

# ROBECO

## Summary document

### Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco QI Global Multi-Factor Bonds

This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

The Sub-fund promotes the following E/S characteristics for investments in corporate bonds:

1. The Sub-fund promotes certain minimum environmental and social safeguards through applying exclusion criteria with regards to products and business practices that Robeco believes are detrimental to society, such as exposure to controversial behaviour, controversial weapons, and certain fossil fuel-related activities.
2. The Sub-fund promotes having a lower carbon footprint than the general market index referred to in Appendix VI – Benchmarks (the "General Market Index").
3. The Sub-fund promotes having a lower environmental footprint than the General Market Index.
4. The Sub-fund promotes adherence to and conducting business activities in accordance with the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labor Organization's (ILO) labor standards, the United Nations Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, by scrutinizing companies that violate these principles.
5. The Sub-fund promotes having a weighted average ESG score that is better than that of the corporate bonds in the General Market Index.
6. The Sub-fund promotes having a larger share of companies with a positive SDG score (1,2,3) in the portfolio than the General Market Index.

The Sub-fund has the following E/S characteristics for investments in government bonds:

1. The Sub-fund promotes certain minimum environmental and social safeguards through applying exclusion criteria with regards to products and business practices that Robeco believes are detrimental to society, such as exposure to controversial behaviour, controversial weapons, and certain fossil fuel-related activities. Robeco deems investing in government bonds (federal or local) of countries where serious violations of human rights or a collapse of the governance structure take place as unsustainable. In addition, Robeco will follow applicable sanctions of the UN, EU or US to which it is subject and follows any mandatory (investment) restrictions deriving therefrom.
2. The Sub-fund promotes investment in countries that perform well on the Robeco Country Sustainability Ranking. The Robeco Country Sustainability Ranking incorporates a wide range of ESG factors such as aging, corruption, social unrest, political risks and environmental risks.
3. The Sub-fund promotes having a lower carbon footprint than the government bonds in the General Market Index.

There is no reference benchmark designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund.

#### **Investment Strategy**

Robeco QI Global Multi-Factor Bonds is an actively managed fund that invests globally in bonds issued by governments, agencies and corporates. The selection of these bonds is based on a quantitative model as described in the Investment policy strategy paragraph in Appendix I of this Prospectus. The Sub-fund uses low-risk, quality, value, momentum and size factors to select the most attractive bonds. The strategy integrates sustainability indicators on a continuous basis as part of the investment selection process. Amongst others, the Sub-fund applies norms-based and activity-based exclusions, Robeco's good governance policy, Robeco's SDG framework and considers Principal Adverse Impacts in the investment process. More product-specific information can be found on our website and the links provided in the final question of this disclosure. In case of a rebalancing of the portfolio, the portfolio may temporarily, but no longer than 72 hours, deviate from its binding elements, with the exception of adherence to the exclusion policy that applies at all times.

#### **Benchmark**

Not applicable.

#### **Planned asset allocation**

The product plans to make a minimum amount of 10 sustainable investments. All investments are aligned with the E/S characteristics, with the exception of investments in the category "other" which are mostly cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Monitoring and due diligence**

Robeco has incorporated the sustainability aspects of the investment strategies into adequate investment due diligence processes and procedures for the selection and monitoring of investments, amongst others taking into account Robeco's risk appetite and sustainability

risk management policies. Portfolio managers and analysts are primarily responsible for conducting investment due diligence on their strategies on a daily basis. They are supported by independent monitoring, performed by the Financial Risk Management and Investment Restrictions departments.

## **Data sources, methodologies and limitations**

The product uses several sources for gathering sustainability data. Robeco scrutinises the data quality of each provider during due diligence assessments, that includes reviewing the data model, performing statistical checks and evaluating coverage. Data processing takes places in different forms, the preference is always to have data acquisition as automated as possible to avoid any operational risks or unnecessary human intervention.

Robeco maintains comprehensive methodology documents of our proprietary analytical frameworks on our website. In addition, for some social and environmental characteristics, Robeco relies on externally sourced content for which we aim to select the best of breed vendor for each of our target characteristics. The primary limitation to the methodology or data source is the lack of corporate disclosure. Like many other financial market participants, we struggle to find adequate information on the principal adverse indicators. To overcome this issue, Robeco has resorted to using multiple data providers, since each has its own respective strengths and weaknesses.

## **Engagement strategy**

The holdings of the fund are subject to Robeco's enhanced engagement program, that focuses on companies that severely breach minimum standards which Robeco has set out in terms of corporate behavior, climate and biodiversity. In evaluating corporate behavior, we expect companies to comply with internationally accepted codes of conduct for corporate governance, social responsibility, the environment and transparency such as the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. In the areas of climate change and biodiversity, we expect companies to make sufficient progress against Robeco's climate traffic light score or against the RSPO certification, respectively. The process for enhanced engagement theme selection is a formal part of our exclusion policy. Enhanced Engagement program includes the themes 'Global controversy', 'Acceleration to Paris', and 'Palm oil'.

In addition, the holdings of the fund are subject to the selection process of Robeco's value engagement program, that consists of a constructive dialogue between investors and investee companies to discuss how they manage ESG risks and opportunities, as well as stakeholder impact. Although this type of engagement is not directly related to the environmental or social investment strategy of the fund, it can be that adverse sustainability impacts are addressed via the value engagement program.

The governments and government-related agencies are subject to Robeco's engagement program as Robeco engages in public policy engagement. Engagement with governments, government related agencies, or regulators can add value to our engagement program. Therefore, we take part in consultations and provide feedback on regulations that facilitate a better or level playing field for ESG issues. Engagement is never intended to unduly influence the political process and Robeco only conducts engagement on public policy where it is deemed appropriate and transparent. Most of our engagement activities on this topic are coordinated through the various investor associations and collaborative groups of which we are members (for example AGCA and Eumedion). Policy engagements that are done via these collaborative platforms can be relevant from an equity investor perspective, from a bondholder perspective, or from both perspectives.

Although policy engagements are not directly related to the environmental or social investment strategy of the fund, it can be that adverse sustainability impacts are addressed via engagement program.