

RobecoSAM Global SDG Engagement Equities XH EUR

RobecoSAM Global SDG Engagement Equities is an actively managed fund that invests in a concentrated selection of global stocks. Stock selection is based on fundamental analysis to invest in companies based on their contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The fund will actively engage with the invested companies and initiate a dialogue to motivate these companies to improve their fulfilment of the UN SDGs over three to five years via active engagement. The portfolio is built on the basis of an eligible investment universe and an internally developed SDG framework for mapping and measuring SDG contributions (information can be obtained via the website www.robeco.com/si). The fund also aims to achieve a better return than the index.



Michiel Plakman CFA, Daniela da Costa, Peter van der Werf
Fund manager since 06-07-2021

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	5.97%	5.71%
3 m	-7.63%	-6.41%
Ytd	-22.43%	-17.82%
1 Year	-21.42%	-16.23%
Since 07-2021	-15.75%	-10.78%

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.

Index

MSCI All Country World Index (hedged into EUR)

General facts

Type of fund	Equities
Currency	EUR
Total size of fund	EUR 1,305,920,306
Size of share class	EUR 92,372
Outstanding shares	1,147
1st quotation date	27-07-2021
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.68%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	-
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

Sustainability profile

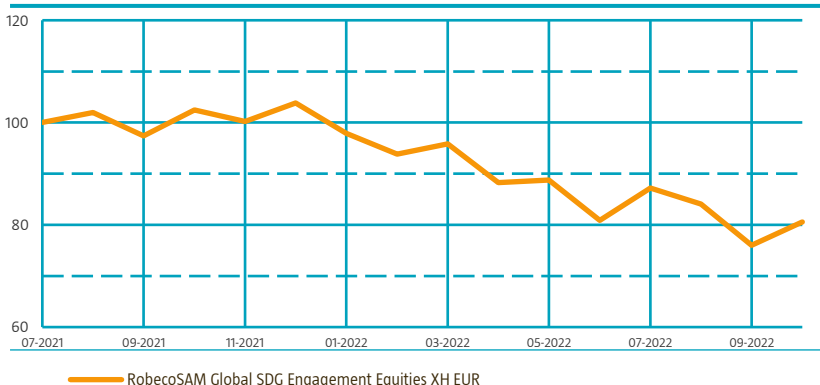
- Exclusions+
- ESG Integration
- Voting
- Target Universe

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 31-10-2022) - Source: Robeco



Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was 5.97%.

Our strategy outperformed in October 2022, mainly driven by strong performance in healthcare, consumer discretionary and information technology. In healthcare, we benefited from continued strong performance of Elevance Health and Amgen. In consumer discretionary, we mainly benefited from not owning Tesla, while we also had a good contribution from AutoZone and a rebound in eBay. In information technology, we benefited from a rebound in Adobe after weak recent performance, while Samsung Electronics has also started to rebound. On the flip side, we had some underperformance in energy, despite the strong performance from TotalEnergies. Here the US majors continued to outperform the sector. We have no exposure to any of the US names.

Market development

In another very macro driven market, global equities rebounded significantly in the month of October, up over 6%. The market seems to have a "pivot" on its brain, meaning the US Federal Reserve may be inching towards a slower pace of rate hikes, perhaps already early next year, causing equities to rally. However, this view seems more based on hope than facts as both inflation and labor market data points remain unsupportive of a softer Fed messaging. Moreover, October was again an eventful month in which we saw the resignation of UK PM Liz Truss, a directionless China Party Congress outcome and continued high inflation prints across Europe. In addition, a string of notable earnings misses added to concerns about the outlook for 2023, where estimates still seem to be too high. Still, all this was not enough for another leg down in equity markets, indicating the bounce is more technical in nature rather than driven by improving fundamentals. Our stance is that we are not out of the woods yet from a macro point of view. Hence, we remain cautiously positioned with a clear preference for stronger balance sheet stocks that are high up the quality curve.

Expectation of fund manager

The US Fed still seems to hold the key for equity markets, but it is dancing a delicate dance. It both needs to remain firm on curbing inflation and not allow financial conditions to ease too much, while at the same time show an exit path away from further rate hikes. Once we hit the point where yields start to stabilize or even start to drop, equities will likely benefit, something the market was already overly eager to bet on in the past month, in our opinion. At this stage it is, however, far from clear how much damage the economy has to stomach from central bank policies and by how much corporate earnings will have to be reset next year. Fortunately, we are finally seeing the worst of supply chain disruptions behind us and core goods inflation stabilizing, but overall inflation levels remain stubbornly high and more broad-based across the economy. Moreover, valuations are not yet near trough levels and with a highly uncertain trajectory of earnings estimates, the setup for equities therefore remains tricky.

Top 10 largest positions

Our largest positions from an active weight perspective are Deutsche Boerse, Elevance Health, Electronic Arts and Novartis. We rank positions based on our conviction level and overall contribution to the risk budget of the portfolio. Deutsche Boerse is one of the leading exchanges in Europe. The name benefits from increased volatility on European capital markets. Elevance is a medical care operator in the US, that we think trades at attractive multiples and can also benefit from a reopening of the US economy. Electronic Arts is one of the last remaining independent game software providers. We like this company, as we think it has strategic value that is underappreciated. We also like Novartis, as we think that it is a defensive holding that is making strides towards improving on its SDG contributions. Novartis has announced that it will spin off its generics business Sandoz.

Fund price

31-10-22	EUR	80.53
High Ytd (03-01-22)	EUR	104.02
Low Ytd (30-09-22)	EUR	75.99

Fees

Management fee	0.47%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.16%
Expected transaction costs	0.06%

Legal status

Investment company with variable capital incorporated under Luxembourg law (SICAV)
 Issue structure Open-end
 UCITS V Yes
 Share class XH EUR
 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 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

The fund does not distribute dividend. The fund retains any income that is earned and so its entire performance is reflected in its share price.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU2365449318
Bloomberg	ROSEEXA LX
Valoren	112847149

Top 10 largest positions

Holdings

Apple Inc
 Elevance Health Inc
 Deutsche Boerse AG
 Electronic Arts Inc
 Novartis AG
 STMicroelectronics NV
 Neste Oyj
 Adobe Inc
 Bank of Montreal
 TotalEnergies SE
Total

Sector	%
Computers & Peripherals	7.22
Health Care Providers & Services	5.99
Capital Markets	5.51
Entertainment	4.41
Pharmaceuticals	3.95
Semiconductors & semicond. equipm.	3.29
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	3.28
Software	3.25
Commercial Banks	3.25
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	3.22
Total	43.38

Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	43.38%
TOP 20	71.67%
TOP 30	90.97%

Sustainability

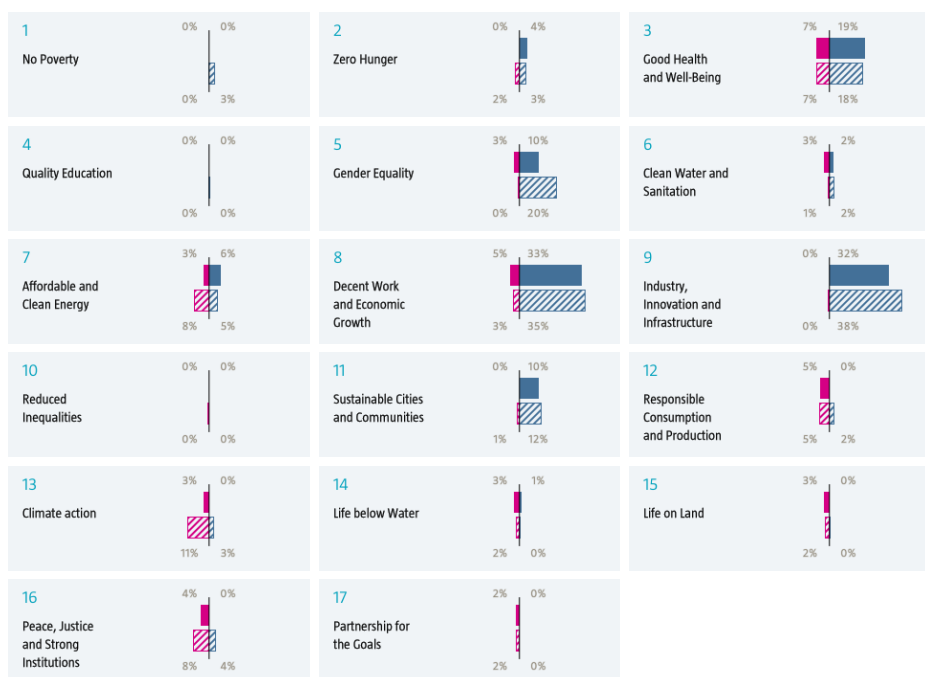
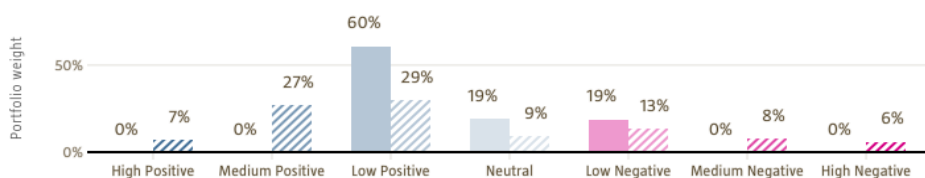
The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process by the means of a target universe, exclusions, ESG integration and engagement. The fund solely invests in stocks issued by companies with a low negative to low positive impact on the SDGs. The impact of issuers on the SDGs is determined by applying Robeco's internally developed three-step SDG Framework. The outcome is a quantified contribution expressed as an SDG score, considering both the contribution to the SDGs (positive, neutral or negative) and the extent of this contribution (high, medium or low). The fund actively engages with 100% of the corporate holdings typically for a period of three to five years. The fund does not invest in stock 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 ESG risks and opportunities. 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 to highly positive.

The bar chart shows the aggregate percentage exposure of the portfolio and the benchmark 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		98.3%
Cash		1.7%

Sector allocation

We do not aim to have large deviations on a sector level. There are sectors where the SDG scores tend to be higher (such as for instance in healthcare). In those sectors it may be harder to find candidates for the fund. We are underweight in energy and utilities, because in these sectors it is hard to find candidates that fit the purpose of the fund.

Sector allocation		Deviation index	
Computers & Peripherals	10.4%		5.0%
Capital Markets	10.2%		7.3%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	6.5%		1.0%
Health Care Providers & Services	6.0%		3.6%
Pharmaceuticals	5.4%		0.1%
Software	5.3%		-0.5%
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	4.7%		2.2%
Entertainment	4.4%		3.2%
Commercial Banks	4.3%		-2.8%
Machinery	3.3%		1.5%
Semiconductors & semicond. equipm.	3.3%		-1.1%
Specialty Retail	3.2%		1.6%
Other	32.9%		-21.0%

Regional allocation

We have an overweight in Europe and in emerging markets, and are slightly underweight in North America. The regional deviations are largely the effect of bottom-up stock picking.

Regional allocation		Deviation index	
America	60.3%		-6.9%
Europe	31.7%		16.2%
Asia	5.9%		-9.9%
Africa	2.1%		1.7%
Middle East	0.0%		-1.1%

Currency allocation

We use currency hedging only selectively to hedge currencies back to the benchmark. We aim to have our performance attribution come from bottom-up stock picking and less so from sector allocation.

Currency allocation		Deviation index	
Euro	99.8%		92.3%
U.S. Dollar	-0.5%		-63.8%
Brasilian Real	0.4%		-0.3%
Pound Sterling	-0.3%		-4.0%
Japanese Yen	0.2%		-5.0%
Swiss Franc	0.2%		-2.3%
Mexico New Peso	0.2%		-0.1%
Korean Won	0.1%		-1.1%
Swedish Kroner	-0.1%		-0.9%
Norwegian Kroner	-0.1%		-0.3%
South African Rand	0.0%		-0.4%
Other	0.0%		-14.3%

Investment policy

RobecoSAM Global SDG Engagement Equities is an actively managed fund that invests in stocks all over the world. The selection of these stocks is based on fundamental analysis. The fund has sustainable investment as its objective within the meaning of Article 9 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. The fund invests in companies that are able to have a clear and measurable improvement in their contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) over three to five years via active engagement. The fund integrates ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) factors 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, and applies proxy voting and engagement. The fund also aims to provide long term capital growth. The portfolio is built on the basis of the eligible investment universe and an internally developed SDGs framework for mapping and measuring SDG contributions, about which more information can be obtained via the website www.robeco.com/si. The fund has a concentrated portfolio of stocks with the highest potential value growth.

Fund manager's CV

Michiel Plakman is a Portfolio Manager and member of the Global Equity team. He is responsible for fundamental global equities with a focus on Information Technology, Real Estate and portfolio construction. He has been in this role since 2009. Previously, he was responsible for managing the Robeco IT Equities fund within the TMT team. Prior to joining Robeco in 1999, he worked as a Portfolio Manager Japan at Achmea Global Investors (PVF Pensioen). From 1995 to 1996 he was Portfolio Manager European Equities at KPN Pension Fund. He holds a Master's in Econometrics from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and he is a CFA® charterholder. Daniela da Costa is responsible for the team's investments in Brazil and the African consumer sector. Prior to joining Robeco in 2010, she was Portfolio Manager Latin American Equities at Nomura in London. Before that, Daniela worked at HSBC and with the Petrobras pension fund in Brazil. She started her career in the industry in 1997. Daniela holds a Master's in Economics from the Brazilian Capital Markets Institute in Rio de Janeiro (IBMEC-RJ) and a MBA certificate in pension fund asset management from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (COPPE-UFRJ). She is board member of AMEC, the Brazilian stewardship agency and a member of Robeco's SDG committee and Biodiversity Task Force. Peter van der Werf is Manager Engagement at Robeco. He leads the corporate and sovereign engagement program in the Active Ownership team and is involved in further integration of active ownership in Robeco's investment products. With his engagement work he has challenged sustainability leadership at more than 200 global companies to align their environmental and social strategy with Robeco's sustainable investing philosophy. As Portfolio Manager SDG Engagement Equities, Peter contributes to impact investing in listed equity. He is also an Advisory Board member of the Finance for Biodiversity foundation. Peter started his career in 2007 and holds a Master's in Environmental Sciences from Wageningen University.

Fiscal product treatment

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