

Robeco Afrika Fonds – EUR E

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Cornelis Vlooswijk
Fund manager since 01-01-2011

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	-2.38%	-8.45%
3 m	0.52%	-5.33%
Ytd	0.34%	-6.58%
1 Year	-1.00%	-5.80%
2 Years	-6.65%	-8.63%
3 Years	2.83%	-1.24%
5 Years	0.39%	-0.74%
10 Years	-0.21%	0.99%
Since 06-2008	1.87%	

Annualized (for periods longer than one year)

Note: due to a difference in measurement period between the fund and the index, performance differences may arise. For further info, see last page.

Calendar year performance

	Fund	Index
2023	-3.86%	1.04%
2022	-5.74%	-7.66%
2021	27.51%	15.36%
2020	-15.89%	-11.63%
2019	12.40%	15.50%
2021-2023	4.94%	2.48%
2019-2023	1.78%	1.90%

Annualized (years)

Reference index

50% MSCI EFM Africa ex South Africa (Net Return) + 50% MSCI South Africa (Net Return)(EUR)

General facts

Morningstar	★★★★★
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	EUR
Total size of fund	EUR 18,433,700
Size of share class	EUR 2,478,294
Outstanding shares	28,871
1st quotation date	09-06-2008
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	2.01%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	Yes
ex-ante RatioVaR limit	150.00%
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

Sustainability profile

- Exclusions
- ESG Integration
- Voting & Engagement

For more information on exclusions see <https://www.robeco.com/exclusions/>

Performance

Indexed value (until 29-02-2024) - Source: Robeco



Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -2.38%.

In February, the fund's value per share dropped 2.01% in euro terms, outperforming the reference index, which declined by 8.45%. Both the fund and the reference index lagged the emerging market (+5.2%) and developed market (+4.7%) indices. Zambia was by far the best market with a gain of 25.2%, as the country signed debt restructuring agreements with some of its lenders, including China, which led to appreciation of the kwacha and improved investor sentiment. Kenya also performed strongly with a 10.8% gain, after the country successfully issued a new USD 1.5 bln bond, securing refinancing for an upcoming principal repayment. Senegal rose 5.2%, followed by Morocco with +4.6% and Tunisia with +3.8%. Mauritius ended the month 1.3% higher, while Botswana was flat and Ghana lost 0.1%. South Africa lost 5.2% as mining stocks fell due to declining metal prices. Egypt was down by 12.1%, giving back part of the strong performance it had in January. The weakest market was Nigeria, which lost 36.3% of its value in euros, as the bulk of the currency devaluation that was triggered by the central bank at the end of January was reflected in exchange rates in the first days of February.

Market development

In February, electricity availability in South Africa deteriorated compared to January, but was better than in February 2023 with only four days with severe scheduled outages, compared to fourteen such days a year ago. Rail and port congestion continued to negatively impact the economy. Monthly indicators provided a mixed economic picture, with higher retail sales and a narrower budget deficit than expected, but weaker-than-expected manufacturing and mining. On 21 February, Finance Minister Godongwana presented his budget for the upcoming fiscal year and announced that the Treasury will release up to USD 7.9 bln in unrealized gains from the central bank reserves. This allows the government to maintain social spending and boost infrastructure investments without needing to borrow much more money. The economy of Nigeria grew 3.5% in Q4 and that was better than expected. The central bank of Nigeria hiked its interest rate by 4% to 22.75% to counteract inflation. The Nigerian economy and financial system now appear to be in good shape. The competitive position of companies is better after the recent devaluation and for companies it is easier to get US dollars needed for capital investments.

Expectation of fund manager

The long-term prospects for the African region are good. Firstly, commodity demand from China and other countries is likely to grow in the long run. This should result in higher tax income and employment, which in turn should boost demand by local consumers. Secondly, the business climate is improving. In an international context, most African countries currently do not score well, but governments are actively trying to reduce bureaucracy. Thirdly, investments in infrastructure are reducing logistics problems, which should boost economic growth and company earnings. Lastly, many companies now trade at low price/earnings multiples and have high dividend yields compared to other regions.

Top 10 largest positions

N/A

Fund price

29-02-24	EUR	86.37
High Ytd (29-01-24)	EUR	96.18
Low Ytd (21-02-24)	EUR	83.44

Fees

Management fee	1.75%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.26%

Legal status

Investment company with variable capital incorporated under Dutch law		
Issue structure	Open-end	
UCITS V	Yes	
Share class	A EUR	
Robeco Afrika Fonds is a share class of Afrika Fonds N.V.		

Registered in

Austria, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Spain

Currency policy

The fund is allowed to pursue an active currency policy to generate extra returns.

Risk management

Risk management is fully integrated into the investment process to ensure that positions always meet predefined guidelines.

Dividend policy

In principle, the fund distributes dividend on an annual basis.

Fund codes

ISIN	NL0006238131
Bloomberg	RAFRI NA
Sedol	B39RW51
WKN	A0Q6DB
Valoren	3997410

Top 10 largest positions

Holdings

Talaat Moustafa Group
Naspers Ltd
MCB Group Ltd
Commercial International Bank GDR
Letshego Holdings Ltd
Credit Agricole Egypt SAE
Absa Group Ltd
Access Holdings PLC
Ezz Steel Co SAE
Remgro Ltd
Total

Sector	%
Real Estate	8.78
Consumer Discretionary	8.53
Financials	4.19
Financials	3.62
Financials	3.47
Financials	3.14
Financials	3.04
Financials	2.38
Materials	2.32
Financials	2.31
Total	41.79

Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	41.79%
TOP 20	57.72%
TOP 30	69.35%

Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Information ratio	0.81	0.39
Sharpe ratio	0.45	0.12
Alpha (%)	5.90	2.78
Beta	0.59	0.79
Standard deviation	9.88	15.10
Max. monthly gain (%)	6.40	7.00
Max. monthly loss (%)	-5.41	-22.07

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	19	29
Hit ratio (%)	52.8	48.3
Months Bull market	18	35
Months outperformance Bull	7	13
Hit ratio Bull (%)	38.9	37.1
Months Bear market	18	25
Months Outperformance Bear	12	16
Hit ratio Bear (%)	66.7	64.0

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Changes

Per February 1st 2017 the rebalancing frequency of the reference index has been changed from monthly to yearly.

Asset Allocation

Asset allocation		
Equity		98.2%
Cash		1.8%

Sector allocation

The most important sector is financials. Through banks, we try to benefit from income growth and rising demand for loans from both companies and consumers. Other important sectors are consumer discretionary, telecom and materials.

Sector allocation		Deviation reference index	
Financials	46.7%	-1.0%	
Consumer Discretionary	12.8%	2.9%	
Real Estate	11.5%	9.5%	
Materials	9.9%	-5.1%	
Consumer Staples	7.9%	-2.6%	
Communication Services	5.2%	-4.7%	
Industrials	4.7%	2.4%	
Information Technology	1.1%	1.1%	
Utilities	0.2%	-0.3%	
Energy	0.0%	-0.6%	
Health Care	0.0%	-1.6%	

Country allocation

The fund invests in companies that are predominantly active in Africa. South Africa is the biggest country in the portfolio because of its market size, liquidity, good corporate governance and the fact that many South African companies are also active in other countries on the continent. Other countries are Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt, Ghana, Zambia, Botswana, Morocco, Mauritius, Tunisia and Senegal. In addition to these, we hold a number of companies that are predominantly active in Africa but have a stock-market listing in Australia, Canada, Portugal or the UK. These are mainly telecom, mining and construction companies.

Country allocation		Deviation reference index	
South Africa	<div><div></div></div> 32.2%	<div><div></div></div> -19.5%	
Egypt	<div><div></div></div> 26.3%	<div><div></div></div> 11.9%	
Nigeria	<div><div></div></div> 12.8%	<div><div></div></div> 12.8%	
Ghana	<div><div></div></div> 5.2%	<div><div></div></div> 5.2%	
Mauritius	<div><div></div></div> 5.2%	<div><div></div></div> 1.8%	
Kenya	<div><div></div></div> 4.7%	<div><div></div></div> 0.7%	
Botswana	<div><div></div></div> 3.5%	<div><div></div></div> 3.5%	
Zambia	<div><div></div></div> 3.4%	<div><div></div></div> 3.4%	
Morocco	<div><div></div></div> 2.4%	<div><div></div></div> -19.5%	
Tunisia	<div><div></div></div> 1.5%	<div><div></div></div> -1.1%	
Senegal	<div><div></div></div> 1.0%	<div><div></div></div> -0.4%	
United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.)	<div><div></div></div> 0.8%	<div><div></div></div> 0.8%	
Other	<div><div></div></div> 0.8%	<div><div></div></div> 0.1%	

Currency allocation

The fund does not actively hedge its currency exposure. The currency allocation reflects the fact that stock prices of some companies are quoted in Canadian/US dollars, euros or British pounds. However, these companies are active in countries such as Algeria, Angola, Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania.

Currency allocation		Deviation reference index	
South African Rand	<div><div></div></div> 31.7%	<div><div></div></div> -20.0%	
Egyptian Pound	<div><div></div></div> 26.8%	<div><div></div></div> 12.4%	
Nigerian Naira	<div><div></div></div> 12.6%	<div><div></div></div> 12.6%	
Ghana Cedi	<div><div></div></div> 5.1%	<div><div></div></div> 5.1%	
Mauritius Rupee	<div><div></div></div> 5.1%	<div><div></div></div> 1.7%	
Kenya Shilling	<div><div></div></div> 4.6%	<div><div></div></div> 0.6%	
Botswana Pula	<div><div></div></div> 3.4%	<div><div></div></div> 3.4%	
Moroccan Dirham	<div><div></div></div> 2.4%	<div><div></div></div> -19.5%	
Zambian Kwacha	<div><div></div></div> 2.0%	<div><div></div></div> 2.0%	
Pound Sterling	<div><div></div></div> 1.5%	<div><div></div></div> 1.5%	
Tunisian Dinar	<div><div></div></div> 1.5%	<div><div></div></div> -1.1%	
U.S. Dollar	<div><div></div></div> 1.4%	<div><div></div></div> 1.4%	
Other	<div><div></div></div> 2.0%	<div><div></div></div> -0.1%	

ESG Important information

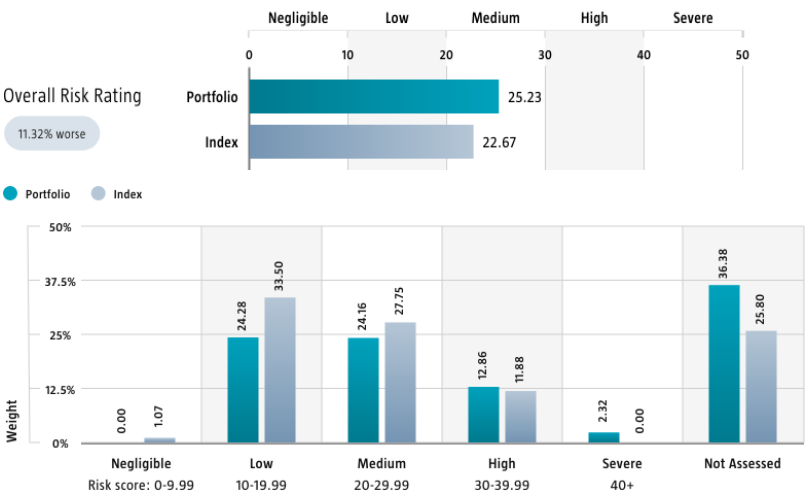
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Sustainability

The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process through exclusions, ESG integration, engagement and voting. The fund does not invest in issuers that are in breach of international norms or where activities have been deemed detrimental to society following Robeco's exclusion policy. Financially material ESG factors are integrated in the bottom-up investment analysis to assess existing and potential (long-term) ESG risks and opportunities. In the stock selection the fund limits exposure to elevated sustainability risks. In addition, where a stock issuer is flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to engagement. Lastly, the fund makes use of shareholder rights and applies proxy voting in accordance with Robeco's proxy voting policy. The following sections display the ESG-metrics for this fund along with short descriptions. For more information please visit the sustainability-related disclosures.

Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating

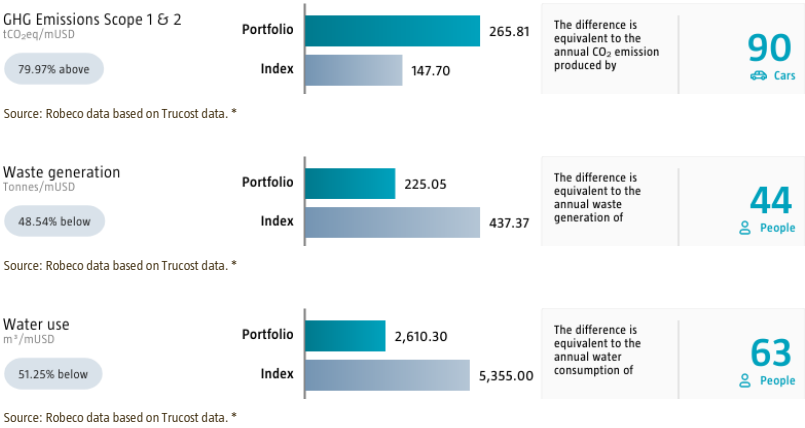
The Portfolio Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating chart displays the portfolio's ESG Risk Rating. This is calculated by multiplying each portfolio component's Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating by its respective portfolio weight. The Distribution across Sustainalytics ESG Risk levels chart shows the portfolio allocations broken into Sustainalytics' five ESG risk levels: negligible (0-10), low (10-20), medium (20-30), high (30-40) and severe (40+), providing an overview of portfolio exposure to the different ESG risk levels. Index scores are provided alongside the portfolio scores, highlighting the portfolio's ESG risk level compared to the index. Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.



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Environmental Footprint

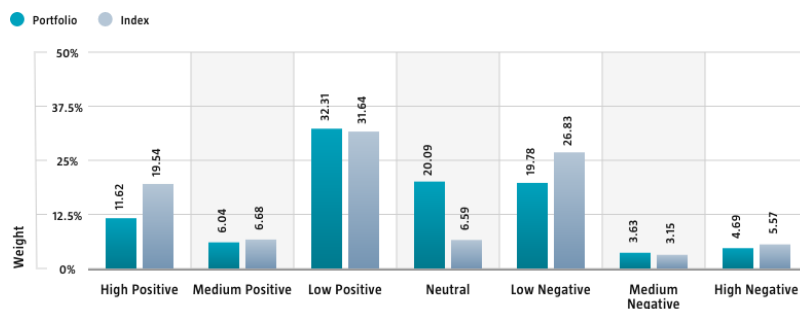
Environmental footprint expresses the total resource consumption of the portfolio per mUSD invested. Each assessed company's footprint is calculated by normalizing resources consumed by the company's enterprise value including cash (EVIC). We aggregate these figures to portfolio level using a weighted average, multiplying each assessed portfolio constituent's footprint by its respective position weight. For comparison, index footprints are shown besides that of the portfolio. The equivalent factors that are used for comparison between the portfolio and index represent European averages and are based on third-party sources combined with own estimates. As such, the figures presented are intended for illustrative purposes and are purely an indication. Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.



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SDG Impact Alignment

This distribution across SDG scores shows the portfolio weight allocated to companies with a positive, negative and neutral impact alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) based on Robeco's SDG Framework. The framework utilizes a three-step approach to assess a company's impact alignment with the relevant SDGs and assign a total SDG score. The score ranges from positive to negative impact alignment with levels from high, medium or low impact alignment. This results in a 7-step scale from -3 to +3. For comparison, index figures are provided alongside that of the portfolio. Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.



Source: Robeco. Data derived from internal processes.

Engagement

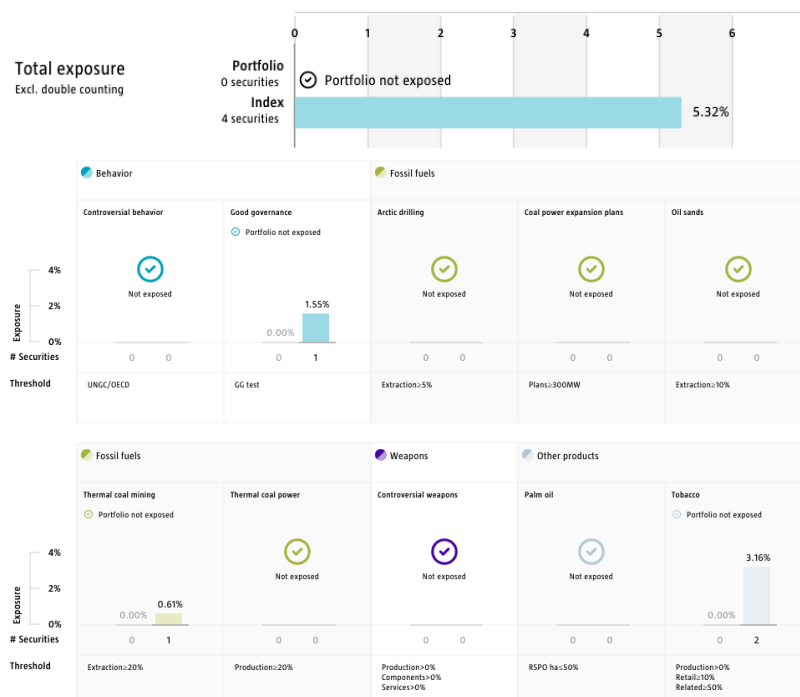
Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement. Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear and measurable improvement in a company's SDG contribution. Enhanced engagement is triggered by misconduct and focuses on companies severely breaching international standards. The report is based on all companies in the portfolio for which engagement activities have taken place during the past 12 months. Note that companies may be under engagement in multiple categories simultaneously. While the total portfolio exposure excludes double counting, it may not equal the sum of individual category exposures.

	Portfolio exposure	# companies engaged with	# activities with companies engaged with
Total (* excluding double counting)	3.99%	8	35
Environmental	1.44%	3	17
Social	0.77%	1	2
Governance	0.00%	0	0
Sustainable Development Goals	0.00%	1	4
Voting Related	0.29%	1	2
Enhanced	1.48%	2	10

Source: Robeco. Data derived from internal processes.

Exclusions

The Exclusions charts display the degree of adherence to exclusion applied by Robeco. For reference, index exposures are shown beside that of the portfolio. Thresholds are based on revenues unless otherwise indicated. For more information about the exclusion policy and which level applies, please refer to the Exclusion Policy and Exclusion List available on Robeco.com.



Source: We use several data sources such as Sustainalytics, RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil), World Bank, Freedom House, Fund for Peace and International Sanctions; further policy document available [Exclusion Policy](#)

Investment policy

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Fund manager's CV

Cornelis Vlooswijk is Lead Portfolio Manager and Research Analyst African Equities. Previously, he worked for Robeco as an investment strategist focusing on North America and Emerging Markets since 2005. Before joining Robeco in 2005, he worked for Credit Suisse First Boston as an Investment Banking Analyst, focusing on the transport and logistics sector. He started his career in the financial industry in 1998. Cornelis holds a Master's in Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam and is a CFA® charterholder.

Fiscal product treatment

The fund is established in the Netherlands. The fund is managed as a 'naamloze vennootschap' (public limited company). The fund has the status of 'fiscal investment institution' in the sense of article 28 of the Dutch Corporate-Income Tax Act 1969, and, as such, is taxed at a corporate-income tax rate of 0%. The fund is obliged to pay out the realized current income in the form of dividend within 8 months after the end of the financial year. From 1 January 2007 the fund withholds Dutch dividend tax at a rate of 15% from these dividend payments. The fund can in principle use the Dutch treaty network to partially recover any withholding tax on its income.

Sustainability images

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