

Robeco Sustainable Asian Stars Equities S USD

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Vicki Chi, Joshua Crabb
Fund manager since 30-03-2020

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	0.92%	2.54%
3 m	3.09%	2.38%
Ytd	3.09%	2.38%
1 Year	6.69%	3.99%
2 Years	-1.71%	-2.67%
3 Years	-4.95%	-6.84%
Since 03-2020	8.43%	6.76%

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	7.60%	5.98%
2022	-18.12%	-19.67%
2021	1.49%	-4.72%
2021-2023	-3.66%	-6.74%

Annualized (years)

Index

MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index (Net Return, USD)

General facts

Morningstar	★★★★★
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	USD
Total size of fund	USD 16,028,977
Size of share class	USD 7,500,319
Outstanding shares	54,244
1st quotation date	30-03-2020
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.85%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	-
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

Sustainability profile

Exclusions+

ESG Integration

Voting

ESG Target

ESG score target

Footprint target

Better than index

20% Better than index

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

Performance

Indexed value (until 31-03-2024) - Source: Robeco

Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was 0.92%.

In March, Robeco Sustainable Asian Stars underperformed the index. Stock selection was good in South Korea and Hong Kong, but detracted in China, India and Indonesia. In terms of sectors, consumer staples outperformed, while communication services, utilities and financials detracted. On the positive side, AI related stocks such as SK Hynix performed very well. With positive outlook on semiconductor memory, related stocks such as Sino-American Silicon also benefited. Not owning AIA, Infosys and Li Auto contributed positively this month. On the other side, HCL Technologies was sold off together with the Indian IT services sector after US IT services leader Accenture announced an unexpected downward revision of its guidance, pointing to weaker demand for IT services in the US. Telkom Indonesia reported lower than expected earnings, failing to suppress costs in a more competitive environment.

Market development

Asian markets gained 2.6% in March, but failed to outperform developed markets (+3.0%) amid a dovish Fed, stickier inflation and increased likelihood of a soft-landing of the US economy. AI frenzy drove returns for investors worldwide, Asia is no exception. Taiwan was the best-performing market in APAC in March (+8.0%) as investors bid up large-cap laggards, e.g. TSMC (+13.4%) and Hon Hai (+45.6%) on evidence of a higher-than-expected sales mix related to AI. South Korea (+5.4%) was the second-best-performing market also driven by AI stocks. Chinese (+1%) equities saw a pullback from February's strong performance as US-China tensions picked up due to various congressional actions that would reduce US investments in China. India (+0.8%) underperformed the region, with mid caps continuing to lag and more volatility expected heading into election season. Hong Kong (-6.5%) was the weakest market dragged by weak results of AIA and property developer dividend cuts. ASEAN markets were flattish except for Singapore (+4%) where Singtel and Banks gained on better dividends.

Expectation of fund manager

Market sentiment remains subdued and goldilocks is once again the markets' view of the US economy, which opens up risks for a negative surprise on either inflation/rates or a weaker economy/earnings. Hopefully, 2024 will see less focus on guessing Fed policy and the associated market swings and more focus on economic and stock-specific drivers. That being said, it is probably best to expect elevated volatility to continue for the near term. With goldilocks being back in fashion, we have seen a rebound in the currencies in the region, which is more reflective of their strong fundamentals in the absence of rate differentials. After the recent pullback amid extremely weak sentiment, it is a great time for global investors to allocate to Asia. Recessionary level valuations, more prudent monetary and fiscal policy along with the benefits of reopening put Asia in a good position.

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Top 10 largest positions

We like the technology enablers in Asia that can help enhance energy efficiency and realize exciting applications such as autonomous driving, Internet of Things and artificial intelligence. SK hynix, TSMC and Lite-On Technologies are the best exposures in our view. We like banks in countries where we can expect structural growth through financial inclusion as well as strong fintech capabilities. ICICI Bank, Bank Rakyat and Ping An are examples of that. Asian companies have a strong presence in the smart mobility supply chain globally. Hyundai Mobis, Chroma ATE and LG Chem are great exposures with re-rating potential. Healthy Living is a long-term theme for the growing middle class in Asia. Shandong Weigao and Alibaba are such exposures. Circular Economy is an emerging thematic in Asia. Beijing New Building Material, which utilizes waste materials and turns them into gypsum boards, has a dominant market share and strong pricing power. Companies involved in renewable energy with good value and positive earnings revision such as China Datang Renewables and Nari Technology are also large holdings in our portfolio.

Fund price

31-03-24	USD	138.27
High Ytd (12-03-24)	USD	140.52
Low Ytd (17-01-24)	USD	126.01

Fees

Management fee	0.60%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.20%

Legal status

Investment company with variable capital incorporated under Luxembourg law (SICAV)

Issue structure	Open-end
UCITS V	Yes
Share class	S USD
This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV	

Registered in

Austria, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom

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

The fund does not distribute dividends

Fund codes

ISIN	LU2133221411
Bloomberg	ROASESU LX
WKN	A2P63M
Valoren	53611556

Top 10 largest positions

Holdings

SK Hynix Inc
Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero Tbk PT
ICICI Bank Ltd ADR
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Lt
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd
HCL Technologies Ltd
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd
Hyundai Mobis Co Ltd
NetEase Inc
Mahanagar Gas Ltd
Total

Sector	%
Information Technology	7.50
Financials	6.78
Financials	6.42
Information Technology	6.01
Consumer Discretionary	4.89
Information Technology	4.72
Information Technology	3.66
Consumer Discretionary	3.25
Communication Services	3.19
Utilities	2.95
Total	49.38

Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	49.38%
TOP 20	73.98%
TOP 30	91.48%

Statistics

	3 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	5.54
Information ratio	0.55
Sharpe ratio	-0.38
Alpha (%)	2.00
Beta	0.88
Standard deviation	17.87
Max. monthly gain (%)	16.15
Max. monthly loss (%)	-11.29


Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns

Hit ratio

	3 Years
Months outperformance	22
Hit ratio (%)	61.1
Months Bull market	15
Months outperformance Bull	7
Hit ratio Bull (%)	46.7
Months Bear market	21
Months Outperformance Bear	15
Hit ratio Bear (%)	71.4

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Asset Allocation

Asset allocation		
Equity		98.5%
Cash		1.5%

Sector allocation

The fund is well represented in financials, IT and consumer stocks. We believe Asia is well positioned to capture the next wave of technology advancement in the Internet of Things, 5G and AI, and this is one of the key reasons why investors should overweight Asia. We find attractively valued exposures throughout the supply chain in the region. We also like IT services companies that are the enablers of this transformation. We find that the trend towards healthy living in Asia offers exciting long-term winners that will grow with an increasing awareness of and demand for a sustainable lifestyle. Financial inclusion and growth of wealth in Asia will drive profits to the best-positioned financial companies in the coming decade, whether it is insurance, retail banking or fintech. We like financials with a prudent capital buffer, attractive valuation and structural growth potential in the region. We have increased our exposure in renewable utilities in the region, where an attractive valuation, a positive earnings revision and the energy transition thematic meet.

Sector allocation			Deviation index	
Information Technology	<div><div></div></div>	29.7%	<div><div></div></div>	2.3%
Financials	<div><div></div></div>	23.7%	<div><div></div></div>	3.5%
Consumer Discretionary	<div><div></div></div>	16.0%	<div><div></div></div>	2.4%
Communication Services	<div><div></div></div>	10.1%	<div><div></div></div>	1.0%
Utilities	<div><div></div></div>	6.5%	<div><div></div></div>	3.8%
Industrials	<div><div></div></div>	4.8%	<div><div></div></div>	-2.9%
Health Care	<div><div></div></div>	4.6%	<div><div></div></div>	1.0%
Real Estate	<div><div></div></div>	2.2%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.4%
Consumer Staples	<div><div></div></div>	1.4%	<div><div></div></div>	-3.0%
Materials	<div><div></div></div>	0.9%	<div><div></div></div>	-3.8%
Energy	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-4.0%

Country allocation

China, South Korea and India are the heavyweights in our portfolio. Thematically, China has lots of companies involved in clean energy, electric vehicles and technology to choose from. China is actively shifting its policy stance towards supporting growth. In this process we focus on sustainability beneficiaries, while steering clear from areas of possible policy intervention. The property market remains weak and is in a long bottoming process. China is now a great market for stock pickers like us. The South Korean government's reform agenda on corporate governance is now recognized by the market. We expect more concrete actions to materialize in the coming months, but realize that earnings cyclicality would be a real test on the resolve of shareholder return improvement in South Korea. India and Indonesia are exposed to many great long-term growth themes, such as financial inclusion and the energy transition. We select solid companies that can deliver positive earnings revision against reasonable valuations. We like Vietnam on its positive long-term earnings growth outlook combined with low valuations, although it will take time for the country to revive its property market.

Country allocation			Deviation index	
China	<div><div></div></div>	37.1%	<div><div></div></div>	7.9%
Korea	<div><div></div></div>	17.9%	<div><div></div></div>	3.0%
India	<div><div></div></div>	15.7%	<div><div></div></div>	-4.9%
Taiwan	<div><div></div></div>	11.9%	<div><div></div></div>	-8.6%
Indonesia	<div><div></div></div>	9.7%	<div><div></div></div>	7.5%
Hong Kong	<div><div></div></div>	3.1%	<div><div></div></div>	-1.8%
Philippines	<div><div></div></div>	2.8%	<div><div></div></div>	2.1%
Viet Nam	<div><div></div></div>	1.9%	<div><div></div></div>	1.9%
Thailand	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-1.8%
Malaysia	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-1.6%
Singapore	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-3.6%
Cash and other instruments	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%

Currency allocation

Currency allocation			Deviation index	
Hong Kong Dollar	<div><div></div></div>	30.2%	<div><div></div></div>	3.0%
Korean Won	<div><div></div></div>	17.7%	<div><div></div></div>	2.8%
Indian Rupee	<div><div></div></div>	15.5%	<div><div></div></div>	-5.1%
Taiwan Dollar	<div><div></div></div>	11.8%	<div><div></div></div>	-8.7%
Indonesian Rupiah	<div><div></div></div>	9.5%	<div><div></div></div>	7.3%
Chinese Renminbi (Yuan)	<div><div></div></div>	9.3%	<div><div></div></div>	4.2%
Philippine Peso	<div><div></div></div>	2.7%	<div><div></div></div>	2.0%
Vietnam Dong	<div><div></div></div>	2.0%	<div><div></div></div>	2.0%
U.S. Dollar	<div><div></div></div>	1.2%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.7%
Singapore Dollar	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-3.5%
Other	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-3.4%

ESG Important information

The sustainability information in this factsheet can help investors integrate sustainability considerations in their process. This information is for informational purposes only. The reported sustainability information may not at all be used in relation to binding elements for this fund. A decision to invest should take into account all characteristics or objectives of the fund as described in the prospectus. The prospectus is available on request and free of charge on the Robeco website.

Sustainability

The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process via exclusions, ESG integration, ESG and environmental footprint targets, 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 fundamental 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. The fund also targets a better ESG score and at least 20% lower carbon, water and waste footprints compared to the reference index. In addition, where a stock issuer is flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to exclusion. Lastly, the fund makes use of shareholder rights and applies proxy voting in accordance with Robeco's proxy voting policy.

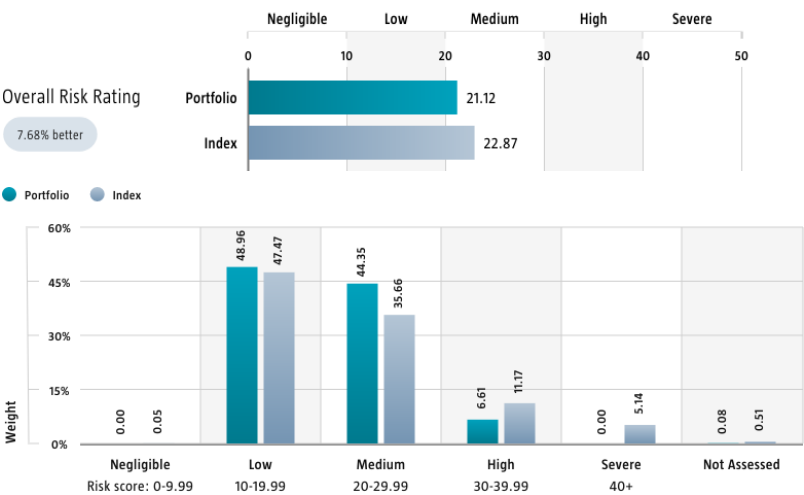
The following sections display the ESG-metrics for this fund along with short descriptions. For more information please visit the sustainability-related disclosures.

The index used for all sustainability visuals is based on MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index (Net Return, USD).

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.

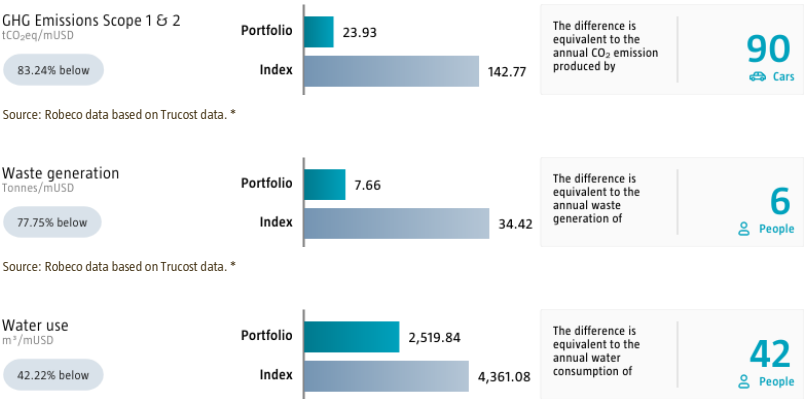
Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.



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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.

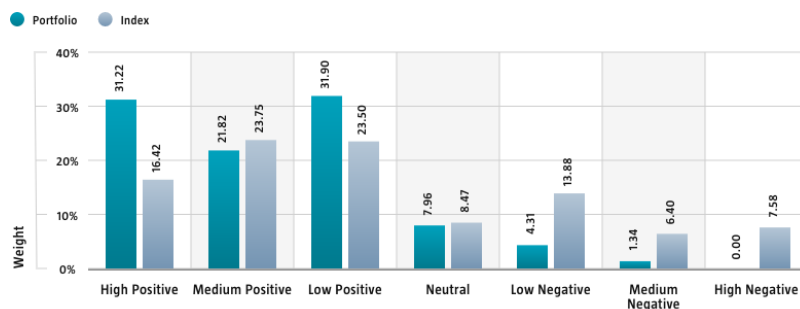


Source: Robeco data based on Trucost data. *

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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

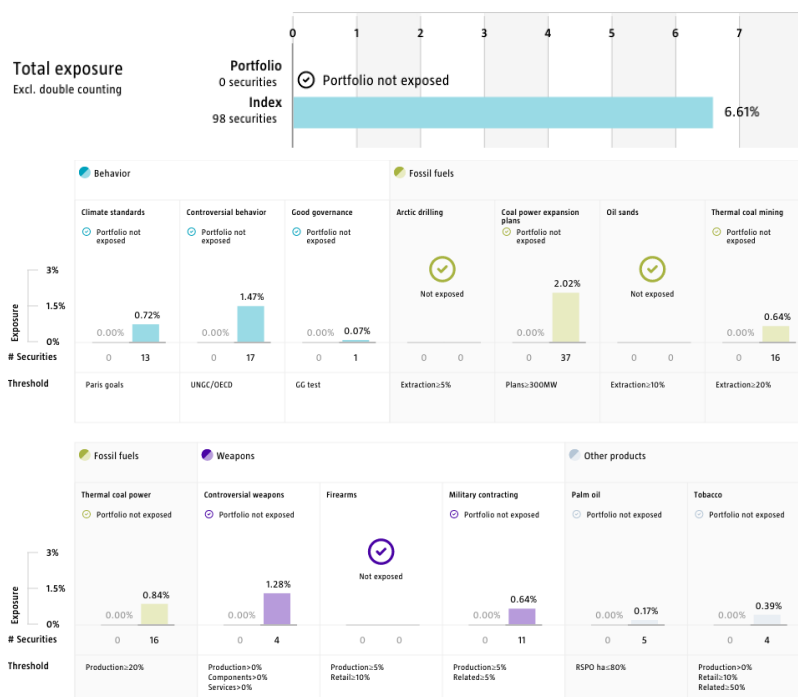
Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement. Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear 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)	38.47%	11	34
Environmental	12.05%	3	6
Social	11.10%	3	10
Governance	15.32%	4	13
Sustainable Development Goals	3.61%	1	4
Voting Related	0.00%	0	0
Enhanced	0.00%	1	1

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](#)

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The fund aims for a better sustainability profile compared to the Benchmark by promoting certain E&S (i.e. Environmental and Social) characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and integrating ESG and sustainability risks in the investment process and applies Robeco's Good Governance policy. The fund applies sustainability indicators, including but not limited to, normative, activity-based and region-based exclusions, proxy voting and aims for an improved environmental footprint.

The majority of stocks selected through this approach will be components of the Benchmark, but stocks outside the Benchmark index may be selected too. The fund can deviate substantially from the weightings of the Benchmark. The fund aims to outperform the Benchmark over the long run, whilst still controlling relative risk in the underlying markets to the extent of deviation from the Benchmark. This will consequently limit the deviation of the performance relative to the Benchmark. The Benchmark is a broad market weighted index that is not consistent with the ESG characteristics promoted by the fund.

Fund manager's CV

Vicki Chi is Portfolio Manager in the Asia Pacific team with a focus on defensive sectors. Prior to joining this team in 2014, she was an Analyst in the Robeco Emerging Markets team where she covered Chinese stocks in the telecom and banking sector. Vicki started her career in 2006 at Robeco. She is a native speaker of Mandarin Chinese and holds a Master's in Business Administration from Erasmus University Rotterdam. She also is a CFA® charterholder. Joshua Crabb is Lead Portfolio Manager and Head of Asia Pacific Equities. Before joining Robeco in 2018, Joshua was Head of Asian Equities at Old Mutual and Portfolio Manager at BlackRock and Prudential in Hong Kong. He started his career in the investment industry as Sector Analyst at BT Financial Group in 1996. Joshua holds a Bachelor's with Honors in Finance from the University of Western Australia and he is a CFA® charterholder.

Fiscal product treatment

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Sustainability images

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