

RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Equities I GBP

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Dieter Küffer, CFA
Fund manager since 28-09-2001

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	-4.62%	-2.54%
3 m	-10.01%	-5.09%
Ytd	-12.89%	-6.81%
1 Year	14.62%	15.40%
2 Years	20.08%	16.77%
3 Years	16.12%	14.11%
5 Years	12.37%	10.38%
10 Years	14.13%	12.67%
Since 02-2010	12.00%	11.94%

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
2021	30.91%	22.94%
2020	18.98%	12.33%
2019	25.59%	22.74%
2018	-6.66%	-3.04%
2017	17.28%	11.80%
2019-2021	25.06%	19.23%
2017-2021	16.45%	12.94%

Annualized (years)

Index

MSCI World Index TRN

General facts

Morningstar	★★★★★
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	GBP
Total size of fund	GBP 2,777,780,857
Size of share class	GBP 129,421,463
Outstanding shares	281,503
1st quotation date	29-10-2020
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.93%
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
- Target Universe

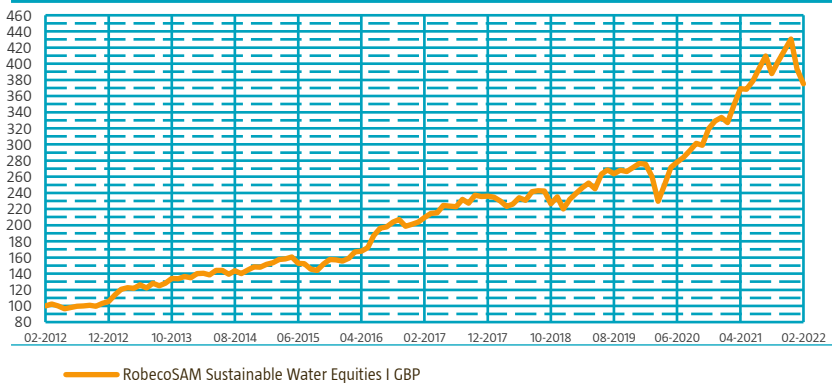


For more information on exclusions see <https://www.robeco.com/exclusions/>

For more information on target universe methodology see <https://www.robeco.com/si>

Performance

Indexed value (until 28-02-2022) - Source: Robeco



Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -4.62%.

February showed negative performances, despite company updates being rather positive. The geopolitical situation harmed holdings in the water fund despite the fact that this fund does not hold any Russian or Ukrainian companies. However, some companies have production or minor sales in the region. In addition, some of the already challenging supply chains may be impacted as well. More cyclical companies mainly found in Capital Goods & Chemicals and Building & Materials underperformed, with a few exceptions such as the engineering firms Arcadis and AECOM. The Quality & Analytics cluster also showed a negative performance with a few exceptions. One of the positive contributors in this cluster was PerkinElmer. The company released quarterly results above expectations. Most of the more defensive utilities were in negative territory in February.

Market development

In February, global equity markets suffered under profit-taking. Especially companies with a quality and growth character underperformed, usually without company-specific news. Fears of increasing interest rates, especially in the United States, weighted on equity markets. The political situation in Eastern Europe, with Russia invading Ukraine, also led to lower equity markets. In general, macroeconomic numbers are still good, but some countries like China lost some momentum. The commodity prices and access to components were also rather challenging for many companies.

Expectation of fund manager

The fund is still overweight in suppliers of analytical equipment and suppliers of water treatment solutions thanks to their good growth opportunities. US building materials are still overweight as well. The fund is underweight in US and Brazilian water utilities as well as in US waste management companies. British water utilities are still overweight. Overall, there have been no significant changes in the outlook and positioning of the fund.

Top 10 largest positions

The top ten positions are usually between 30-40% of the net asset value. It has a high exposure to water analytics, with four of the top ten holdings coming from this subcluster: Avantor, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Danaher and PerkinElmer.

Fund price

28-02-22	GBP	470.89
High Ytd (03-01-22)	GBP	536.95
Low Ytd (23-02-22)	GBP	455.97

Fees

Management fee	0.80%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.12%
Expected transaction costs	0.14%

Legal status

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

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

Registered in

Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Currency policy

The fund is allowed to pursue an active currency policy to generate extra returns and can engage in currency hedging transactions.

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 does not intend to distribute dividend and so both the income earned by the fund and its overall performance are reflected in its share price.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU2146192450
Bloomberg	ROSWEIG LX
WKN	A2QD3K
Valoren	55735514

Top 10 largest positions

Holdings

PerkinElmer Inc
Avantor Inc
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc
Pentair PLC
A O Smith Corp
Danaher Corp
Ecolab Inc
Geberit AG
Masco Corp
United Utilities Group PLC
Total

Sector	%
Life Sciences Tools & Services	5.12
Life Sciences Tools & Services	4.73
Life Sciences Tools & Services	4.42
Machinery	4.08
Building Products	4.05
Life Sciences Tools & Services	3.54
Chemicals	2.97
Building Products	2.91
Building Products	2.69
Water Utilities	2.66
Total	37.18

Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	37.18%
TOP 20	57.16%
TOP 30	71.29%

Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	6.59	5.95
Information ratio	0.49	0.54
Sharpe ratio	1.08	0.93
Alpha (%)	2.86	2.98
Beta	1.02	1.02
Standard deviation	15.78	14.12
Max. monthly gain (%)	8.96	8.96
Max. monthly loss (%)	-11.68	-11.68

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	17	28
Hit ratio (%)	47.2	46.7
Months Bull market	22	39
Months outperformance Bull	11	19
Hit ratio Bull (%)	50.0	48.7
Months Bear market	14	21
Months Outperformance Bear	6	9
Hit ratio Bear (%)	42.9	42.9

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Changes

This share class shows performance information prior to its launch date. On the launch date of this share class, the fund absorbed Multipartner SICAV - RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Fund. Performance prior to the launch date has been simulated on the basis of the past performance of the absorbed fund that had similar investment policy and applied higher or comparable charges.

Sustainability

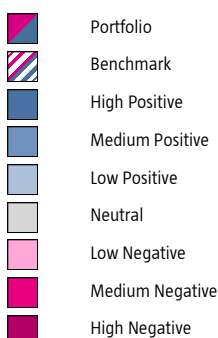
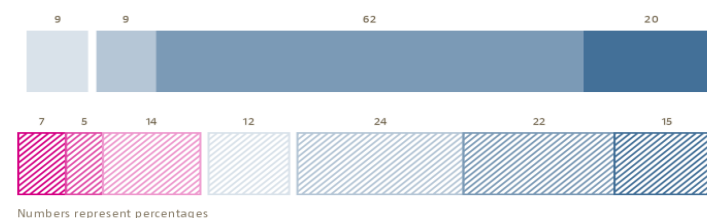
The fund's sustainable investment objective is to help mitigate the global challenges related to scarcity, quality, and allocation of water. Water and sustainability considerations are incorporated in the investment process by the means of a target universe definition, exclusions, ESG integration, and voting. The fund only invests in companies that have a significant thematic fit as per Robeco's thematic universe methodology. Through screening on both Robeco's internally developed SDG Framework and Robeco's exclusion policy, the fund does not invest in issuers that have a negative impact on the SDGs, are in breach of international norms or where products have been deemed controversial. Financially material ESG factors are integrated in the bottom-up fundamental investment analysis to assess existing and potential ESG risks and opportunities. The integration of ESG factors in the investment analysis does not have a sustainability indicator. 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.

SDG Contribution

The SDG score shows to what extent the portfolio and the benchmark contribute to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Scores are assigned to each underlying company using the Robeco SDG Framework, which utilizes a three-step approach to calculate a company's contribution to the relevant SDGs. The starting point is an assessment of the products offered by a company, followed by the way in which these products are produced, and finally whether the company is exposed to any controversies. The outcome is expressed in a final score which shows the extent to which a company impacts the SDGs on a scale from highly negative (dark red) to highly positive (dark blue).

The bar shows the aggregate percentage exposure of the portfolio and the benchmark (shaded) to the different SDG scores. This is then also split out per SDG. As a company can have an impact on several SDGs (or none), the values shown in the report do not sum to 100%. More information on Robeco's SDG Framework can be found at: <https://www.robeco.com/docm/docu-robeco-explanation-sdg-framework.pdf>

SDG Contribution



Asset Allocation

Asset allocation		
Equity		99.2%
Cash		0.8%

Sector allocation

The strategy invests in the water value chain. Most companies are allocated to the GICS sectors of industrials, utilities, healthcare and materials.

Sector allocation		Deviation index	
Life Sciences Tools & Services	20.8%	19.4%	
Machinery	18.1%	16.2%	
Building Products	15.6%	15.0%	
Chemicals	11.7%	9.5%	
Water Utilities	8.8%	8.7%	
Household Durables	5.4%	4.8%	
Construction & Engineering	5.1%	4.9%	
Electronic Equipment & Instruments	2.9%	2.0%	
Multi-Utilities	2.5%	1.7%	
Professional Services	2.5%	1.7%	
Trading Companies & Distributors	2.4%	1.8%	
Specialty Retail	1.6%	0.0%	
Other	2.4%	-86.1%	

Regional allocation

The investment universe of the fund has a high exposure to the United States, the United Kingdom and some European countries such as Switzerland. Hong Kong-listed Chinese companies are also part of the strategy. The fund has not invested in Russian companies.

Regional allocation			Deviation index	
America	<div><div></div></div>	60.3%	<div><div></div></div>	-11.7%
Europe	<div><div></div></div>	30.9%	<div><div></div></div>	12.8%
Asia	<div><div></div></div>	8.8%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.9%
Middle East	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.2%

Currency allocation

The currencies are generally not hedged and the fund has currency exposures according to the underlying investments. It usually has a high weight in USD, GBP, EUR and CHF.

Currency allocation			Deviation index	
U.S. Dollar	<div><div></div></div>	59.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-9.6%
Pound Sterling	<div><div></div></div>	11.7%	<div><div></div></div>	7.4%
Euro	<div><div></div></div>	9.3%	<div><div></div></div>	0.3%
Swiss Franc	<div><div></div></div>	8.0%	<div><div></div></div>	5.1%
Hong Kong Dollar	<div><div></div></div>	5.2%	<div><div></div></div>	4.4%
Japanese Yen	<div><div></div></div>	2.2%	<div><div></div></div>	-4.2%
Swedish Kroner	<div><div></div></div>	1.6%	<div><div></div></div>	0.6%
Danish Kroner	<div><div></div></div>	1.2%	<div><div></div></div>	0.5%
Korean Won	<div><div></div></div>	0.7%	<div><div></div></div>	0.7%
Australian Dollar	<div><div></div></div>	0.6%	<div><div></div></div>	-1.4%
Mexico New Peso	<div><div></div></div>	0.5%	<div><div></div></div>	0.5%
Canadian Dollar	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-3.5%
Other	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.8%

Investment policy

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Fund manager's CV

Dieter Küffer is Head of Thematic Investing Water/Healthy Living / Circular Economy and Senior Portfolio Manager responsible for managing the RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Equities strategy. Prior to joining Robeco, he led a team responsible for the management of actively managed equity mandates on behalf of Swiss institutional clients at UBS Asset Management in Zurich. He began his career as an investment counsel in the Private Banking Division of UBS. Dieter Küffer holds a federal diploma as Swiss-Certified Banking Expert and is a CFA Charterholder. He joined Robeco in 2001.

Fiscal product treatment

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