

RobecoSAM Global SDG Credits Z EUR

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Victor Verberk, Reinout Schapers
Fund manager since 01-04-2019

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	-0.40%	-0.43%
3 m	-1.08%	-0.98%
Ytd	0.97%	1.20%
1 Year	-4.34%	-4.41%
2 Years	-2.67%	-2.52%
3 Years	-1.88%	-2.21%
Since 02-2019	1.83%	1.07%

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	-11.15%	-11.26%
2021	4.29%	4.48%
2020	3.93%	1.25%
2020-2022	-1.25%	-2.09%

Annualized (years)

Index

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporates Index

General facts

Morningstar	★★★★
Type of fund	Bonds
Currency	EUR
Total size of fund	EUR 2,100,162,861
Size of share class	EUR 361,071,011
Outstanding shares	3,345,321
1st quotation date	13-02-2019
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.01%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	5.00%
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.
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Sustainability profile

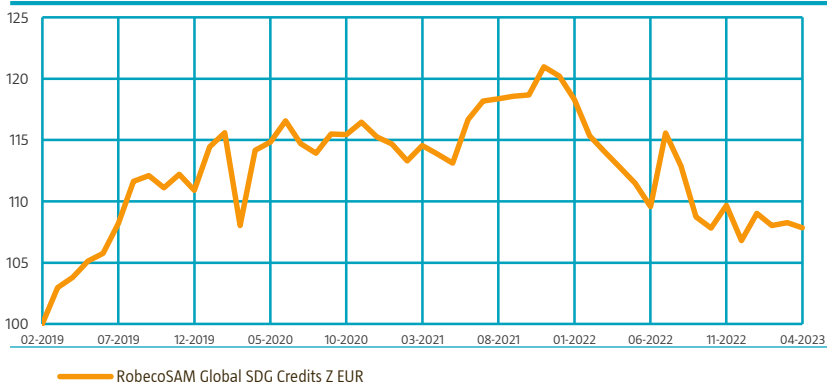
- Exclusions+
- ESG Integration
- Target Universe



For more information on exclusions see <https://www.robeco.com/exclusions/>
For more information on target universe methodology see <https://www.robeco.com/si>

Performance

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



Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -0.40%.

The Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index returned 0.63% (hedged in euro) this month. Excess returns for the index were 1.18%. The credit spread on the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index tightened from 153 to 149 basis points for the month. Underlying yields remained more or less the same. German 10-year yields widened by 2 basis points to 2.31%, while US 10-year yields tightened by 4 basis points to 3.42%. The fund outperformed the index. Our top-down position contributed positively to our performance, which was partially offset by our issuer selection. Euro cash bonds underperformed dollar-denominated bonds, resulting in a negative contribution for the month due to our overweight euro bonds. There was no significant performance difference between positive and negative SDG-rated issuers. Issuers that contributed to performance were NatWest Group due to a rating upgrade, TenneT, Holcim and Crédit Agricole. Names that detracted from performance were Western Digital, Deutsche Bank, Suzano and Charter Communications.

Market development

In April, financial markets were relatively quiet and credit spreads traded in a narrow range, as broad measures of volatility including VIX and MOVE trended lower. Problems in the US regional banking sector continued to pop up. First Republic Bank, which is mainly active in the market for wealthy clients, was the latest victim. The bank faces similar issues as other regional banks, with large unrealized losses on "assets held to maturity". In March, a group of US banks provided USD 30 bln of uninsured deposits to shore up liquidity. This did not turn the tide for First Republic and the bank was ultimately acquired by JPMorgan in a transaction organized by the US government. Most company earnings exceeded expectations, as the latter had been guided down to relatively low levels. Inflation remains above target levels in both Europe and the US, while tighter bank lending standards led to questions about the number of rate hikes to come. In the real estate sector there continue to be defaults in office property loans due to rising vacancy rates, higher interest rates and tighter lending standards. Primary markets were relatively subdued due to the earnings calendar, despite lower rate and spread volatility.

Expectation of fund manager

Central banks have been experimenting with monetary policy for years – and have invented a lot of new monetary instruments and strategies along the way. The result has been low or negative yields for way too long. The economic system created debt in all corners of society. A fast and aggressive hiking cycle will for sure reveal many problems. All time-series show a recession could start somewhere toward the end of the year – and we believe central banks will cause one. Recent developments in the banking sector will lead to more tightening lending standards, which will put additional pressure on the economy. We do believe risks are more skewed to the US market this time. Our concern is with leveraged sectors that might be rate sensitive like covenant-lite leveraged loans, real estate, and CLOs. We are far enough into the business and rate cycle that when markets become too bearish, buying on the dip makes sense. This time, the sell-off in AT-1 and subordinated financials led to excessive risk premiums and a buying opportunity in that segment. Valuations for non-financials are less attractive and valuations for cyclicals are not fully reflecting recession risks at the moment.

Top 10 largest positions

In our portfolio management, the most relevant issuer positions are those measured in risk points (weight x spread x duration). The largest positions consist of a mix of financials and industrials. Often, we have more than one bond holding in a specific name. Top financial holdings are Deutsche Bank, Raiffeisen Bank, and Barclays. Top corporate holdings are Charter Communications, Western Digital and ZF Friedrichshafen AG.

Fund price

30-04-23	EUR	107.93
High Ytd (07-02-23)	EUR	110.09
Low Ytd (01-03-23)	EUR	107.12

Fees

Management fee	0.00%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.00%
Expected transaction costs	0.04%

Legal status

Investment company with variable capital incorporated under Luxembourg law (SICAV)
 Issue structure Open-end
 UCITS V Yes
 Share class Z EUR
 This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV.

Registered in

Luxembourg

Currency policy

Currency risks are not 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

The fund make use of derivatives for hedging purposes as well as for investment purposes.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU1945298997
Bloomberg	RGSDZEU LX
Valoren	46502865

Top 10 largest positions

Holdings

Deutsche Bank AG
 Barclays PLC
 Morgan Stanley
 Banco Santander SA
 Societe Generale SA
 JPMorgan Chase & Co
 Bank of America Corp
 HSBC Holdings PLC
 BNP Paribas SA
 CaixaBank SA
Total

Sector	%
Financials	1.78
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Financials	1.78
Financials	1.71
Financials	1.71
Financials	1.64
Financials	1.49
Financials	1.41
Financials	1.33
Financials	1.31
Total	15.93

Statistics

	3 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	1.01
Information ratio	0.34
Sharpe ratio	-0.31
Alpha (%)	0.41
Beta	1.03
Standard deviation	6.23
Max. monthly gain (%)	5.50
Max. monthly loss (%)	-3.68

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Hit ratio

	3 Years
Months outperformance	19
Hit ratio (%)	52.8
Months Bull market	14
Months outperformance Bull	7
Hit ratio Bull (%)	50.0
Months Bear market	22
Months Outperformance Bear	12
Hit ratio Bear (%)	54.5

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Characteristics

	Fund	Index
Rating	A2/A3	A3/BAA1
Option Adjusted Modified Duration (years)	6.2	6.2
Maturity (years)	7.1	8.8
Yield to Worst (%)	5.3	4.9
Green Bonds (%)	10.3	4.0

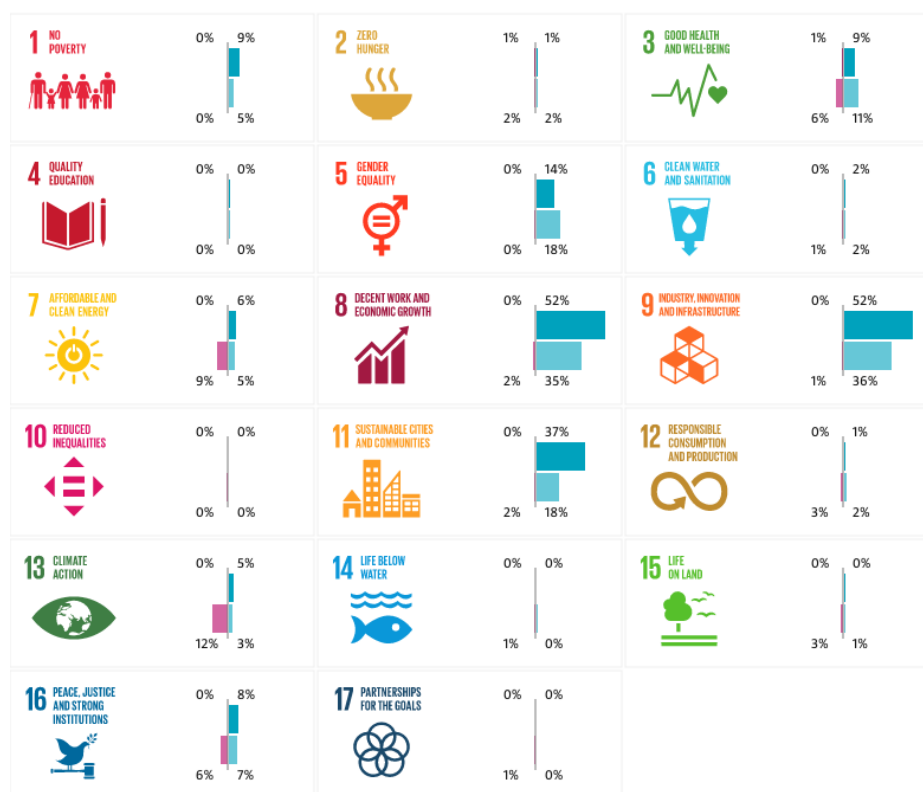
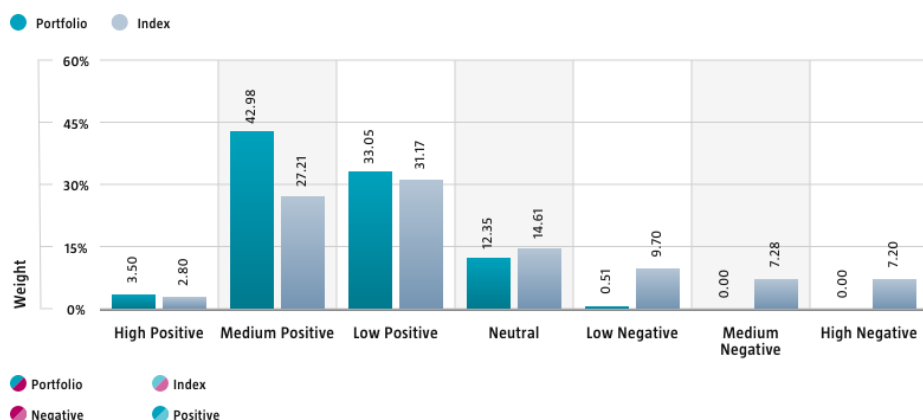
Sustainability

Sustainability is incorporated in the investment process by the means of a target universe, exclusions, ESG integration, and a minimum allocation to ESG-labeled bonds. The fund solely invests in credits issued by companies with a positive or neutral impact on the SDGs. The impact of issuers on the SDGs is determined by applying Robeco's internally developed three-step SDG Framework. The outcome is a quantified contribution expressed as an SDG score, considering both the contribution to the SDGs (positive, neutral or negative) and the extent of this contribution (high, medium or low). In addition, 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. ESG factors are integrated in the bottom-up security analysis to assess the impact of financially material ESG risk on the issuer's fundamental credit quality. Furthermore, the fund invests at least 10% in green, social, sustainable, and/or sustainability-linked bonds. Lastly, where a credit issuer is flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to exclusion.

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, which utilizes a three-step approach to assess a company's impact alignment with the relevant SDGs, provides a methodology for assigning companies with an 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. If the data set does not cover the full portfolio, the figures shown above each impact level sum to the coverage level to reflect the data coverage of the portfolio, with minimal deviations that reflect rounding. Weights < 0.5% will show as 0. If an index has been selected, the same figures are also provided for the index.

For more information, please visit <https://www.robeco.com/docm/docu-brochure-robecosam-sdg-framework.pdf>



Sector allocation

The sector allocation is to a large extent driven by bottom-up issuer selection. The fund is overweight in European financials, both banking and insurance. To us, the problems at US regional banks like SVB are issuer-specific, but markets started to worry about banks that were facing deposit outflows in particular. Banks' capitalizations are significantly better now than a decade ago and large banks benefit from ample liquidity. The fund is underweight REITs, as higher (re-)financing costs, higher vacancies at CREs and revaluations are putting pressure on their business models. Our overweight in basic industry is in companies with favorable supply-demand dynamics and beneficial positions on their cost curves. We have underweight positions in consumer non-cyclical, energy and utilities. Either because the sectors are relatively expensive or as a result of negative SDG scores.

Sector allocation		Deviation index	
Financials	48.0%	8.7%	
Industrials	34.4%	-17.7%	
Utilities	4.4%	-4.2%	
Covered	2.7%	2.7%	
Agencies	2.5%	2.5%	
Treasuries	2.5%	2.5%	
Supranational	0.2%	0.2%	
Local Authorities	0.1%	0.1%	
Cash and other instruments	5.1%	5.1%	

Currency denomination allocation

Our currency positioning over different foreign currencies is the result of our beta positioning, sector themes, and issuer selection. The remainder is held in cash. All currency exposure is hedged back to the Bloomberg Aggregate Corporate Index. Euro cash bonds underperformed dollar bonds in terms of risk-adjusted excess returns for the month. The funds hold an overweight position in Euro bonds.

Currency denomination allocation		Deviation index	
U.S. Dollar	46.8%	-20.9%	
Euro	40.5%	17.1%	
Pound Sterling	7.6%	3.6%	
Canadian Dollar	0.0%	-3.3%	
Japanese Yen	0.0%	-0.7%	
Australian Dollar	0.0%	-0.4%	
Swiss Franc	0.0%	-0.4%	

Duration allocation

The duration of the portfolio was similar to that of the index.

Duration allocation		Deviation index	
U.S. Dollar	4.6	0.0	
Euro	1.1	0.0	
Pound Sterling	0.3	0.0	
Canadian Dollar	0.2	0.0	

Rating allocation

We have a preference for specific rating buckets throughout the credit cycle. Our positioning over the different buckets is therefore the result of beta positioning, sector themes and issuer selection. Positions vary from emerging credits, high-yield rated countries, subordinated bonds and rising stars. Currently, the fund is underweight investment grade credits and overweight BB credits. Within investment grade rating buckets, we have a neutral position in AA-rated credits and higher.

Rating allocation		Deviation index	
AAA	4.9%	4.0%	
AA	8.1%	0.5%	
A	26.4%	-16.4%	
BAA	46.1%	-2.6%	
BA	9.1%	9.1%	
B	0.2%	0.2%	
Cash and other instruments	5.1%	5.1%	

Subordination allocation

In the allocation to the capital structure, we favor the bonds with the most risk-adjusted performance potential, while taking into account the beta, sector themes, and the credit cycle. The exposure that we do have to subordinated bonds is limited to only positions that have both a good fundamental outlook and a good bond structure.

Subordination type allocation		Deviation index	
Senior	72.8%	-20.4%	
Tier 2	13.1%	8.2%	
Tier 1	5.0%	4.9%	
Hybrid	3.3%	1.6%	
Subordinated	0.7%	0.7%	
Cash and other instruments	5.1%	5.1%	

Investment policy

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Fund manager's CV

Victor Verberk is CIO Fixed Income and Sustainability and Portfolio Manager Investment Grade Credits. Prior to joining Robeco in 2008, Victor was CIO at Holland Capital Management. Before that, he was Head of Fixed Income at MN Services and Portfolio Manager Credits at AXA Investment Managers. He has been active in the industry since 1997. Victor holds a Master's in Business Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam and he is a Certified European Financial Analyst. Reinout Schapers is Co-Head Portfolio Management Investment Grade in the Credit team. Prior to joining Robeco in 2011, Reinout worked at Aegon Asset Management where he was a Head of European High Yield. Before that, he worked at Rabo Securities as an M&A Associate and at Credit Suisse First Boston as an Analyst Corporate Finance. Reinout has been active in the industry since 2003. He holds a Master's in Architecture from the Delft University of Technology.

Fiscal product treatment

The fund is established in Luxembourg and is subject to the Luxembourg tax laws and regulations. The fund is not liable to pay any corporation, income, dividend or capital gains tax in Luxembourg. The fund is subject to an annual subscription tax ('tax d'abonnement') in Luxembourg, which amounts to 0.05% of the net asset value of the fund. This tax is included in the net asset value of the fund. The fund can in principle use the Luxembourg treaty network to partially recover any withholding tax on its income.

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