

Sygnia Itrix Top 40 ETF

South Africa - Equity - General

30 June 2022

Portfolio Managers	Sygnia Asset Management
Inception	30 October 2017
Fund Size	R 430 Million
NAV Price	6 123 cents
Units in Issue	7 024 779

Investment Objective

To replicate the price and yield performance of the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index

Income Distribution

Bi-Annually (December and June)

Payment: 17 Jan 2022 - 149.44467 cents per unit

Payment: 13 Jul 2021 - 89.13491 cents per unit

Standard Bank Trustees (021 441 4100)

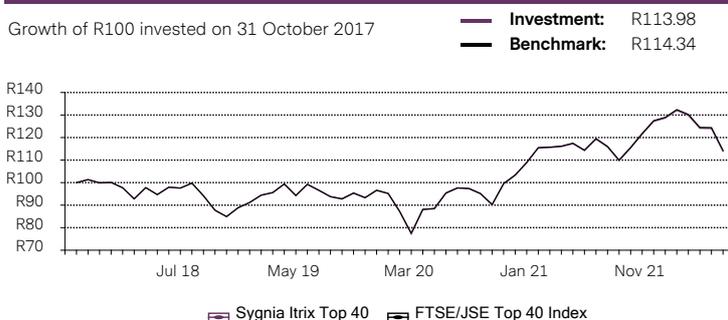
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Fund Information	
Classification	South Africa - Equity - General
Asset Allocation	100% South African Equity
NAV/Index Ratio	ca. 1/1000
Financial Year End	31 December
Index Tracking	Fund tracks the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index
Dividend Distribution	Semi-annual 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	SYGT40
Trading Currency	ZAR
Portfolio Currency	ZAR
ISIN	ZAE000251351
RIC	SYGT40J.J
Bloomberg Ticker	SYGT40 SJ EQUITY
Trading Hours	9:00 am - 16:50 pm
Transaction cut-off	JSE trading hours

Cumulative Investment Performance

Growth of R100 invested on 31 October 2017



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
Richemont GDR	14.4%
Anglo American Ord Shs	11.5%
Naspers Limited N Ord Shs	8.2%
Firstrand Ord Shs	5.1%
MTN Group Ord Shs	3.9%
Prosus Ord Shs	3.7%
Sasol Ord Shs	3.4%
Standard Bank Group Ord Shs	3.4%
British American Tobacco Ord Shs	3.0%
Capitec Ord Shs	2.7%

Asset Allocation

Asset	Percent	Allocation
Domestic Equity	97.8%	

Sector Allocation

Sector	Percent	Allocation
Materials	30.9%	
Consumer Discretionary	27.9%	
Financials	21.0%	
Consumer Staples	8.1%	
Communication Services	5.8%	
Real Estate	1.3%	
Industrials	1.2%	
Other	3.8%	

Portfolio Performance Analysis

Period	Sygnia Itrix Top 40**	FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index**	Sygnia Itrix Top 40 (TR)*
1 Month	-8.1%	-8.1%	-8.1%
3 Months	-12.3%	-12.3%	-12.3%
6 Months	-10.4%	-10.4%	-8.5%
Year to Date	-10.4%	-10.4%	-8.5%
1 Year	-0.2%	-0.1%	3.3%
3 Years	4.7%	4.8%	7.9%
Since Inception	2.8%	2.9%	5.5%

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
2019	2.6%	3.6%	1.2%	4.0%	-5.1%	5.3%	-2.7%	-2.9%	-1.1%	2.8%	-2.1%	3.5%	8.7%
2020	-1.5%	-8.4%	-11.2%	13.8%	0.4%	7.8%	2.4%	-0.3%	-2.3%	-5.1%	10.3%	3.8%	7.0%
2021	5.4%	6.0%	0.2%	0.4%	1.1%	-2.6%	4.5%	-2.9%	-5.2%	5.1%	5.4%	4.7%	23.2%
2022	1.1%	2.7%	-1.7%	-4.4%	-0.1%	-8.1%							-10.4%

Risk Statistics

	Fund	*BM
% Negative Months	46.4%	46.4%
Average Negative Month	-3.7%	-3.7%
Largest Drawdown	-23.6%	-23.5%
Standard Deviation	16.4%	16.4%
Downside Deviation	9.5%	9.5%
Highest Annual Return: Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	49.4%	49.4%
Lowest Annual Return: Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	-19.0%	-19.0%
Annualised Tracking Error (Active Return) (12 Mths)	-0.07%	-
Annualised Tracking Error (Std Dev of Active Return) (12 Mths)	0.12%	-

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

Fees

Management Fee	0.10%
Other costs	0.05%
VAT	0.02%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.17% (Jun 2022)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.07% (Jun 2022)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.24% (Jun 2022)

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Fund Commentary

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2nd Quarter 2022

RISK PROFILE



LESS RISK/
RETURN

MORE RISK/
RETURN

TIME HORIZON



Market Performance

Global markets sold off sharply in June. The US officially entered bear market territory as the Fed tightened the base rate by 75bps – its biggest hike since 1994. The ensuing sell-off resulted in US markets falling 24% from January peaks and put one topic on every talk show: recession. Fed Chair Jerome Powell's stated aim of 3.4% base rates in the US by year end caused business sentiment to sour. These sentiments were echoed globally as the World Bank again revised its global growth outlook for 2022 down to only 2.9%, down from April's 3.2% estimate and January's 4.1% estimate.

Some economic indicators suggest plain sailing ahead, and the usual "recession warning" indicators are not flashing red. The yield curve and the US Leading Economic Index (LEI) are positive. The latter historically contracts year-on-year (YoY) in the lead-up to recessions, but its last reading was 3.0% YoY – far from recession-warning territory.

US inflation surprised to the upside at a historic 8.6%, and the inflation headwinds pushed the University of Michigan's consumer-sentiment survey down to its lowest reading since 1978. A recession in the US is unlikely for a couple of reasons. First, core inflation continued to fall, from 6.2% to 6% YoY, as did inflation breadth measures. With mortgage rates increasing by more than 2% so far this year and the shelter sub-index comprising about a third of the core CPI index, a dip in demand for homes is likely to ease inflation conditions.

China's reopening should improve global supply chain snarls, and transitory components such as shipping and freight conditions are improving alongside supply in key products like semiconductors and fertilisers. Some commodities may even follow the price of palm oil, which is now actually down after soaring prices encouraged production year to date and additional supply came online from Indonesia and Malaysia. As a result of the US consumer's relatively strong footing, the Fed can afford to raise rates faster and harder than its peers. This is partly attributable to generous Covid support but also to appreciating asset prices, with average US household net worth growing 30% since the midst of Covid, compared to only 12% for the EU and UK.

These trends are likely amplified by some labour market statistics, particularly the US labour force participation rate, which was last recorded at 62.3% (1.1% below pre-pandemic levels). Wage growth has been most pronounced at the bottom end of income distribution, where higher wages are required to incentivise worker participation. A recovery in the participation rate could allow payrolls to grow alongside unemployment rates.

Chinese leaders ushered in yet another era of expansionary rhetoric in June. Over the next business cycle, the Xi Jinping administration has vowed to "let 100 flowers bloom", referencing a set of policy shifts aimed at improving growth in the Chinese technology sector through deregulation. Beijing's issuance of its second batch of gaming licenses after a seven-month freeze seems to be a step towards this promise.

Total new social financing rebounded to RMB2.79 trillion from RMB910 billion in April as bank-extended loans nearly tripled to RMB1.89 trillion. The increased levels of spending were backed by trade expansion, with the Chinese balance of payments enjoying tailwinds of a 16.9% increase in export growth, largely thanks to fewer disruptions across supply chains compared to a year earlier. China's relatively low 2.1% inflation figure came in below expectation and is ideal for the current global setting, paving the way for the Chinese Communist Party to enact a more expansionary monetary and fiscal policy.

Corruption dominated South African headlines in June, from President Cyril Ramaphosa's game farm robbery to the pending extradition of the Guptas and the suspension of a key PIC executive. Acting Chief Justice Raymond Zondo's reports remain a key line of attack for the Ramaphosa faction. The final instalment of the inquiry concluded the four-year, R10-billion investigation and recommended the prosecution of scores of high-ranking political officials.

Despite SA GDP growth of 1.9% for the quarter to end March, the economy remains stuck in its longest downward cycle since WWII. Policy paralysis, weak business sentiment and turbulent socio-economic conditions continue to hamper fixed investment spending, as evidenced by stage six loadshedding for the first time since 2019, on the back of unlawful and unprotected labour action.

Transnet became the most recent state-owned fiscal monster, with Moody's citing insufficient resources to repay a bond maturing next month and placing the company on review for a downgrade. With the momentum adding up against SA's beleaguered SOEs, it is hoped that Eskom will set an example. The UK, US, Germany, France and the EU are plotting SA's path out of coal-powered loadshedding via an \$8.5-billion climate finance deal.

June's shifts in economic conditions, particularly around the US inflation vs recession narrative, have driven volatility in global financial markets. Generally, we expect volatility to remain heightened, and we continue to find value in more defensive plays such as value, healthcare and self-recovery stories, and we anticipate that this trend will continue as global inflation remains elevated. We prefer China over the US, at least until inflation peaks, giving US small-cap tech some breathing room. While the US sways between monetary policy and more intervention, China is lining up a compelling case for the next business cycle's bullishness. We anticipate a rotation in growth from the US to Asia, where government support and a post-Covid dividend is attractive.

Surging energy prices remain a risk. A reduction in Russian gas has left Germany exposed, making them dependent on their European partners to share the pain. And a further sustained rise in energy prices would make central bankers nervous enough to push the global economy into a recession. We think central banks will choose higher inflation over recessions. Of course, this route could still mean recessions, particularly in Europe, where there is lots of vulnerability.

Fund Performance

The Sygnia Itrix Top 40 ETF delivered -12.3% for the quarter, in line with its benchmark, the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index. The Fund benefitted from exposure to Naspers Ltd, Prosus NV and British American Tobacco PLC, while its exposure to Anglo American PLC, MTN Group Ltd and Compagnie Financière Richemont SA 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 FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index.

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Important information to consider before investing

Investment Objective and Strategy

The objective of this Sygnia Itrix Top 40 ETF is to provide simple access to investors who wish to track the movements of the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index through investing in the physical index securities. The FTSE/JSE TOP 40 Index consists of the largest 40 companies, listed on the JSE, ranked by investable market capitalisation in the FTSE/JSE All-Share Index. This is a high risk, passively managed index tracking fund, with an objective to provide simple access to investors who wish to track the movements of the FTSE/JSE TOP 40 Index through investing in the physical index securities. The investment policy of the portfolio is to track the index as closely as practically and feasibly possible by buying securities included in the index at similar weighting as they are included in the index. Whenever the index gets rebalanced, the portfolio will purchase the newly included constituent securities and will sell the constituent securities which were excluded from the index. Derivatives are allowed for efficient portfolio management.

Balancing risk and reward

The Fund has a 100% strategic allocation to South African equities. The structure of the Fund is dictated by the composition of the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index. It is a suitable investment for investors seeking higher returns, those who are willing to tolerate higher volatility and investors who aim to maximise capital accumulation over a longer-term time horizon. For changes in the index constituents, please refer to the published SENS. Performance data can be sourced from Bloomberg, Reuters, other data providers and at www.sygnia.co.za.

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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

A schedule of fees and charges is available on request from Sygnia Itrix. Permissible deductions may include management fees, brokerage, STT, auditor's fees, bank charges and trustee fees. Sygnia Itrix ETFs are Exchange Traded Funds that trade on stock exchanges and may therefore incur additional costs associated with listed securities. Sygnia Itrix does not provide advice and therefore does not charge advice fees.

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.

Cumulative Investment Performance

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How are NAV prices calculated?

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