

Robeco Financial Institutions Bonds IH USD

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Jan Willem de Moor, Jan Willem Knoll
Fund manager since 16-05-2011

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	-2.19%	-2.11%
3 m	-0.69%	-0.60%
Ytd	-0.69%	-0.60%
1 Year	5.16%	5.37%
2 Years	6.82%	7.04%
3 Years	9.06%	8.95%
5 Years	3.67%	3.26%
10 Years	5.47%	4.94%
Since 10-2014	5.04%	4.61%

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
2025	6.70%	6.81%
2024	10.49%	10.40%
2023	12.97%	12.45%
2022	-10.60%	-11.86%
2021	1.67%	1.43%
2023-2025	10.02%	9.86%
2021-2025	3.90%	3.46%
Annualized (years)		

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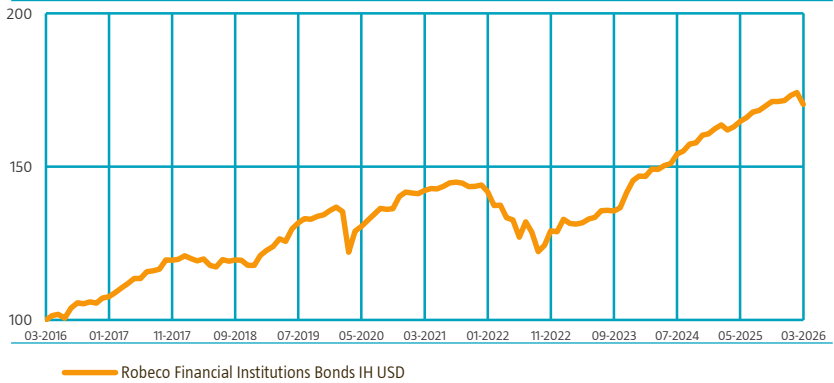
Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Corporates Financials Subordinated 2% Issuer Cap

General facts

Type of fund	Bonds
Currency	USD
Total size of fund	USD 2,602,486,314
Size of share class	USD 59,029,577
Outstanding shares	335,434
1st quotation date	08-10-2014
Close financial year	31-12
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	4.00%
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

Performance

Indexed value (until 31-03-2026) - Source: Robeco



Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -2.19%.

The fund generated a negative total return in March. The rise in government bond yields contributed negatively to performance, while credit spreads moved wider. 5-year German Bund yields rose by almost 50 basis points. Credit spread performance also detracted from results. Spread performance was -58 basis points, reflecting a widening of average index spreads to 140 basis points, up from 120 basis points the previous month. The portfolio underperformed versus the index by 3 basis points. Beta positioning remained broadly neutral, resulting in no material contribution from market beta. Issuer selection added negatively to performance. Key positive contributors included overweight positions in the insurers Zurich, Hiscox and Axa and mBank (a Polish bank). The largest detractors were overweight positions in BBVA, Deutsche Bank and BSRF, a bank domiciled in Saudi Arabia.

Market development

In March, US and Israeli strikes on Iran continued. In the early days, markets expected the conflict to end within a few days. However, Iran's resistance proved much stronger than anticipated, and the country retaliated with strikes on military and energy targets across the Gulf region. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz pushed energy prices higher and raised fears of supply shortages for energy importers in Europe and Asia. Credit spreads widened, but given the potential tail risks of the conflict in the Gulf, the reaction in risk assets remained relatively muted. Even for corporates based in the region, spread widening was modest. In relative terms, the United States was viewed as a safe haven, and US credit markets outperformed other regions. Government bonds reacted far more sharply to developments in the Middle East, with 5-year US Treasury and German Bund yields rising by 44 and 49 basis points, respectively. Higher energy prices and the risk of supply disruptions revived memories of the 2022 inflation surge and the subsequent rise in government yields.

Expectation of fund manager

Credit spreads are reaching cycle lows. At the same time, the financial sector is fundamentally doing well. Balance sheets look robust after years of deleveraging. Profitability has benefited from higher interest rates, strong cost control and healthy growth in fee income. Going forward, we expect profitability to plateau at a higher level than observed in the period between the great financial crisis and the Covid-19 crisis, as we do not expect central banks to move back to periods of zero interest rates, while at the same time banks have made strong progress in terms of improving their underlying profitability. As such, the resilience of banks to external shocks has greatly improved. Appetite for bonds with higher yields remains strong, as investors like to lock in attractive yield levels. We are becoming more selective in participating in new bond issues, as spreads have tightened. We target a neutral beta positioning in the fund, as despite strong fundamentals, we believe valuations are getting somewhat demanding. At the same time, we believe we can continue to add performance with our credit selection in primary and secondary markets.

Top 10 largest positions

The fund has a benchmark that caps benchmark weights at 2%. Holdings typically consist of exposures to large and strong banks and insurance companies.

Fund price

31-03-26	USD	175.98
High Ytd (26-02-26)	USD	180.31
Low Ytd (27-03-26)	USD	175.31

Fees

Management fee	0.40%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.12%

Legal status

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

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

Registered in

Austria, Germany, 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

This share class of the fund does not distribute dividend.

Derivative policy

Robeco Financial Institutions Bonds fund make use of derivatives for hedging purposes as well as for investment purposes. These derivatives are very liquid.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU1117477098
Bloomberg	RFBIHU LX
Sedol	BD6FGF6
WKN	A2AQQV
Valoren	25594216

Top 10 largest positions

Holdings	Sector	%
ING Groep NV	Financials	3.13
AXA SA	Financials	2.83
Erste Group Bank AG	Financials	2.79
KBC Group NV	Financials	2.60
ASR Nederland NV	Financials	2.56
Nykredit Realkredit A/S	Financials	2.45
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA	Financials	2.42
HSBC Holdings PLC	Financials	2.30
Allianz SE	Financials	2.15
Commerzbank AG	Financials	1.98
Total		25.22

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Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	0.50	1.08
Information ratio	1.83	0.89
Sharpe ratio	1.48	0.11
Alpha (%)	0.81	0.94
Beta	1.01	1.01
Standard deviation	3.43	5.84
Max. monthly gain (%)	3.28	4.05
Max. monthly loss (%)	-2.14	-4.93

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	25	41
Hit ratio (%)	69.4	68.3
Months Bull market	31	40
Months outperformance Bull	22	29
Hit ratio Bull (%)	71.0	72.5
Months Bear market	5	20
Months Outperformance Bear	3	12
Hit ratio Bear (%)	60.0	60.0

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Characteristics

	Fund	Index
Rating	BAA1/BAA2	BAA1/BAA2
Option Adjusted Duration (years)	4.25	4.1
Maturity (years)	4.8	4.6
Yield to Worst (% , Hedged)	5.9	5.9
Green Bonds (% , Weighted)	9.1	11.8

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Changes

As of March 2012 the benchmark of CGF Financial Institutions Bonds will change from "BarCap Euro Universal, sub financials index (IG + HY) (USD)" to "BarCap Euro-Aggregate: Corporates Financials Subordinated 2% issuer constraint (EUR)". In this new benchmark, High Yield bonds are excluded and the issuers are capped on max. 2% per single issuer, which limits the absolute risk towards a single issuer.

Sector allocation

The fund only invests in financials – excess cash may be invested in (German) government bonds. Government-owned banks such as Belfius Bank, Permanent TSB and ASN Bank are classified under Agencies. The exposure to industrials relates to Tier-2 bonds issued by Renault Bank.

Sector allocation		Deviation index	
Financials	85.8%	-14.2%	
Treasuries	4.5%	4.5%	
Agencies	3.2%	3.2%	
Local Authorities	1.0%	1.0%	
Industrials	0.6%	0.6%	
Cash and other instruments	5.0%	5.0%	

Currency denomination allocation

The fund is allowed to invest in currencies other than euros. Approximately 8% of the fund is invested in bonds issued in pound sterling and US dollar. All foreign currency exposures are hedged.

Currency denomination allocation		Deviation index	
Euro	88.5%	-11.5%	
U.S. Dollar	3.7%	3.7%	
Pound Sterling	2.8%	2.8%	

Duration allocation

The fund aims to hold an interest rate position that is neutral versus the benchmark.

Duration allocation		Deviation index	
Euro	4.2	0.1	

Rating allocation

The fund does not follow an active rating strategy – the current rating allocation is a result of bottom-up bond selection. The fund is allowed to invest in high yield to a maximum of 20%; the current exposure is circa 12%.

Rating allocation		Deviation index	
AAA	4.5%	4.5%	
A	16.1%	-10.9%	
BAA	62.6%	-10.4%	
BA	11.4%	11.4%	
B	0.4%	0.4%	
NR	0.1%	0.1%	
Cash and other instruments	5.0%	5.0%	

Country allocation

Country allocation is to a large extent bottom-up driven. We are underweight in France, as spreads are tight. The largest overweight can be found in Spanish banks.

Country allocation		Deviation index	
Netherlands	13.3%	5.3%	
Germany	12.4%	0.1%	
France	10.7%	-9.9%	
United Kingdom	10.0%	0.9%	
Spain	9.9%	0.1%	
Belgium	6.4%	2.6%	
Austria	6.1%	0.9%	
Denmark	5.1%	1.5%	
Ireland	3.1%	0.9%	
Poland	2.9%	2.6%	
Switzerland	2.5%	-0.1%	
Other	12.5%	-10.0%	
Cash and other instruments	5.0%	5.0%	

Subordination allocation

The largest part of the portfolio is invested in Tier-2 debt. About three quarter of these bonds are issued by banks, the remainder is issued by insurance companies. The categories Hybrid and Subordinated mostly contains subordinated debt issued by insurance companies. The exposure under Tier 1 mostly relates to bank CoCos. The exposure to senior bonds mainly consists of German Bunds, though we also hold senior bank bonds issued by banks such as Triodos Bank, Bank Millennium and Banca Transylvania.

Subordination type allocation		Deviation index	
Tier 2	72.2%	-12.4%	
Tier 1	10.3%	10.3%	
Hybrid	6.4%	-8.7%	
Senior	5.7%	5.7%	
Subordinated	0.4%	0.0%	
Cash and other instruments	5.0%	5.0%	

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%.

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

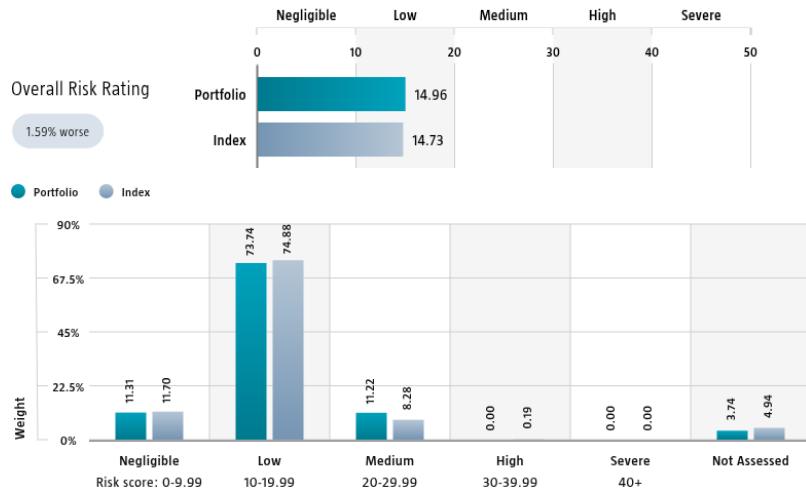
The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process via exclusions, ESG integration, a minimum allocation to ESG-labeled bonds, and engagement. The fund does not invest in credit issuers that are in breach of international norms or where activities have been deemed detrimental to society following 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. In the credit selection the fund limits exposure to issuers with an elevated sustainability risk profile. Furthermore, the fund invests at least 5% in green, social, sustainable, and/or sustainability-linked bonds. Lastly, where issuers are flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to engagement.

For more information please visit the sustainability-related disclosures.

The index used for all sustainability visuals is based on Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Corporates Financials Subordinated 2% Issuer Cap.

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.



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SDG Impact Alignment

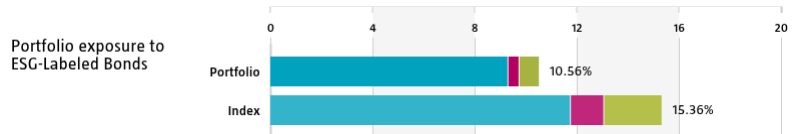
This distribution across SDG scores shows the portfolio weight allocated to companies with a positive, negative and neutral impact alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) based on Robeco's SDG Framework. The framework utilizes a three-step approach to assess a company's impact alignment 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.

ESG Labeled Bonds

The ESG-labeled bond chart displays the portfolio's exposure to ESG-labeled bonds. Specifically, green bonds, social bonds, sustainability bonds, and sustainability-linked bonds. This is calculated as a sum of weights for those bonds in the portfolio that have one of above mentioned labels. Index exposure figures are provided alongside the portfolio exposure figures, highlighting the difference with the index.



	Portfolio weight	Index weight
Green Bonds	9.33%	11.77%
Social Bonds	0.44%	1.31%
Sustainability Bonds	0.80%	2.28%

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Engagement

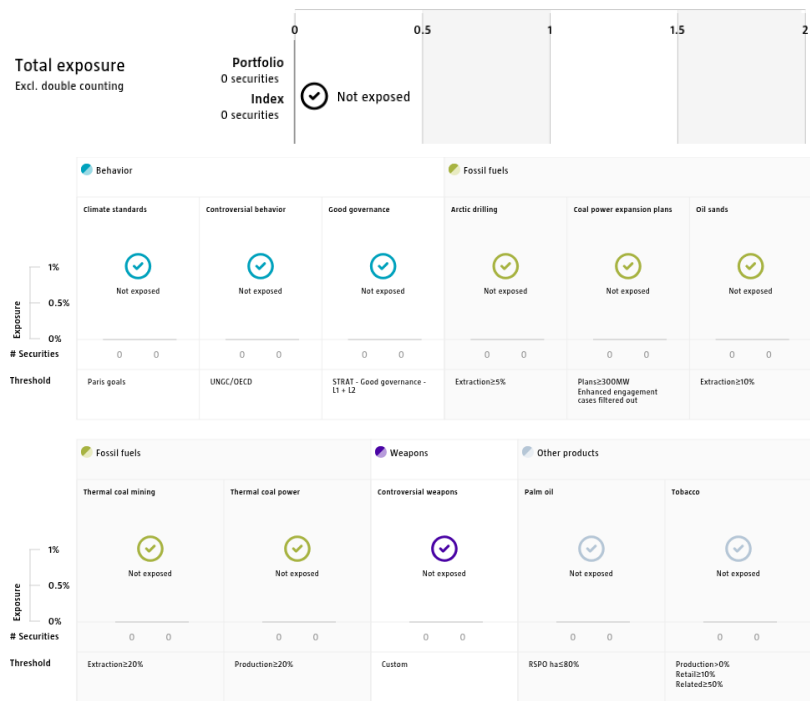
Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement. Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear 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)	7.19%	4	17
Environmental	3.19%	1	12
Social	0.00%	0	0
Governance	0.88%	1	2
Sustainable Development Goals	0.00%	0	0
Voting Related	6.30%	3	3
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](#)

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Key risks

- The value of shares is sensitive to market fluctuations, instrument prices, and changes in political, economic, or market conditions. The fund invests primarily in bonds issued by financial institutions. Adverse developments within this sector may materially affect the fund's value.
- The fund may use derivatives to achieve its investment objectives. These instruments can create leverage, increasing the fund's exposure to market fluctuations.
- A (derivative) counterparty may fail to fulfil its obligations. Counterparty risk is reduced by exchanging collateral.
- The fund invests in assets that could become less liquid in certain market conditions, which may affect their value.
- Sustainability risk factors may negatively impact investment returns. This fund promotes ESG characteristics but does not have a sustainability objective.

Fund manager's CV

Jan Willem de Moor is Portfolio Manager Investment Grade with a focus on European and financial bonds. Working together with the Insurance and Pensions Solutions team, he is also responsible for the management of buy & maintain portfolios. Prior to joining Robeco in 2005, he worked at the Dutch Medical professionals' pension fund as an Equity Portfolio Manager and at SNS Asset Management as an Equity Portfolio Manager. Jan Willem has been active in the industry since 1994. He holds a Master's in Economics from Tilburg University. Jan Willem Knoll is Portfolio Manager Investment Grade in the Credit team. He joined the Credit team in 2016 as Analyst for the Financials sector. Previously, Jan Willem headed the Financials Equity sell-side research team at ABN AMRO. He started his career in the industry in 1999 at APG, where he held several positions including Portfolio Manager of global insurance portfolio pan-European financials portfolios. Jan Willem holds a Master's in Business Economics from the University of Groningen and he is a CFA® Charterholder.

Team info

The Robeco Financial Institutions Bonds fund is managed within Robeco's credit team, which consists of nine portfolio managers and twenty-three credit analysts (of which four financials analysts). 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 dedicated quantitative researchers and fixed income traders. On average, the members of the credit team have an experience in the asset management industry of seventeen years, of which eight years with Robeco.

Fiscal product treatment

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