0.12%	0.08%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	
0.90% (Jun 2024)	0.64% (Jun 2024)
Transaction Costs (TC)	
0.02% (Jun 2024)	0.02% (Jun 2024)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	
0.92% (Jun 2024)	0.66% (Jun 2024)

Excess management fees for investors over R10m are included in the above TER, and distributed back to the investor at each distribution date.

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## Fund commentary

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2nd Quarter 2024

### Market performance

According to the World Economic Forum's survey of leaders, the top two global risks for 2024 – after extreme weather – are AI-generated disinformation and societal and political polarisation, with the latter linked to the former. Geopolitical and societal risks rose further in the second quarter after a number of election surprises around the world, including results in South Africa, Mexico and India, and early election announcements in the UK and France.

In Mexico, the peso and Mexican stocks collapsed after Claudia Sheinbaum's surprise landslide victory brought about a near super-majority in congress. While the tailwinds of Chinese manufacturing's relocation to Mexico have outweighed the costs of the hard-left ruling Morena party's redistributive policies in recent years, the sustainability of these policies is now under question and has investors concerned. The following day, investors dumped stocks in India and triggered a \$386 billion wipeout in the Indian stock market after Narendra Modi's victory was not as decisive as expected. Prime Minister Modi's setback reduces the likelihood of an acceleration in structural reforms and increases political uncertainty.

In South Africa, the rand, bonds and equity markets rallied on the news that the ANC, IFP, PA, RISE and DA, representing 68.4% of the national vote, had struck an agreement to form a Government of National Unity (GNU) and had voted Cyril Ramaphosa in for his second term as president. The alliance is expected to deepen and widen reforms, but the deal is only a preliminary framework. There will be challenges from the MKP and the EFF, who were both left out in the cold. The SA economy shrank below expectations in the first quarter of 2024. Fortunately, after the GNU announcement, the FRA market has priced in at least one 25bps rate cut from the SARB in September.

Sygnia funds upgraded South Africa to neutral on the GNU announcement, which has worked well, with bond yields falling 1%, the rand strengthening by around a rand and equities rallying 6%. Ramaphosa announced his new cabinet on 30 June. To accommodate all 11 GNU parties, the executive has grown to an enormous 32 cabinet members and 43 deputy ministers. The most market-friendly news is that Enoch Godongwana remains Finance Minister, thus ensuring continuity in fiscal prudence and structural reforms; the portfolios focused on policy reform also include several improvements. Reforms take time, however, and the fragility and constant gridlock of coalition governments remain a significant risk. We refrain from going overweight for now.

In Europe, eurozone equities sold off 7% from their 6 June highs and French bond yields widened on surprise early French legislative elections. French President Emmanuel Macron's gamble to call snap parliamentary elections has backfired: Marine Le Pen's radical right-

wing National Rally party and a rising far-left coalition are leading in the polls, and the market is worried about extreme economic policies and possible European Union exits. The French parliamentary elections will take place from 30 June to 7 July.

While volatility is expected to remain high, a full-blown EU financial crisis is unlikely. Even if the far-right National Rally wins the election, EU member economic constraints will reduce the impact of their policies. The UK is also heading to early elections, on 4 July. According to an IPSOS survey, the Conservatives have lost up to a third of the voters who would have backed the party just four months ago, and the polls predict a historic defeat. The opposition Labour Party has limited the number of non-market-friendly policies it can put in place. Tough fiscal constraints have been promised which should calm investors, but this will likely mean a continuation of low growth and poor investment opportunities for overseas investors.

The rise in energy prices after Russian energy sanctions led to a severe contraction in UK and European real wages, but this headwind has ended. European natural gas prices are down 90% from their peak, inflation has dropped and the ECB has cut rates. Real wages are rising, while the US is seeing a contraction in real wages. This should support European household confidence and lead to an increase in consumption – but the results of the latest German IFO survey show that sentiment deteriorated slightly in June. Similarly, Chinese data continued to indicate weak demand in May, with housing the key drag. Chinese growth – and consequently EU, EM and Japanese growth – will likely remain constrained by China's property deflation. We remain underweight these regions.

Trump's lead in the election polls has surged, but some of his extreme policies are not yet reflected in markets. Trump wants to limit immigration, enact 10% tariffs on all US imports and cut corporate tax rates to 20% while increasing fiscal support. These would all be inflationary and would worsen an already ballooning US budget deficit. The US FNIB small business uncertainty index has risen back to its highs of the previous Biden-Trump election face-off. As we near November's presidential elections, volatility may impact markets more meaningfully. Preliminary purchasing managers' index (PMI) numbers show that the US remained the global economic leader in June, despite signs that the rest of the world was accelerating even as the US slowed. US growth remains resilient. The Kansas City Fed's Labor Market Conditions Indicator, based on 24 variables, expects the US jobless rate to drift higher, which will have two important implications for the Fed: it will alleviate wage inflation and will allow the Fed to focus on the dual mandate of employment and inflation. We remain overweight the US but are keeping an eye on inflation, the labour market and US politics.

### RISK PROFILE

LOW	LOW MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM HIGH	<b>HIGH</b>
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LESS RISK/  
RETURN

MORE RISK/  
RETURN

### TIME HORIZON

0-2 YEARS	2 YEARS+	3 YEARS+	<b>5 YEARS+</b>	7 YEARS+
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### Fund performance

The Sygnia Itrix Euro Stoxx 50 ETF delivered -7.9% for the quarter, in line with its benchmark, the Euro Stoxx 50 Index. The fund benefitted from exposure to ASML Holding NV, SAP SE and Schneider Electric SE, while its exposure to LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE, Airbus SE and Stellantis NV detracted from performance.

There were no changes to the tracked index's constituents over the period.

The fund remains true to its investment objective of delivering returns that mirror those of the Euro Stoxx 50 Index.

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# Important information to consider before investing

## Investment Objective and Strategy

The investment policy of the Sygnia Itrix Euro Stoxx 50 ETF is to track its benchmark index as closely as possible, by buying only DJ EURO STOXX 50 securities. These securities are excluded from the index from time to time as a result of quarterly index reviews, corporate actions or because they have to be sold to maintain the portfolio's holding of DJ EURO STOXX 50 securities in the same weighting as the the index. The fund is a high-risk, passively managed index-tracking fund intended to replicate the price and yield performance of the Euro Stoxx 50® Index as closely as possible by holding a portfolio of securities that reflects the index. Derivatives are allowed for efficient portfolio management. Index performance data can be sourced from Bloomberg, Reuters, other data providers and at [www.sygnia.co.za](http://www.sygnia.co.za).

## Balancing risk and reward

The Euro Stoxx 50® is a Blue-chip index in Europe. The index has become one of the leading stock exchange barometers for Europe and the euro-zone and includes 50 market sector leading euro-zone companies. Please refer to the Offering Circular for further information on investment risks. The recommended investment term for investors in the Sygnia Itrix Euro Stoxx 50 ETF is a minimum of five years.

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Annualised performance figures represent the geometric average return earned by the fund over the given time period. Unannualised performance represents the total return earned by the fund over the given time period, expressed as a percentage.

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.

## Fees

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## What is the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and Transaction Costs (TC)?

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.

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The fund invests in foreign securities, which may be exposed to macroeconomic, settlement, political, tax, reporting or illiquidity risk factors that may be different to similar investments in South African markets. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying investments to go up or down.

## Cumulative Investment Performance

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