



Investing in efficient management and use of natural resources



CHF 1.2 billion assets under management



Experienced team of specialized thematic investment professionals

The RobecoSAM Smart Materials Equities strategy focuses on innovative materials and process technologies that help optimize the use of limited natural resources within industries while supporting economic growth.

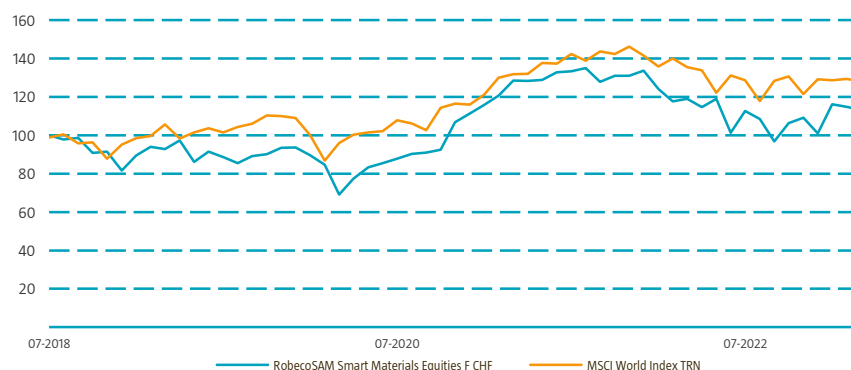
## STRATEGY

- **Sustainable trend foresight** Invests in the transformation of the manufacturing supply chain through sustainable innovation.
- **High conviction** Invest in innovative companies and solution providers across the smart materials value chain.
- **Sustainability** Integration of ESG criteria throughout the investment process.
- **Sustainable Development Goals** Invests in companies that advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## WHY INVEST IN THIS FUND?

- ① **Forward-looking concept** Balances efficient use of natural resources with the demands of global growth and industrialization.
- ② **Focus areas** Invests in the transformation of the manufacturing supply chain by focusing on sustainable ingenuity and innovation.
- ③ **A reliable partner** As pioneers in sustainability investing, clients benefit from seasoned expertise in thematic research, investment analysis, and product development.

### Performance at 31/03/2023



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### Materials of the future

The earth's natural capital is steadily decreasing even as populations and industrial growth is increasing. But it doesn't have to be a zero-sum game, where growth comes at the expense of the environment. Human ingenuity and technological innovation are creating a new paradigm that balances economic growth with resource preservation.

The strategy focuses on capturing the benefits of technological advances in transformational materials, processing techniques, and end-of-life management that are transforming the industrial manufacturing value chain, making it possible to produce more with less cost and fewer inputs. Substituting resource-intensive materials with those that are more resource and energy efficient to produce and operate is contributing to the decarbonization of transportation and the built environment; computer-aided design and 3D printing are helping design products in the lab before resources are wasted on the factory floor; robotics and automation are increasing productivity and improving throughput efficiency in the manufacturing process; and end-of-life management saves virgin resources by re-using and recycling discarded outputs for new manufacturing cycles.



Pieter Busscher CFA

'The Smart Materials strategy capitalizes on the creative destruction unleashed by innovative companies to disrupt and transform industrial manufacturing for a sustainable future.'

## FUND FACTS

|                             |                                          |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Name of fund</b>         | RobecoSAM Smart Materials Equities F CHF |
| <b>Fund manager(s)</b>      | Pieter Busscher CFA                      |
| <b>Index</b>                | MSCI World Index TRN                     |
| <b>First quotation date</b> | 29-Oct-2020                              |
| <b>Ongoing charges</b>      | 1.00%                                    |
| <b>Tradable</b>             | Daily                                    |
| <b>Management fee</b>       | 0.75%                                    |
| <b>Service fee</b>          | 0.16%                                    |
| <b>ISIN</b>                 | LU2145464181                             |

### Performance at 31/03/2023

|                        | Returns |        |        |
|------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
|                        | Fund    | Index  | Excess |
| March                  | -1.40%  | 0.48%  | -1.88% |
| Last quarter           | 12.06%  | 6.37%  | 5.69%  |
| 1-Year                 | -4.86%  | -7.70% | 2.84%  |
| 3-Year (ann.)          | 17.86%  | 14.19% | 3.67%  |
| Since inception (ann.) | 3.33%   | 6.21%  | -2.89% |

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