

## Robeco Next Digital Billion I USD

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**Michiel van Voorst CFA, Bryan Satterly**  
Fund manager since 14-09-2021

### Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	-2.43%	-1.13%
3 m	-6.96%	-4.74%
Ytd	2.16%	2.78%
1 Year	-8.48%	-6.51%
Since 09-2021	-37.66%	-13.79%

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
2022	-43.32%	-20.09%

Annualized (years)

### Index

MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, USD)

### General facts

Type of fund	Equities
Currency	USD
Total size of fund	USD 10,109,316
Size of share class	USD 13,649
Outstanding shares	295
1st quotation date	14-09-2021
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.97%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	-
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.
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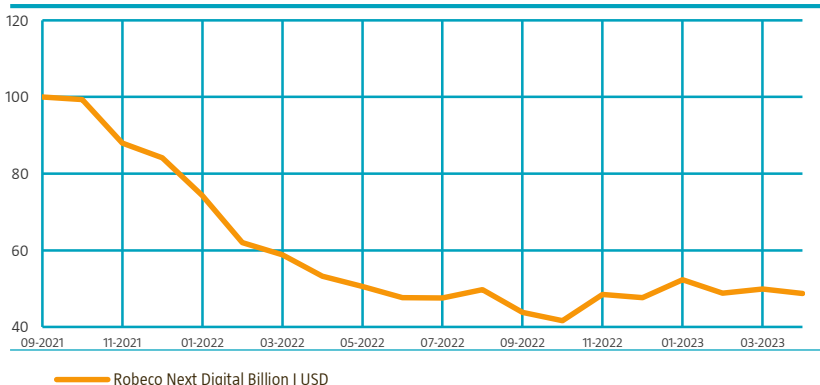
### Sustainability profile

- Exclusions
- ESG Integration
- Voting & Engagement

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

### Performance

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



### Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -2.43%.

Internet platforms contributed negatively to performance during April, reverting the positive trend that was ongoing for the category since a couple of months. The largest detractor was Baidu, which was down 22%. The online consumer & media sector also made a negative contribution, as the Chinese market experienced weakness across all local stocks in the segment. In the mobility/e-logistics category, the largest holding, ESR Group, experienced a decline of 13% for the month, which contributed significantly to its negative performance. The B2B/enterprise-focused portion of the portfolio continued to contribute negatively this month, as our biggest position in this category, EPAM, dropped 6%. On the flip side, fintech and ICT & enablers made positive contributions, with the former driven by the announcement of two non-binding PE offers to take Network private.

### Market development

The Next Digital Billion Fund slightly underperformed the reference index. There was notable volatility due to various factors, such as regulations in the Chinese AI market and ongoing geopolitical tensions. The underperformance of Robeco Next Digital Billion was mostly driven by our exposure in Chinese tech. April markets in China were brutally shaken by the release of a draft regulation on generative AI by the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC). This resulted in a broad sell-off of Chinese AI-beneficiaries' stocks, including our mega-cap holdings Tencent and Baidu. Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, our investments in Latin America showed strong momentum in April. Taking a more comprehensive view on the region, Brazil as a whole continues to experience extreme volatility, with rotating months of outperformance and weakness. While all those moving parts are clearly shaking up the Brazilian market, we see this volatility as an opportunity to trade around our positions and make profit.

### Expectation of fund manager

We are confident about the strong operational performance demonstrated by our current portfolio holdings, even in the face of potential volatility in the near future. As demand begins to recover, we are taking proactive steps to position our portfolio strategically and capitalize on emerging opportunities in different geographic regions. Within our high conviction approach, we remain diversified across geographies. We continue to be excited by the long-term investment opportunities that our strategy offers and search for new investment ideas even in these turbulent times.

### Top 10 largest positions

The largest five positions are Airtel Africa PLC, MercadoLibre Inc, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, Prosus and Shenzhen Transsion Holdings.

### Fund price

30-04-23	USD	46.27
High Ytd (02-02-23)	USD	51.24
Low Ytd (20-03-23)	USD	44.33

### Fees

Management fee	0.80%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.16%
Expected transaction costs	0.08%

### Legal status

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

Issue structure	Open-end
UCITS V	Yes
Share class	I USD

This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV.

### Registered in

Luxembourg, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom

### Currency policy

The fund can engage in currency hedging transactions. Typically currency hedging is not applied.

### Risk management

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

### Dividend policy

The fund does not distribute dividend. The fund retains any income that is earned and so its entire performance is reflected in its share price.

### Fund codes

ISIN	LU2368226218
Bloomberg	RONDBIU LX
Valoren	113770607

### Top 10 largest positions

#### Holdings

Airtel Africa PLC
MercadoLibre Inc
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd
Prosus NV
Shenzhen Transsion Holdings Co Ltd
StoneCo Ltd
Reliance Industries Ltd
Sea Ltd ADR
Kaspi.KZ JSC GDR
EPAM Systems Inc
<b>Total</b>

Sector	%
Communication Services	5.44
Consumer Discretionary	5.11
Consumer Discretionary	4.91
Consumer Discretionary	4.87
Information Technology	4.72
Financials	4.31
Energy	4.29
Communication Services	4.19
Financials	4.13
Information Technology	4.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.08</b>

### Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	46.08%
TOP 20	75.15%
TOP 30	89.38%

### 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.

### Asset Allocation

Asset allocation		
Equity		97.0%
Cash		3.0%

### Sector allocation

The fund does not have a sector allocation policy. The fund invests into high-growth, publicly listed companies that cater to the previous and next billion internet users. The portfolio is based on a differentiated universe of high-growth companies, containing segments like internet platforms, fintechs, technology enablers and online consumer and media.

Sector allocation			Deviation index	
Financials	<div><div></div></div>	25.2%	<div><div></div></div>	3.0%
Consumer Discretionary	<div><div></div></div>	22.2%	<div><div></div></div>	9.2%
Communication Services	<div><div></div></div>	21.3%	<div><div></div></div>	11.2%
Information Technology	<div><div></div></div>	20.2%	<div><div></div></div>	0.5%
Real Estate	<div><div></div></div>	4.8%	<div><div></div></div>	2.9%
Energy	<div><div></div></div>	4.3%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.7%
Consumer Staples	<div><div></div></div>	1.9%	<div><div></div></div>	-4.7%
Industrials	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-6.2%
Health Care	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-3.9%
Utilities	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-2.7%
Materials	<div><div></div></div>	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-8.8%

### Regional allocation

The fund's regional allocation is the result of the bottom-up stock selection strategy, where some holdings have been obtained through positions in ADRs and/or GDRs.

Regional allocation		Deviation index	
Asia	<div><div></div></div> 53.6%	<div><div></div></div>	-24.5%
America	<div><div></div></div> 26.8%	<div><div></div></div>	18.1%
Europe	<div><div></div></div> 18.6%	<div><div></div></div>	16.4%
Middle East	<div><div></div></div> 1.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-6.4%
Africa	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-3.6%

### Currency allocation

The portfolio itself does not use currency hedges. The currency allocation is based on the listings of the investments of the portfolio, where some holdings have been obtained through positions in ADRs and/or GDRs.

Currency allocation			Deviation index	
U.S. Dollar	<div><div></div></div>	30.7%	<div><div></div></div>	29.3%
Hong Kong Dollar	<div><div></div></div>	23.4%	<div><div></div></div>	-1.4%
Pound Sterling	<div><div></div></div>	8.2%	<div><div></div></div>	8.2%
Chinese Renminbi (Yuan)	<div><div></div></div>	7.6%	<div><div></div></div>	2.2%
Indian Rupee	<div><div></div></div>	7.1%	<div><div></div></div>	-6.6%
Euro	<div><div></div></div>	5.5%	<div><div></div></div>	5.1%
Singapore Dollar	<div><div></div></div>	5.0%	<div><div></div></div>	5.0%
Kazakhstan Tenge	<div><div></div></div>	4.0%	<div><div></div></div>	4.0%
Philippine Peso	<div><div></div></div>	2.8%	<div><div></div></div>	2.1%
Brasilian Real	<div><div></div></div>	2.7%	<div><div></div></div>	-2.3%
Egyptian Pound	<div><div></div></div>	0.9%	<div><div></div></div>	0.8%
Indonesian Rupiah	<div><div></div></div>	0.7%	<div><div></div></div>	-1.3%
Other	<div><div></div></div>	1.2%	<div><div></div></div>	-45.2%

### Investment policy

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### Fund manager's CV

Michiel van Voorst is Co-Portfolio Manager within the Trends Equities team. He has a focus on financials/fintech/next digital billion. In 2019, Michiel rejoined Robeco from Union Bancaire Privée in Hong Kong where he was CIO Asian Equities. Prior to that, Michiel spent 12 years at Robeco in several senior positions including senior portfolio manager Rolinco Global Growth fund and Robeco Asian Stars. Prior to joining Robeco in 2005, Michiel was Portfolio Manager US Equity at PGGM and Economist with Rabobank Netherlands. Michiel started his career in the investment industry in 1996. Michiel van Voorst holds a Master's in Economics from University of Utrecht and is a CFA® charterholder. Bryan Satterly is Portfolio Manager Next Digital Billion and a member of the Robeco Trends Equities team. Prior to this role, Bryan was an investment manager for Robeco's Private Equity group where he was responsible for group exposures in emerging markets, venture capital and co-investments. He joined Robeco in 2018. Before that he was an investment analyst in Washington D.C. for the Venture Capital Group at IFC, the World Bank Group's private sector investment arm, investing into technology companies across emerging markets. He started his career in 2013 as an investment banking analyst at BMO Capital Markets in New York, working on a variety of equity, debt and M&A transactions in the Healthcare and Real Estate sectors. Bryan holds a Bachelor's degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington D.C.

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