

## Robeco Emerging Stars Equities FL EUR

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Fund manager since 02-11-2006

### Performance

|               | Fund   | Index  |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| 1 m           | 8.26%  | 7.46%  |
| 3 m           | 8.48%  | 6.17%  |
| Ytd           | 8.26%  | 7.46%  |
| 1 Year        | 41.98% | 24.82% |
| 2 Years       | 25.62% | 22.34% |
| 3 Years       | 17.51% | 13.25% |
| 5 Years       | 9.16%  | 5.78%  |
| Since 08-2017 | 8.07%  | 6.69%  |

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.

**Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The value of your investments may fluctuate.** If the currency in which the past performance is displayed differs from the currency of the country in which you reside, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance shown may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency. Performance since inception is as of the first full month. Periods shorter than one year are not annualized. Returns net of fees, based on transaction prices.

### Rolling 12 month returns

|                   | Fund   |
|-------------------|--------|
| 02-2025 - 01-2026 | 41.98% |
| 02-2024 - 01-2025 | 11.15% |
| 02-2023 - 01-2024 | 2.81%  |
| 02-2022 - 01-2023 | -8.60% |
| 02-2021 - 01-2022 | 4.53%  |

Initial charges or eventual custody charges which intermediaries might apply are not included.

### Index

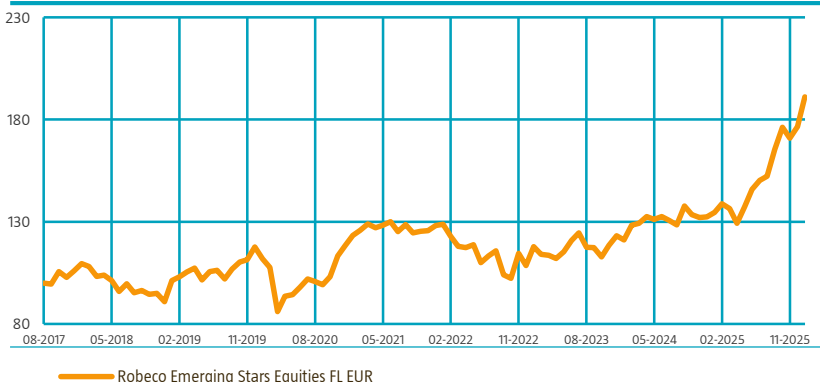
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, EUR)

### General facts

|                              |                                            |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Morningstar                  | ★★★★                                       |
| Type of fund                 | Equities                                   |
| Currency                     | EUR                                        |
| Total size of fund           | EUR 3,457,104,127                          |
| Size of share class          | EUR 127,824,213                            |
| Outstanding shares           | 663,210                                    |
| 1st quotation date           | 17-08-2017                                 |
| Close financial year         | 31-12                                      |
| Ongoing charges              | 1.24%                                      |
| Daily tradable               | Yes                                        |
| Dividend paid                | No                                         |
| Ex-ante tracking error limit | -                                          |
| Management company           | Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V. |

### Performance

Indexed value (until 31-01-2026) - Source: Robeco



### Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was 8.26%.

In January, the fund outperformed the MSCI Emerging Market Index. Country allocation was the main driver, while stock selection was slightly negative. Positive country allocation was driven by the overweight position in South Korea and underweight position in India. Negative country allocation came from Indonesia (overweight) and Taiwan (underweight). Stock selection was strong in Brazil, where Petrobras (upstream oil), Itaú Unibanco (bank) and TIM (telecom) outperformed. In South Korea, SK Square (semiconductors), Hyundai Rotem (defense) and Samsung Electronics did well. Also, South Korean Kia Corp and Hyundai Motor benefited from the humanoid theme due to their stake in Boston Dynamics. Other well-performing stocks in January were Grupo Banorte (Mexican bank) and Buenaventura (Peruvian miner). In China, CATL (EV batteries), JD.com (e-commerce) and Vipshop (online retailer) underperformed. In Taiwan, Asustek (consumer electronics) and Wiwynn (servers) lagged. Other stocks that detracted from stock selection in January were Naspers (EM internet holding company), Yangzijiang Shipbuilding (China) and Kasikorn Bank (Thailand).

### Market development

In January, emerging markets equities posted a gain of 7.5% (EUR), outperforming developed markets which rose only 0.9% (EUR). The EM rally was propelled by robust technology performance and favorable macroeconomic tailwinds. Information technology led sectoral gains, driven by AI-exposed semiconductor stocks – particularly memory chipmakers – which benefited from strong demand confidence. South Korea topped EM markets, reflecting these semiconductor dynamics, while materials outperformed amid strength in both precious and base metals (despite late-month pressure on precious metals). The nomination of Kevin Warsh to replace Powell was greeted with initial volatility, as he is perceived to be a 'hawkish dove' and eased fears over Fed independence. Latin American markets were shining, led by Peru, Chile, and Colombia, alongside outperformers such as Brazil, Hungary, Turkey, and Egypt. Laggards included India, Indonesia, Kuwait, and the Czech Republic. Geopolitical tensions (Venezuela, Greenland, Iran) elevated volatility, though equity impacts remained muted.

### Expectation of fund manager

The US remains a source of uncertainty in today's global economy with rising fiscal deficits, higher US import tariffs and erratic policy making. However, as the majority of earnings from emerging companies is domestically focused, we think the US itself will be most impacted. Global investors seem likely to diversify away from the US, which so far has resulted in a weaker US dollar. With the current America First focus, emerging markets are having to rely more on their own domestic policies and growth opportunities. We expect higher structural economic growth compared to developed markets, while macroeconomic stability has significantly improved. Emerging equity markets' valuations have become attractive relative to developed markets with discounts of more than 30% based on earnings multiples. Expected earnings growth is 14% for 2025 and 21% for 2026, both above developed markets.

### Top 10 largest positions

TSMC and Samsung Electronics are two globally leading technology companies that combine good growth prospects with attractive valuations. Alibaba is China's leading e-commerce company, and is also one of the leaders in cloud services and AI development in China. Naspers is a South Africa-listed holding company for Tencent and several other internet companies across emerging markets, and is trading at a large discount to the underlying value. SK Square is a holding company for memory chip company SK hynix, and is also trading at a large discount, while the underlying business is performing very strongly. The other top-ten holdings include several financials from various countries, as we see attractive valuations combined with high or better-than-expected growth opportunities for all.

### Fund price

|                     |     |        |
|---------------------|-----|--------|
| 31-01-26            | EUR | 192.74 |
| High Ytd (29-01-26) | EUR | 198.69 |
| Low Ytd (02-01-26)  | EUR | 185.29 |

### Fees

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Management fee  | 0.98% |
| 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                                                                        | FL EUR   |
| This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV                       |          |

### Registered in

France, Luxembourg, Singapore, 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      | LU1664415012 |
| Bloomberg | REMSFLE LX   |
| Valoren   | 37873526     |

### Top 10 largest positions

#### Holdings

|                                          |
|------------------------------------------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Lt |
| SK Square Co Ltd                         |
| Samsung Electronics Co Ltd               |
| Naspers Ltd                              |
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd                |
| Itau Unibanco Holding SA ADR             |
| Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Ltd   |
| Hana Financial Group Inc                 |
| Grupo Financiero Banorte SAB de CV       |
| Kia Corp                                 |
| <b>Total</b>                             |

| Sector                 | %            |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Information Technology | 9.54         |
| Industrials            | 6.04         |
| Information Technology | 5.74         |
| Consumer Discretionary | 4.18         |
| Consumer Discretionary | 4.10         |
| Financials             | 3.80         |
| Industrials            | 3.01         |
| Financials             | 2.86         |
| Financials             | 2.80         |
| Consumer Discretionary | 2.75         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>44.82</b> |

Holdings are subject to change. This is not a buy, sell or hold recommendation for any particular security. The securities shown here are for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment strategy on the date stated above. It cannot be guaranteed the same securities will be considered in the future. No reference can be made to the future development of the securities.

### Top 10/20/30 weights

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| TOP 10 | 44.82% |
| TOP 20 | 66.61% |
| TOP 30 | 82.25% |

### Statistics

|                            | 3 Years | 5 Years |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Tracking error ex-post (%) | 4.48    | 4.93    |
| Information ratio          | 1.46    | 1.10    |
| Sharpe ratio               | 1.22    | 0.61    |
| Alpha (%)                  | 4.98    | 4.83    |
| Beta                       | 1.10    | 1.13    |
| Standard deviation         | 13.81   | 15.37   |
| Max. monthly gain (%)      | 10.12   | 12.65   |
| Max. monthly loss (%)      | -5.75   | -10.74  |

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns

### Hit ratio

|                            | 3 Years | 5 Years |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Months outperformance      | 24      | 39      |
| Hit ratio (%)              | 66.7    | 65.0    |
| Months Bull market         | 21      | 33      |
| Months outperformance Bull | 16      | 25      |
| Hit ratio Bull (%)         | 76.2    | 75.8    |
| Months Bear market         | 15      | 27      |
| Months Outperformance Bear | 8       | 14      |
| Hit ratio Bear (%)         | 53.3    | 51.9    |

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## Asset Allocation

| Asset allocation |  |       |
|------------------|--|-------|
| Equity           |  | 99.4% |
| Cash             |  | 0.6%  |

## Sector allocation

In January, the weight in industrials increased, while the weight in consumer discretionary decreased. Financials, consumer discretionary and information technology remain the largest sectors in the fund. In these sectors we find the best opportunities for companies that combine good growth prospects and attractive valuations.

| Sector allocation      |       | Deviation index |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Financials             | 29.9% | 8.4%            |
| Information Technology | 22.5% | -7.8%           |
| Consumer Discretionary | 20.9% | 9.7%            |
| Industrials            | 12.1% | 5.0%            |
| Communication Services | 4.5%  | -4.3%           |
| Real Estate            | 3.9%  | 2.6%            |
| Materials              | 3.0%  | -4.3%           |
| Energy                 | 2.7%  | -1.1%           |
| Utilities              | 0.5%  | -1.7%           |
| Consumer Staples       | 0.0%  | -3.5%           |
| Health Care            | 0.0%  | -3.0%           |

## Country allocation

In January, the weight in South Korea, Poland and Brazil increased, while the weight in India, South Africa, Taiwan and Thailand decreased. In January, the fund further increased its position in Bank Pekao due to the positive macroeconomic outlook and attractive valuations with high dividend yield. The position in Wiyynn was also increased, as valuations have become more attractive. Demand for AI servers remains strong, and will mitigate cost pressures from components. Despite the strong AI theme we reduced both Alibaba and Baidu a bit, due to less valuation upside and a negative earnings trend. The remaining position in Sendas Distribuidora, the Brazilian hypermarkets retailer, was sold off entirely.

| Country allocation |       | Deviation index |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Korea              | 26.9% | 11.3%           |
| China              | 19.6% | -7.0%           |
| Taiwan             | 14.4% | -6.6%           |
| Brazil             | 8.2%  | 3.6%            |
| India              | 5.9%  | -7.4%           |
| South Africa       | 5.9%  | 2.1%            |
| Mexico             | 2.8%  | 0.8%            |
| Poland             | 2.2%  | 1.1%            |
| Greece             | 2.1%  | 1.5%            |
| Indonesia          | 2.0%  | 1.0%            |
| Thailand           | 1.9%  | 0.9%            |
| Hungary            | 1.6%  | 1.3%            |
| Other              | 6.5%  | -2.5%           |

## Currency allocation

The fund has initiated a short USD forward contract versus the EUR in order to benefit from a further weakening of the USD going forward. Increasing political risks in the United States, along with a large current account deficit and a rising fiscal deficit driven by expansionary policies, are negative factors for the US dollar.

| Currency allocation     |       | Deviation index |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Korean Won              | 26.7% | 11.1%           |
| Hong Kong Dollar        | 14.6% | -7.5%           |
| Taiwan Dollar           | 14.4% | -6.6%           |
| Brasilian Real          | 8.2%  | 4.3%            |
| Indian Rupee            | 5.9%  | -7.4%           |
| South African Rand      | 5.9%  | 2.1%            |
| Chinese Renminbi (Yuan) | 4.8%  | 1.0%            |
| Euro                    | 4.6%  | 4.0%            |
| Mexico New Peso         | 2.8%  | 0.8%            |
| Poland New Zloty        | 2.2%  | 1.1%            |
| Indonesian Rupiah       | 1.9%  | 0.9%            |
| Thailand Baht           | 1.9%  | 0.9%            |
| Other                   | 6.1%  | -4.7%           |

The allocations shown are for illustrative purposes only. This is the current overview as of the date stated and not a guarantee of future developments. It should not be assumed that any investments in these allocations were or will be profitable. Due to rounding, the sum may not equal 100%.

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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 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.

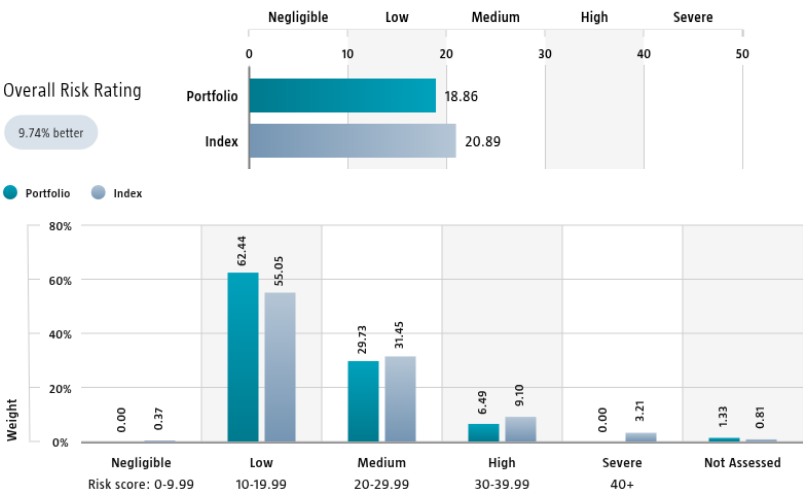
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The index used for all sustainability visuals is based on MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, EUR).

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.

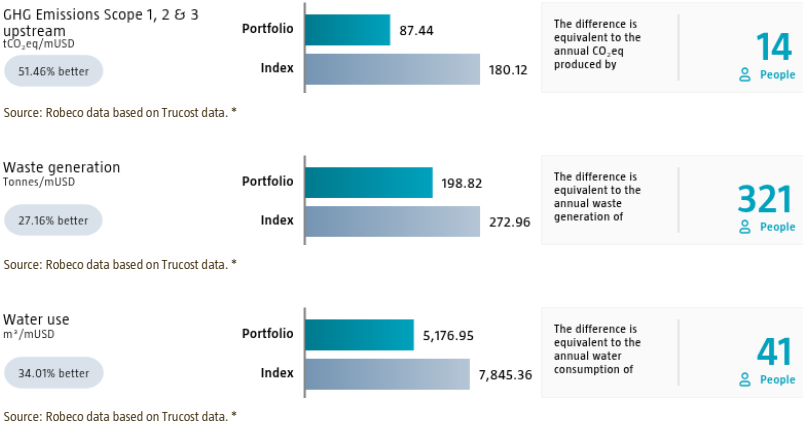
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Environmental Footprint

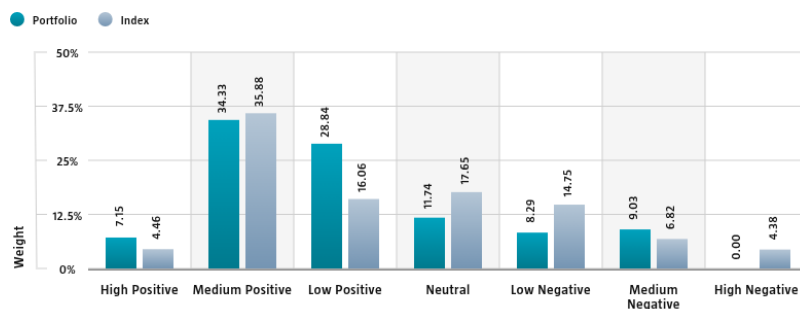
Environmental footprint expresses the total resource consumption of the portfolio per mUSD invested. Each assessed company's footprint is calculated by normalizing resources consumed by the company's enterprise value including cash (EVIC). We aggregate these figures to portfolio level using a weighted 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

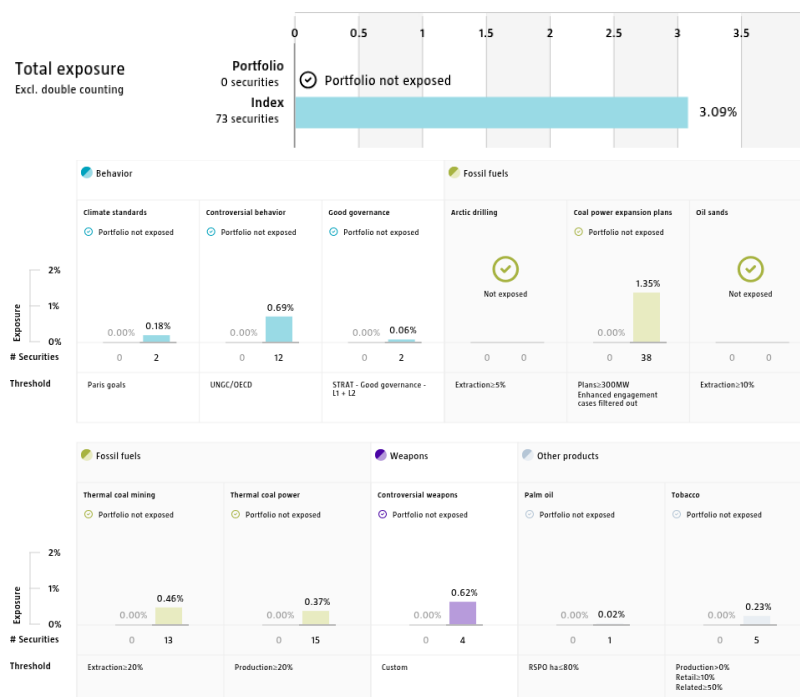
Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement. Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear 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) | 45.51%             | 18                       | 63                                       |
| Environmental                       | 14.89%             | 6                        | 24                                       |
| Social                              | 6.49%              | 3                        | 13                                       |
| Governance                          | 3.62%              | 3                        | 14                                       |
| Sustainable Development Goals       | 21.47%             | 5                        | 8                                        |
| Voting Related                      | 9.12%              | 3                        | 4                                        |
| Enhanced                            | 0.00%              | 0                        | 0                                        |

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

Jaap van der Hart is the Lead Portfolio Manager of Robeco's High Conviction Emerging Stars strategy. Over time, he has been responsible for the investments in South America, Eastern Europe, South Africa, Mexico, China and Taiwan. He also coordinates the country allocation process. He started his career in the investment industry in 1994 at Robeco's Quantitative Research department and moved to the Emerging Markets Equity team in 2000. Jaap holds a Master's in Econometrics from Erasmus University Rotterdam. He has published several academic articles on stock selection in emerging markets. Karnail Sangha is a Portfolio Manager within the Emerging Markets Equity team and provides analytical research coverage on India. He is Co-Portfolio Manager for the Emerging Stars and Sustainable Emerging Stars Equity strategies. Prior to joining Robeco in 2000, Karnail was a Risk Manager/Controller at Aegon Asset Management where he started his career in the industry in 1999. He holds a Master's in Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam and is a CFA® charterholder. Karnail is also fluent in Hindi and Punjabi.

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