

Q1 Update

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We were pleased to welcome both Sun International and Sygnia's full range of 11 Itrix ETFs to our market in April. We look forward to giving their investors the opportunity to enjoy the benefits offered by having a secondary listing on A2X, including lower exchange fees, narrower spreads and added liquidity.

A2X Markets is sponsoring the Visionary CFO series with CFO South Africa. This is a series of 16 interviews highlighting South Africa's best and brightest CFOs. In this edition of our newsletter, we feature the first six Visionary CFOs in the series, their challenges and insights which makes for interesting reading.

We also take a closer look at the newest ETF additions to the A2X board, the Sygnia Itrix ETFs. If you were wondering what makes these ETFs special and why ETFs have grown in popularity these past few years, have a read below.

The latest listings on A2X bring the number of listed instruments to 51. You can view the full list of stocks available for trade [here](#).

Take care of yourselves.

Kevin,
CEO, A2X Markets

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A2X Announcements



- On 12 April, South African hospitality, gaming and entertainment group, Sun International Limited's shares became available on A2X.



The ETFs are:

1. Sygnia Itrix 4th Industrial Revolution Global Equity ETF
2. Sygnia Itrix S&P 500 ETF
3. Sygnia Itrix DJ Euro Stoxx 50 ETF
4. Sygnia Itrix MSCI Japan Index ETF
5. Sygnia Itrix Global Property ETF
6. Sygnia Itrix SWIX 40 ETF
7. Sygnia Itrix Top 40 ETF
8. Sygnia Itrix FTSE 100 ETF
9. Sygnia Itrix MSCI USA Index ETF
10. Sygnia Itrix MSCI World Index ETF
11. Sygnia Itrix S&P Global 1200 ESG ETF



Sygnia's Itrix ETF range listed on A2X Markets on 14 April and Sygnia Itrix S&P Global 1200 ESG ETF listed on 28 April 2021.



The Visionary CFO series

A2X Markets is sponsoring a series of interviews with CFO South Africa highlighting South Africa's best and brightest CFOs, their insights and challenges. Find out how they help lead some of South Africa's most successful companies and more.

Visionary CFOs look to the future and consider all opportunities to advance both their companies' finances and shareholder interests.

This sponsorship reaffirms A2X's commitment to supporting CFOs and the companies they lead.

“Like the visionary CFOs featured, the team at A2X understands the importance of making the numbers work for you,” says A2X CEO Kevin Brady. “We help CFOs put their shareholders first by providing them with the choice of an additional venue on which to transact their shares and save money.”

The first six interviews in the 16-part series are already available and the rest can be found weekly [here](#).



Jason Quinn
Absa's Jason Quinn: The CFO with staying power.

The Absa FD and 2020 CFO of the Year gives insight into his career with the bank.

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Riaan Koppeschaar
Exxaro FD Riaan Koppeschaar explains how Exxaro is using new tools for old jobs.

Riaan explains how Exxaro used drones during Covid-19 lockdown level 5 for remote stockpile assessment.

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Pieter van der Westhuizen
Life Healthcare CFO Pieter van der Westhuizen: At the frontline in a medical crisis.

Pieter highlights the double challenge of acting as CEO and running finance during a pandemic.

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Megan Pydigadu

EOH's Group FD, Megan Pydigadu: The Covid-19 crisis was not her first liquidity rodeo.

Megan Pydigadu reveals some of the lessons learnt from EOH's pre-pandemic liquidity crisis.

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Bothwell Mazarura

Bothwell Mazarura, Kumba Iron Ore CFO reveals why the fight against gender-based violence is so important to him.

The violence incidents experienced by some Kumba employees during lockdown spurred Bothwell into action.

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Pieter de Wit

Afrimat CFO Pieter de Wit: Strategy and emotion are key to a company's success.

CFO Pieter de Wit sees the value of soft skills in contributing to a company's success.

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> Sygnia ETFs

Sygnia is the largest international equity ETF provider in South Africa, offering investors the widest range of ETFs that track international equity markets and managing over R26.7 billion in ETF investments.

Sygnia listed their entire Range of Itrix ETFs on A2X in April.

By listing their Itrix ETFs on A2X, Sygnia are able to provide their investors with ETF options to suit their investment principles and strategies while also saving them money through a choice of a low-cost trading venue, A2X.





Sygnia ETFs available on A2X:

- **The Sygnia Itrix 4th Industrial Revolution Global Equity ETF** gives investors exposure to a diverse range of companies and sectors that are at the forefront of the 4th industrial revolution and developing and implementing emerging technologies such as 3D printing, nanotechnologies and AI to name a few.
- **The Sygnia Itrix Euro Stoxx 50 ETF** holds stocks that are listed across Europe's major markets. Its largest constituents are from shares listed in France, followed by Germany, the Netherlands and Spain.
- **The Sygnia Itrix FTSE 100 ETF** is a regional index tracker, which can be bought and sold in rands, gives investors access to the top British companies at low cost. The Sygnia Itrix FTSE 100 ETF holds all the stocks that make up the FTSE 100 Index, which covers the largest companies listed in the UK.
- **The Sygnia Itrix Global Property 40 ETF** is the simplest way to access offshore listed property is through an ETF tracking the S&P Global Property 40 index providing investors with exposure to liquid developed market property companies. The Sygnia Itrix Global Property 40 ETF holds the 40 largest, and does exactly this, at low cost, through a fund that can be bought and sold in rands on the JSE.
- **The Sygnia Itrix MSCI Japan ETF** gives investors broad exposure to the Japanese market. It covers over 300 large- and mid-cap companies listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange that together covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalisation in Japan.
- **The Sygnia Itrix MSCI USA ETF** holds the same stocks as the MSCI USA Index. This covers over 600 large- and mid-cap stocks which accounts for approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalisation in the US.
- **The Sygnia Itrix MSCI World ETF** invests in exactly the same shares as those that make up the MSCI World Index, which at present covers 1 586 large- and mid-cap companies in 23 developed markets.
- **The Sygnia Itrix S&P 500 ETF** gives investors diversified exposure to the US market. Its holdings include all of the major listed US companies, including the likes of Amazon, Netflix, PepsiCo, Walmart, General Electric and Caterpillar.
- **The Sygnia Itrix SWIX 40 ETF** holds exactly the same shares as the FTSE/JSE SWIX Top 40 Index. These are the 40 largest companies on the JSE, but their weightings are adjusted to only take into account the amount of shares that are held locally. This guarantees liquidity on the South African market, meaning that these stocks should always be easy to buy and sell.
- **The Sygnia Itrix Top 40 ETF** trades on the JSE like a share, and by buying this single fund, investors gain exposure to the largest stocks listed on the local market.

This fund tracks the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index, which is the most popular local benchmark.

- **The Sygnia Itrix S&P Global 1200 ESG ETF** tracks the S&P Global 1200 ESG index, which includes diversified and emerging market stocks that invest according to Environmental, Social and Governance principles.



> Legal and Regulatory Update

2021 promises to be a busy year from a regulatory perspective. POPIA (Protection of Personal Information Act) is coming into effect 1 July 2021 with the grace period for compliance coming to an end. Firms will need to be able to demonstrate lawful processing of personal information within their businesses.

The Financial Markets Review process that is being driven by National Treasury, which promises to result in substantial change to the South African regulatory landscape, should also progress this year and we expect a first draft of the legislation to be made available for public comment shortly. We are looking forward to this Bill and the introduction of the multilateral trading facility model, which will allow A2X to sharply increase the number of issuers listed.

The market conduct rules for Exchanges dealing with amongst other things, the best execution rule requiring brokers to obtain the best result for clients in a dual trading venue environment, is also expected shortly.



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