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Robeco Sustainable Emerging Credits is an actively managed fund that invests in corporate bonds in emerging markets. The selection of these bonds is based on fundamental analysis. The fund's objective is to provide long-term capital growth. The fund has the flexibility to invest in value opportunities beyond the index universe, which means that the fund comprises both local currency and hard currency debt. Companies are selected based on their exposure rather than their location, and sometimes sovereign exposure is chosen over credit exposure. In-depth, company-specific analysis and country analysis are important pillars in the investment process.



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Fund manager since 04-06-2014

Performance

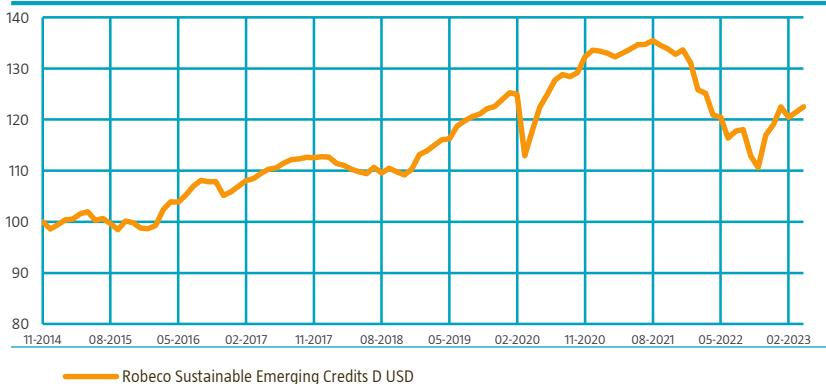
	Fund	Index
1 m	0.86%	0.88%
3 m	-0.01%	0.09%
Ytd	2.87%	3.14%
1 Year	1.36%	1.33%
2 Years	-4.05%	-4.34%
3 Years	1.28%	1.52%
5 Years	2.12%	2.07%
Since 11-2014	2.41%	2.98%

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.

Performance

Indexed value (until 30-04-2023) - Source: Robeco



Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was 0.86%.

The total return of the index was 0.88% for the month. The fund outperformed its index by 9 basis points. This month's beta contribution added 4 basis points, as spreads moved tighter and we have a small beta overweight. Issuer selection had a positive impact on performance of 5 basis points. On an issuer level, we gained the most through Ecopetrol (UW), Adani Green (OW), Banco Santander (OW), GLP (UW) and K Bank (OW). The biggest detractors were PCCW (OW), Lima Metro (OW), Seagate (OW), Cable & Wireless (OW) and Colombia (OW).

Calendar year performance

	Fund	Index
2022	-10.88%	-12.26%
2021	0.01%	0.91%
2020	7.87%	7.13%
2019	12.33%	13.09%
2018	-2.20%	-1.65%
2020-2022	-1.31%	-1.75%
2018-2022	1.10%	1.08%

Index

JPM CEMBI Broad Diversified

General facts

Morningstar	★★★
Type of fund	Bonds
Currency	USD
Total size of fund	USD 154,004,092
Size of share class	USD 319,537
Outstanding shares	2,615
1st quotation date	26-11-2014
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	1.42%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	5.00%
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.
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Sustainability profile



Exclusions+



ESG Integration

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

Expectation of fund manager

What happened at Silicon Valley Bank and Credit Suisse? At the end of the hiking cycle (certainly after such a steep rise in central bank rates), there are casualties. There always are. We just do not always know which sector or region is the most vulnerable at that point in the business cycle. The recent banking stress will have changed one thing. Bank lending standards were already tightening and this process will now accelerate. Refinancing is the key element in a credit downturn and this is precisely what will be more difficult for some companies. Rates fears were the key driver in this cycle and 10-year yields historically seem to peak at that penultimate point. But it looks as though we are now back to fundamentals and we therefore have some confidence that it is time to slowly enter a buy-on-dips strategy. Spreads on all segments of the credit market are now undoubtedly above median spreads, although divergence is also visible here. Could spreads go wider in a full-blown recession scenario? Yes, they can. However, we do feel comfortable running a beta above 1, as there are clear pockets of value across markets. Active positioning will remain key throughout the volatility.

Top 10 largest positions

Measured in risk, our top ten holdings consist of names such as PCCW, Bancomer, Banco Santander, Telefónica Chile, Orbia, Banco Banorte, Kasikorn Bank, Raiffeisen Bank, Cemex and Helios Tower. Most changes in our top ten holdings have been the result of spreads moving during the month.

Fund price

30-04-23	USD	122.21
High Ytd (02-02-23)	USD	122.88
Low Ytd (03-01-23)	USD	119.03

Fees

Management fee	1.20%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.16%
Expected transaction costs	0.15%

Legal status

Investment company with variable capital incorporated under Luxembourg law (SICAV)	
Issue structure	Open-end
UCITS V	Yes
Share class	D USD
This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV.	

Registered in

Austria, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Singapore, Switzerland

Currency policy

All currency risks are hedged.

Risk management

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

Dividend policy

The fund does not distribute a dividend. The income earned by the fund is reflected in its share price. This means that the fund's total performance is reflected in its share price performance.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU1143725874
Bloomberg	REMCMDHU LX
Sedol	BZ1BX41
Valoren	26163500

Top 10 largest positions**Holdings**

BBVA Bancomer SA/Texas
Banco Santander SA
SK Hynix Inc
Hyundai Capital America
Telefonica Moviles Chile SA
Greenko Power II Ltd
Autoridad del Canal de Panama
Kasikornbank PCL/Hong Kong
Bancolombia SA
Lenovo Group Ltd

Total

Sector	%
Financials	1.56
Financials	1.52
Industrials	1.49
Industrials	1.49
Industrials	1.43
Agencies	1.36
Agencies	1.32
Financials	1.32
Financials	1.31
Industrials	1.28
	14.07

Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	1.68	1.71
Information ratio	0.67	0.84
Sharpe ratio	0.18	0.25
Alpha (%)	1.12	1.43
Beta	0.98	0.90
Standard deviation	7.25	7.51
Max. monthly gain (%)	5.93	5.93
Max. monthly loss (%)	-4.31	-9.20

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	22	37
Hit ratio (%)	61.1	61.7
Months Bull market	20	37
Months outperformance Bull	14	24
Hit ratio Bull (%)	70.0	64.9
Months Bear market	16	23
Months Outperformance Bear	8	13
Hit ratio Bear (%)	50.0	56.5

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Characteristics

	Fund	Index
Rating	BAA1/BAA2	BAA3/BA1
Option Adjusted Modified Duration (years)	4.2	4.2
Maturity (years)	5.7	6.6
Yield to Worst (%, Hedged)	6.9	7.6
Green Bonds (%, Weighted)	10.4	5.1

Sustainability

Sustainability is incorporated in the investment process by the means of a target universe, exclusions, ESG integration, and a minimum allocation to ESG-labeled bonds. The fund invests in credits issued by companies with a positive, neutral or low negative impact on the SDGs. The exposure to credits issued by companies with a low negative impact is at max 20% and the average SDG score of the fund must be greater than zero. The impact of issuers on the SDGs is determined by applying Robeco's internally developed three-step SDG Framework. The outcome is quantified with a proprietary SDG score methodology, considering both the contribution to the SDGs (positive, neutral or negative) and the extent of this contribution (high, medium or low). In addition, the fund does not invest in credit 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 security analysis to assess the impact on the issuer's fundamental credit quality. Furthermore, the fund invests at least 5% in green, social, sustainable, and/or sustainability-linked bonds. Lastly, where a credit issuer is flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to exclusion.

Sector allocation

The largest underweights in risk are in Argentina (mainly YPF) and Macau (gaming sector). We maintain a neutral position in China because of the changes in policies. We remain overweight in Latin America, despite somewhat weaker commodity prices. The largest sector underweights are in energy (E&P – negative SDG score) and electric utilities (thermal-coal exposure).

Sector allocation		Deviation index
Industrials	42.2%	-0.5%
Financials	29.4%	5.0%
Agencies	10.0%	-15.7%
Utilities	4.8%	-0.8%
Sovereign	3.0%	3.0%
Treasuries	2.5%	2.5%
Covered	2.1%	2.1%
Supranational	1.9%	0.6%
Local Authorities	0.0%	-0.3%
Cash and other instruments	4.1%	4.1%

Currency denomination allocation

Our currency positioning over different hard currencies is the result of our beta positioning, sector themes and issuer selection. The fund invests in hard-currency bonds only. In addition to USD-denominated bonds, the fund holds around 20% EUR-denominated bonds, of which the currency exposure is hedged back to the US dollar, the fund's base currency. The remainder is held in cash.

Currency denomination allocation		Deviation index
U.S. Dollar	74.8%	-25.2%
Euro	20.5%	20.5%
Pound Sterling	0.6%	0.6%

Duration allocation

We steer the fund's duration within a bandwidth of 0.25 years versus the reference index.

Duration allocation		Deviation index
U.S. Dollar	4.2	0.0

Rating allocation

The fund maintains its quality bias with an overweight in investment grade credits and an underweight in high yield bonds. The fund holds a larger allocation to BBB and BB-rated bonds and less to single B-rated companies and banks. The fund does not actively invest in CCC-rated bonds, as we still expect an increase in defaults for these bonds.

Rating allocation		Deviation index
AAA	7.5%	7.4%
AA	2.9%	-3.3%
A	12.5%	-7.1%
BAA	38.2%	6.0%
BA	28.1%	7.0%
B	4.9%	-7.0%
CAA		-4.0%
CA	0.1%	0.0%
C		-0.4%
NR	1.8%	-2.6%
Cash and other instruments	4.1%	4.1%

Subordination allocation

In the allocation to the capital structure, subordinated bonds are becoming increasingly interesting and as such are increasing.

Subordination type allocation		Deviation index
Senior	70.7%	-18.2%
Tier 2	18.2%	12.4%
Tier 1	3.7%	-0.3%
Hybrid	3.3%	2.0%
Cash and other instruments	4.1%	4.1%

Investment policy

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Fund manager's CV

Reinout Schapers is Co-Head Portfolio Management Investment Grade in the Credit team. Prior to joining Robeco in 2011, Reinout worked at Aegon Asset Management where he was a Head of European High Yield. Before that, he worked at Rabo Securities as an M&A Associate and at Credit Suisse First Boston as an Analyst Corporate Finance. Reinout has been active in the industry since 2003. He holds a Master's in Architecture from the Delft University of Technology. Christiaan Lever is Portfolio Manager High Yield and Emerging Credits in the Credit team. Before assuming this role in 2016, he was Financial Risk Manager at Robeco, focusing on market risk, counterparty risk and liquidity risk within fixed Income markets. Christiaan has been active in the industry since 2010. He holds a Master's in Quantitative Finance and in Econometrics from Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Team info

The RobecoSAM Emerging SDG Credits fund is managed within Robeco's credit team, which consists of eight portfolio managers and twelve credit analysts (of which four cover the financial sector). The portfolio managers are responsible for the construction and management of the credit portfolios, whereas the analysts cover the team's fundamental research. Our analysts have long term experience in their respective sectors which they cover globally. Each analyst covers both investment grade and high yield, providing them an information advantage and benefiting from inefficiencies that traditionally exist between the two segmented markets. Furthermore, the credit team is supported by three dedicated quantitative researchers and four fixed income traders. On average, the members of the credit team have an experience in the asset management industry of sixteen years, of which eight years with Robeco.

Fiscal product treatment

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