

# CRF Balanced Plus Fund

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Portfolio Managers  
Regulation 28  
Inception

**Sygnia Life Limited**  
**Compliant**  
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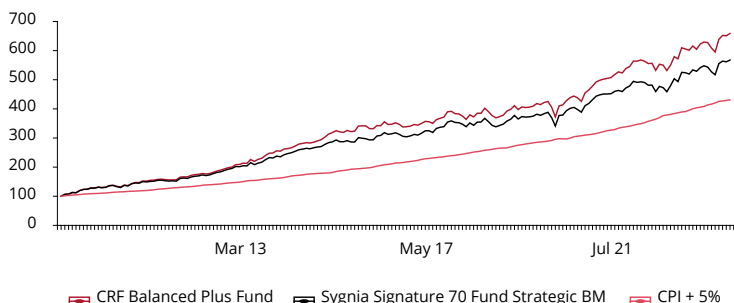
Investment Objective

**Maximisation of long term returns with limited focus on managing the risk of short-term capital loss**

Legal Structure

**Fund Policy**

## Cumulative Investment Performance



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

## Performance Analysis

Period	Fund	*BM	Diff
1 Month	1.2%	1.1%	0.1%
3 Months	3.2%	2.2%	0.9%
Year to Date	1.0%	0.7%	0.4%
1 Year	8.8%	8.3%	0.5%
3 Years	10.2%	8.6%	1.6%
5 Years	10.9%	9.6%	1.3%
10 Years	9.7%	8.9%	0.8%
Since Inception	13.4%	12.3%	1.1%

45% SWIX|15% ALBI|7% STeFI Call| 25% MSCI All Country Index /  
2% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index|6% Offshore Cash

## Historical Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2019	1.4%	3.7%	1.5%	3.2%	-3.3%	2.3%	-0.5%	0.3%	0.8%	2.2%	-0.9%	1.8%	13.0%
2020	0.8%	-4.7%	-8.2%	10.1%	0.9%	3.6%	2.4%	1.2%	-1.4%	-2.8%	6.9%	2.2%	10.2%
2021	2.8%	3.1%	1.1%	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%	2.1%	1.7%	-0.7%	2.9%	1.2%	3.4%	21.3%
2022	0.0%	0.7%	-0.7%	-1.4%	0.2%	-4.3%	3.9%	-0.5%	-3.4%	3.4%	5.3%	-1.3%	1.4%
2023	6.6%	-0.7%	-0.7%	2.4%	-1.8%	3.0%	1.1%	-0.3%	-2.9%	-2.3%	7.3%	2.1%	14.0%
2024	-0.2%	1.2%											1.0%

Since inception performance figures are available on request.

## Risk Statistics

	Fund	*BM
% Positive Months	65.0%	66.7%
% Negative Months	35.0%	33.3%
Best Month	10.1%	9.7%
Worst Month	-8.2%	-10.5%
Avg Negative Return	-2.0%	-2.2%
Maximum Drawdown	-12.4%	-14.8%
Standard Deviation	10.5%	10.6%
Downside Deviation	6.7%	8.3%

The risk statistics reflected above are calculated on a 60-month or since-inception basis, depending on which period is shorter. \*Global Large Manager Median

## Asset Allocation

Asset Class	Percentage	Allocation
Domestic Equities	39.2%	
Domestic Bonds	11.9%	
Domestic Income	5.6%	
Domestic Money Market	0.9%	
International	41.4%	
TAA	1.1%	

## Top 10 SA Equity Holdings

Asset	% of SA Equity
Naspers Ltd	8.2%
FirstRand Ltd	5.7%
Prosus Ord Shs	4.7%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	4.6%
Compagnie Financière Richemont	4.1%
Absa Group Ord Shs	3.4%
Gold Fields Ord Shs	3.4%
Anglo American Plc	3.2%
British American Tobacco Plc	3.1%
BID Corporation Ltd	2.7%

## Fees

Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.57% (Dec 2023)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.12% (Dec 2023)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.69% (Dec 2023)

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## Investment Objective & Strategy

The Columbus Balanced Plus Fund is targeted at institutional clients seeking a higher risk market-linked portfolio with a strong focus on maximisation of returns. The Fund maintains a strategic 70% allocation to equities, with the balance invested in fixed interest instruments and alternative asset classes. 24% of the Fund is invested internationally. A tactical asset allocation overlay is applied. The mandate is ideally suited as a higher risk investment for retirement funds, as well as a more aggressive investment option for funds offering their members investment choice options.

## Balancing Risk and Reward

The Columbus Balanced Plus Fund is suitable for investors seeking higher returns who are willing to tolerate a higher volatility of monthly returns. The product is also suited to investors who aim to maximise capital accumulation over a longer-term time horizon. The strategy complies with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act and is therefore suitable for investors in retirement annuities, preservation funds, pension funds and provident funds.

The recommended investment term for investors in the Columbus Balanced Plus Fund is a minimum of five years. The product has a medium to high risk profile as it has a 70% strategic allocation to domestic and global equities. The risk in the product is managed by spreading investments across asset classes, as well as among a number of different asset management houses. The former ensures diversification of sources of returns over market cycles, while the latter ensures diversification of investment styles and philosophies in the manner in which the assets are managed. Tactical asset allocation is used to take advantage of short-term mispricing opportunities in the market in an efficient and cost-effective manner and as a risk management tool in times of market downturns.

## Fees

Sygnia charges an annual management fee comprised of applicable basic fees paid to underlying managers and Sygnia's annual service fee.

Sygnia Life has agreed performance fees with certain of the underlying managers. These performance fees are designed to encourage and reward performance by the investment manager in excess of agreed performance benchmarks with the objective of enhancing the overall portfolio returns and increasing the likelihood of the portfolio achieving its return objectives.

Fees are quoted exclusive of performance fees. To the extent that the fund is invested in underlying hedge funds or international fund of funds it may result in a higher fee structure. Fees charged by underlying managers are treated as an expense of the account.

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