

# CRF Balanced Plus Fund

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Portfolio Managers **Sygnia Life Limited**  
 Regulation 28 **Compliant**  
 Inception **15 February 2021**

Investment Objective

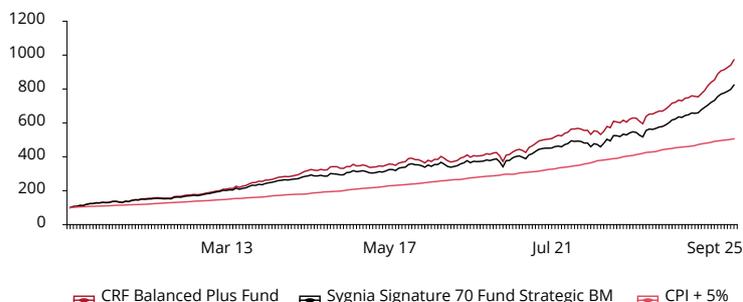
**Maximisation of long term returns with limited focus on managing the risk of short-term capital loss**

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	3.3%	3.2%	0.1%
3 Months	6.4%	6.0%	0.4%
Year to Date	4.9%	4.7%	0.2%
1 Year	28.5%	25.4%	3.1%
**3 Years	17.1%	16.3%	0.8%
**5 Years	14.6%	13.2%	1.4%
**10 Years	11.4%	10.9%	0.5%
**Since Inception	14.3%	13.2%	1.1%

\*40% Capped All Share | 13% ALBI | 7% STeFI Call | 30% MSCI All Country Index | 4% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index | 6% Offshore Cash

\*\*Performance periods greater than 1 year are annualised

## Historical Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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	0.1%	1.3%	1.3%	-0.1%	1.8%	2.3%	2.8%	0.6%	1.8%	-0.6%	2.1%	0.4%	14.8%
2025	1.5%	-0.4%	-0.4%	2.5%	2.5%	3.6%	2.5%	1.5%	4.2%	2.1%	0.7%	1.4%	23.8%
2026	1.5%	3.3%											4.9%

Since inception performance figures are available on request.

## Risk Statistics

	Fund	^BM
% Positive Months	71.7%	75.0%
% Negative Months	28.3%	25.0%
Best Month	7.3%	7.3%
Worst Month	-4.3%	-4.4%
Avg Negative Return	-1.3%	-1.3%
Maximum Drawdown	-6.4%	-5.8%
Standard Deviation	7.5%	7.0%
Downside Deviation	4.2%	4.3%

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 as at 31 December 2025

Asset Class	Percentage	Allocation
Domestic Equities	42.8%	<div style="width: 42.8%;"></div>
Domestic Property	0.9%	<div style="width: 0.9%;"></div>
Domestic Bonds	13.1%	<div style="width: 13.1%;"></div>
Domestic Income	2.3%	<div style="width: 2.3%;"></div>
Domestic Money Market	0.2%	<div style="width: 0.2%;"></div>
International	40.2%	<div style="width: 40.2%;"></div>
TAA	0.5%	<div style="width: 0.5%;"></div>

## Top 10 SA Equity Holdings as at 31 December 2025

Asset	% of SA Equity
Naspers Ltd	9.0%
AngloGold Ashanti Ord Shs	5.8%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	5.5%
Gold Fields Ord Shs	5.1%
FirstRand Ltd	4.4%
Prosus Ord Shs	4.2%
Absa Group Ord Shs	3.7%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	3.7%
VALTERRA	3.2%
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	3.2%

## Fees

Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.47% (Dec 2025)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.13% (Dec 2025)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.59% (Dec 2025)

## 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.

Sygnia does not provide advice and therefore does not charge advice fees. If a financial planner is appointed, initial and ongoing advice fees may be payable as agreed upon between you and your financial advisor. The payments of these fees are facilitated by the Linked Investment Service Provider (LISP) and not directly by Sygnia.

## Disclaimer

Product provider and manager:

The Sygnia Group is a member of the Association for Savings and Investment SA. Sygnia Life Limited is an authorised financial services provider (FSP 2935) and licensed linked insurer (1197). Sygnia Asset Management (Pty) Limited is an authorised financial services provider (FSP 873) and is the appointed investment manager of the Fund.

Linked policies:

The policy benefits of the linked policies are determined solely on the value of the assets or categories of assets to which the policies are linked. The value of investments may go down as well as up.

Performance:

Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Performance is based on NAV-to-NAV calculations, with income reinvestments done on the ex-div date. Performance is calculated for the portfolio, and individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, actual investment date, date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax.

Guarantee:

The Manager does not provide any guarantee with respect to either the capital or the return of the portfolio.

Other risks:

The fund may from time to time invest in foreign countries and may therefore have risks regarding liquidity, the repatriation of funds, political and macro-economic situations, foreign exchange, tax, settlement and the availability of information.

General:

The Manager has the right to close any portfolios to new investors to manage them more efficiently in accordance with their mandates.

Tax:

Tax will be levied within the fund according to the relevant tax legislation. For tax implications, please consult with a qualified tax advisor

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