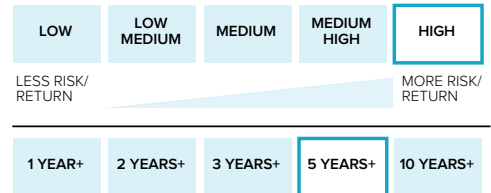


# SYGNIA ITRIX TOP 40 ETF

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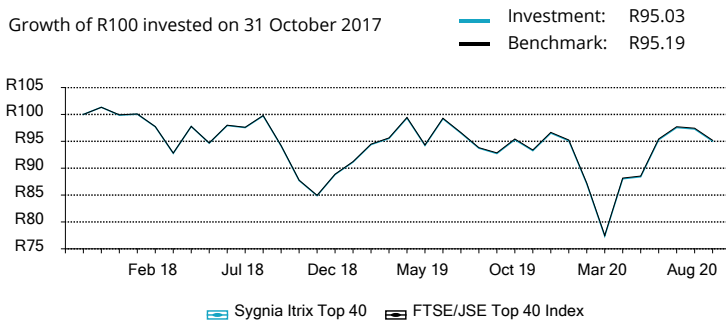
PORTFOLIO MANAGERS **SYGNIA ASSET MANAGEMENT**  
 INCEPTION **30 OCTOBER 2017**  
 FUND SIZE **R 270 Million**  
 NAV PRICE **5 040 cents**  
 UNITS IN ISSUE **5 349 779**

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE **TO REPLICATE THE PRICE AND YIELD PERFORMANCE OF THE FTSE/JSE TOP 40 INDEX**  
 INCOME DISTRIBUTION **PAYMENT: DEC 2019 - 87.35134 CENTS PER UNIT**  
**PAYMENT: JUN 2020 - 68.74978 CENTS PER UNIT**  
 TRUSTEES **STANDARD BANK TRUSTEES (021 441 4100)**

## 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

## CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE



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
Naspers Ltd	20.9%
BHP Group PLC	12.7%
Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA	9.6%
Anglo American PLC	8.4%
FirstRand Ltd	3.2%
AngloGold Ashanti Ltd	3.0%
Gold Fields Ltd	2.9%
Mondi PLC	2.9%
Prosus N.V.	2.7%
British American Tobacco PLC	2.6%

## HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
2017											1.3%	-1.4%	-0.1%
2018	0.2%	-2.3%	-5.1%	5.4%	-3.2%	3.5%	-0.4%	2.2%	-5.6%	-6.8%	-3.2%	4.6%	-11.1%
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%				-1.5%

## RISK STATISTICS

	FUND	^BM
% Negative Months	51.4%	51.4%
Average Negative Month	-3.6%	-3.6%
Largest Drawdown	-23.6%	-23.5%
Standard Deviation	16.7%	16.7%
Downside Deviation	10.1%	10.1%
Highest Annual Return: Dec 2018 - Nov 2019	9.9%	9.9%
Lowest Annual Return: Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	-19.0%	-19.0%
Annualised Tracking Error (Active Return)	-0.06%	-
Annualised Tracking Error (Std Dev of Active Return)	0.09%	-

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.

## 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

## ASSET ALLOCATION

ASSET	PERCENT	ALLOCATION
Domestic Equity	99.1%	

## SECTOR ALLOCATION

SECTOR	PERCENT	ALLOCATION
Materials	38.0%	
Consumer Discretionary	34.3%	
Financials	13.5%	
Consumer Staples	6.6%	
Communication Services	3.6%	
Real Estate	1.0%	
Cash	0.9%	
Industrials	0.8%	
Other	1.3%	

## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

PERIOD	SYGNIA ITRIX TOP 40	FTSE/JSE TOP 40 INDEX**	SYGNIA ITRIX TOP 40 (TR)
1 Month	-2.3%	-2.3%	-2.3%
3 Months	-0.3%	-0.3%	1.0%
6 Months	22.8%	22.8%	24.4%
Year to Date	-1.5%	-1.5%	1.5%
1 Year	2.5%	2.5%	5.7%
Since Inception	-1.7%	-1.7%	0.8%

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

Performance figures greater than one year are annualised.

\*\*Price return

TR = Total return

## FEES

Management Fee	0.12%
Other costs	0.07%
VAT	0.03%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.22% (Sep 2020)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.03% (Sep 2020)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.25% (Sep 2020)

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## FUND COMMENTARY

SOUTH AFRICA - EQUITY - GENERAL

3RD QUARTER 2020

### MARKET PERFORMANCE

Although Covid-19 numbers are escalating in areas such as the UK, France and Spain, there is a glimmer of hope in the air. Pfizer hinted that a Covid-19 vaccine could be ready by the end of the year. AstraZeneca and Oxford University restarted the UK trial of their vaccine after the study was halted when a participant fell ill. The FDA is expecting at least one vaccine approval by late November.

As lockdowns ended around the world, and economic activity picked up, the OECD upgraded its outlook for world economic growth this year, shifting up from -6% to -4.5%. In the land of the free (the United States), the Federal Open Market Committee (the equivalent of the South African Monetary Policy Committee) signalled that interest rates are set to remain close to zero through to 2023. The combination of the above positive developments makes for an improved global market sentiment. While this signals good news, the US also currently faces the possibility of a hotly contested election for the first time in 20 years.

President Trump's re-election odds first bottomed out and then started improving. However, despite the first presidential debate being somewhat ill-mannered, Biden seems to have made a narrow victory through the chaos.

As the elections loom, Trump's actions are likely to increase market volatility. It certainly seems likely he will contest a democratic victory on the grounds of fraud in postal votes. Donald's ineffectual attempt to ban WeChat based on national security concerns was halted by US Judge Laurel Beeler, who ruled that there was insufficient evidence of a security threat and the ban would infringe on the right to free speech. That brings us to the Tech sector, which has several positives. Cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and the beginning of 5G networks are factors that are likely to lead to strong growth. In addition, the global move towards remote workers means companies are increasingly reliant on technology. However, short-term risks remain from the US/China technology conflict, vaccine breakthroughs that allow a return to the "old normal", very low tax rates of the big tech companies, and anti-trust investigations by the US Justice Department or Federal Trade Commission.

Yoshihide Suga was elected Prime Minister of Japan in September, succeeding Shinzo Abe and facilitating change for the first time since Shinzo's appointment in 2012. Yoshihide seems focused on the same goals - continuing Abenomics, pushing forward regulatory reforms at full speed, and accelerating investment spending to grow the economy.

In a somewhat unexpected move, the UK threatened to breach international law to override the Withdrawal Agreement it signed with the EU just last year. The pound reacted with its biggest weekly fall in almost six months against the dollar.

The EU responded with its own threat of legal action, calling on Prime Minister Boris Johnson to withdraw the new UK Internal Market Bill. The Bill, if it is passed, will open the door for the UK to unilaterally change arrangements made for the UK's only land border with the EU: the Ireland-Northern Ireland border.

Global investors have become increasingly concerned that the UK and the EU will fail to reach a post-Brexit trade agreement, which could subdue global growth expectations. Hopes are that a deal will be concluded before the 15 October deadline to ensure it can be ratified by the end of this year.

South Africa's second quarter GDP fell an annualised 51% quarter-on-quarter, taking us into our longest recession since 1992. The economy has now contracted for seven of the last 10 quarters. The OECD has cut SA's growth outlook for 2020 to -11.5%, among the worst relative to emerging market peers, such as Brazil, India and China.

A growing number of global institutions are now predicting South Africa is on the path to become a failed state. This poor outlook led to foreign holdings of South African government bonds falling below 30% for the first time since 2012. This is not great news coming at a time when South African debt is high and we need foreign investment more than ever. An improvement in the short to medium term seems increasingly unlikely given government's ongoing legal battle with trade unions and structural problems at state-owned enterprises (SOEs). South Africa is in its 13th year of load shedding while SAA requires an additional R10 billion just to sustain its business rescue process.

South Africa's debt service costs are estimated to reach 22% of GDP this year, significantly up from 9% in 2009. If it moves any higher, growth could be permanently crippled. In June Finance Minister, Tito Mboweni, presented two scenarios for the country. We anticipate he will stick to the "active scenario" with R230 billion worth of expenditure cuts, which will hopefully restore the country to a position where debt is stabilised to 73.5% of GDP by 2023/24. Execution of the active scenario will take place over the next few years, so promises are easy ...for now. A study by the Institute of Race Relations shows that reforms have gone backwards rather than forwards, highlighting the need for reforms to gain traction.

### RISK PROFILE



### TIME HORIZON



All eyes will be on the Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) on Wednesday, 28 October, which could well prove to be a turning point. Markets, unfortunately, appear to be pricing in the worst. Until we see a strong social compact between government, business and labour, the South African outlook remains grim.

### FUND PERFORMANCE

The Sygnia Itrix Top 40 ETF delivered -0.3% for the quarter, in line with its benchmark, the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index. The Fund benefitted from exposure to Gold Fields, Impala Platinum Holdings and Sibanye Stillwater, while its exposure to Naspers, AngloGold Ashanti and British American Tobacco detracted from performance.

There were several changes to the tracked index's constituents over the period, including the addition of Harmony Gold Mining Company and the removal of RMB Holdings.

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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## 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](http://www.sygnia.co.za).

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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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