

# CRF Balanced Fund

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Portfolio Managers  
Regulation 28  
Inception

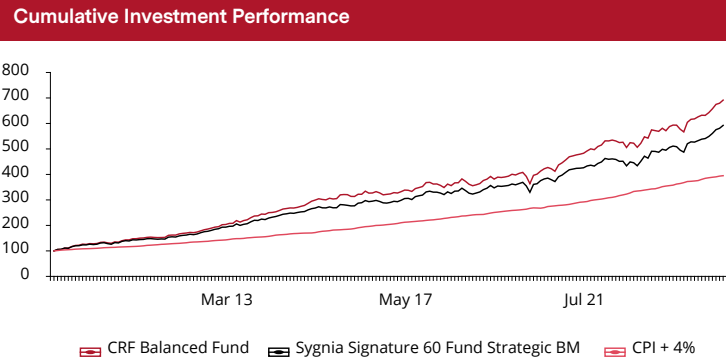
Sygnia Life Limited  
Compliant  
15 February 2021

Investment Objective

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

Legal Structure

Fund Policy



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

Performance Analysis			
Periodic Performance	Fund	*BM	Difference
1 Month	1.8%	2.0%	-0.2%
3 Months	5.2%	5.6%	-0.4%
Year to Date	12.2%	12.2%	0.0%
1 Year	19.8%	19.6%	0.1%
3 Years	11.6%	11.0%	0.6%
5 Years	12.0%	10.7%	1.3%
10 Years	9.9%	9.1%	0.8%
Since Inception	13.2%	12.1%	1.1%

37.3% SWIX | 19.3% ALBI | 12.3% STeFI Call | 22.7% MSCI All Country Index  
2.3% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index | 6% Offshore Cash

Historical Performance													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2019	1.3%	3.3%	1.4%	2.8%	-2.7%	2.0%	-0.4%	0.5%	0.8%	1.9%	-0.7%	1.6%	12.5%
2020	1.0%	-3.8%	-7.3%	9.0%	1.2%	3.0%	2.2%	1.2%	-1.2%	-2.3%	6.0%	1.9%	10.3%
2021	2.5%	2.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	1.9%	1.6%	-0.6%	2.5%	1.1%	3.2%	19.3%
2022	-0.1%	0.6%	-0.7%	-1.2%	0.3%	-3.9%	3.7%	-0.4%	-3.1%	3.1%	4.8%	-0.9%	2.0%
2023	6.0%	-0.5%	-0.5%	2.1%	-1.7%	2.9%	1.0%	-0.1%	-2.7%	-1.8%	6.6%	2.0%	13.6%
2024	0.3%	1.3%	1.0%	-0.1%	1.7%	2.3%	2.6%	0.7%	1.8%				12.2%

Since inception performance figures are available on request.

Risk Statistics		
	Fund	*BM
% Positive Months	66.7%	70.0%
% Negative Months	33.3%	30.0%
Best Month	9.0%	9.7%
Worst Month	-7.3%	-10.5%
Avg Negative Return	-1.7%	-2.2%
Maximum Drawdown	-10.8%	-14.8%
Standard Deviation	9.1%	10.4%
Downside Deviation	6.2%	8.6%

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	37.1%	
Domestic Property	1.2%	
Domestic Bonds	16.8%	
Domestic Income	3.8%	
Domestic Money Market	5.2%	
International	34.7%	
TAA	1.1%	
Cash	0.2%	

Top 10 SA Equity Holdings	
Asset	% of SA Equity
Naspers Ltd	10.0%
FirstRand Ltd	7.2%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	4.5%
Prosus Ord Shs	4.3%
Anglo American Plc	3.2%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	3.2%
AngloGold Ashanti Ord Shs	2.9%
Gold Fields Ord Shs	2.8%
Absa Group Ord Shs	2.8%
Nedbank Group Ltd	2.3%

Fees	
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.49% (Jun 2024)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.12% (Jun 2024)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.60% (Jun 2024)

## Investment Objective & Strategy

The Columbus Balanced Fund is a medium risk multi-asset class global balanced product. The underlying investments are allocated to a number of specialist asset managers, both active and passive, appointed and selected by Sygnia based on their skills, experience, performance and operational and financial soundness. The aim of the product is to offer investors access to a well-diversified global balanced portfolio that utilises the best asset managers in their fields, while ensuring that the risk profile of the strategy remains consistent over time.

## Balancing Risk and Reward

The Columbus Balanced Fund is suitable for investors seeking higher returns who are willing to tolerate some 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 Fund is a minimum of three- to five years. The product has a medium risk profile as it has a 60% 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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