

## Robeco Sustainable Emerging Stars Equities D USD

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Fund manager since 05-09-2019

### Performance

|               | Fund   | Index  |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| 1 m           | 3.84%  | 2.99%  |
| 3 m           | 6.61%  | 4.73%  |
| Ytd           | 47.21% | 33.57% |
| 1 Year        | 47.21% | 33.57% |
| 2 Years       | 18.75% | 19.83% |
| 3 Years       | 15.72% | 16.40% |
| 5 Years       | 4.19%  | 4.20%  |
| Since 09-2019 | 8.12%  | 7.98%  |

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      | 47.21%  | 33.57%  |
| 2024      | -4.21%  | 7.50%   |
| 2023      | 9.89%   | 9.83%   |
| 2022      | -18.52% | -20.09% |
| 2021      | -2.78%  | -2.54%  |
| 2023-2025 | 15.72%  | 16.40%  |
| 2021-2025 | 4.19%   | 4.20%   |

Annualized (years)

**Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The value of your investments may fluctuate.** If the currency in which the past performance is displayed differs from the currency of the country in which you reside, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance shown may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency. Performance since inception is as of the first full month. Periods shorter than one year are not annualized. Returns net of fees, based on transaction prices.

### Index

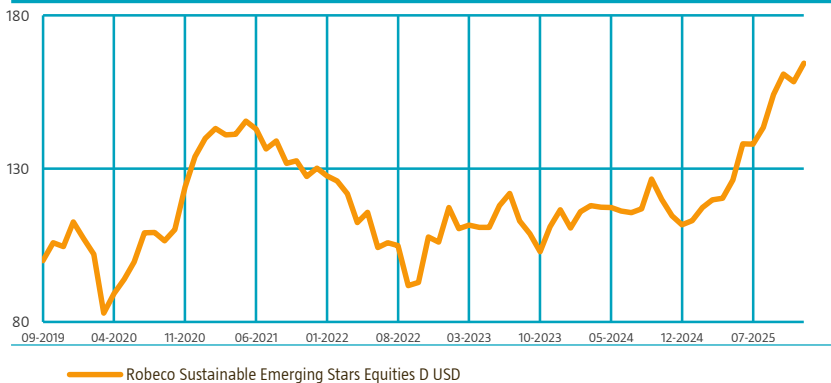
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, USD)

### General facts

|                              |                                            |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Morningstar                  | ★★★★                                       |
| Type of fund                 | Equities                                   |
| Currency                     | USD                                        |
| Total size of fund           | USD 497,805,775                            |
| Size of share class          | USD 849,688                                |
| Outstanding shares           | 5,188                                      |
| 1st quotation date           | 05-09-2019                                 |
| Close financial year         | 31-12                                      |
| Ongoing charges              | 1.75%                                      |
| Daily tradable               | Yes                                        |
| Dividend paid                | No                                         |
| Ex-ante tracking error limit | -                                          |
| Management company           | Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V. |

### Performance

Indexed value (until 31-12-2025) - Source: Robeco



### Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was 3.84%.

In December, the fund outperformed the MSCI Emerging Market Index. Country allocation was the main positive driver. Positive country allocation was driven by South Korea (overweight), India (underweight), South Africa (overweight) and China (underweight). Negative stock selection was driven by holdings in China, where Alibaba (e-commerce), Haier Smart Home (home appliances), Vipshop (online retailer), PICC P&C (insurance), Yadea (e-scooters) and China Resources Land (property developer) underperformed. The Brazilian holdings also lagged, with Sendas Distribuidora (hypermarkets), TIM (telecom) and Itaú Unibanco (bank). As memory prices continue to strengthen, the semiconductor names in South Korea contributed positively, such as Samsung Electronics. Negative contribution from not owning SK hynix (semiconductors) was more than counterbalanced by the positive performance of SK Square (holding company of SK hynix). The position in Hyundai Mobis (South Korean auto parts) and not owning Tencent (Chinese internet) contributed positively. Furthermore, other stocks that made a meaningful positive contribution in December were CTBC (Taiwanese bank) and Vinhomes (Vietnamese property developer).

### Market development

Emerging markets equities delivered a strong finish to 2025, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index rising 1.8% (euros) in December, thereby outperforming developed markets, which declined 0.4%. Performance in December was highly divergent across the various regions, driven by a mix of AI-fueled tech rallies in Asia and idiosyncratic political risks in Latin America. The Fed cut rates by 25 bps, as widely expected. The central banks in India, Mexico, Chile, Saudi Arabia, Poland and Turkey also cut interest rates in December. South Korea outperformed due to renewed AI infrastructure demand and tech sector strength. South Africa benefited from strong precious metal prices (gold reaching record highs), while Chile did well due to a surge in copper prices and the election victory of the far-right candidate Jose Kast. Other markets that did well were Peru and Poland. Markets that lagged were Saudi Arabia, India, Indonesia and China. Brazil also underperformed due to renewed fiscal concerns and election jitters, as President Lula's position remains stronger than expected, while opposition is not able to put forward a credible opponent yet.

### Expectation of fund manager

The US remains a source of uncertainty in today's global economy with rising fiscal deficits, higher US import tariffs and erratic policy making. However, as the majority of earnings from emerging companies is domestically focused, we think the US itself will be most impacted. Global investors seem likely to diversify away from the US, which so far has resulted in a weaker US dollar. With the current America First focus, emerging markets are having to rely more on their own domestic policies and growth opportunities. We expect higher structural economic growth compared to developed markets, while macroeconomic stability has significantly improved. Emerging equity markets' valuations have become attractive relative to developed markets with discounts of more than 30% based on earnings multiples. Expected earnings growth is 13% for this year and 18% for next year, both above developed markets.

### Top 10 largest positions

TSMC and Samsung Electronics are two globally leading technology companies that combine good growth prospects with attractive valuations. Alibaba is China's leading e-commerce company, and is also one of the leaders in cloud services and AI development in China. Naspers and Prosus are South Africa/Netherlands-listed holding companies for Tencent and several other internet companies across emerging markets, and are trading at a large discount to the underlying value. SK Square is a holding company for memory chip company SK hynix, and is also trading at a large discount, while the underlying business is performing very strongly. The other top ten holdings come from various industries; we see attractive valuations, high or better-than-expected growth opportunities and a positive sustainability profile for all.

### Fund price

|                     |     |        |
|---------------------|-----|--------|
| 31-12-25            | USD | 163.79 |
| High Ytd (30-12-25) | USD | 164.02 |
| Low Ytd (08-04-25)  | USD | 105.11 |

### Fees

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Management fee  | 1.50%  |
| Performance fee | 15.00% |
| Service fee     | 0.20%  |

### Legal status

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

### Registered in

Belgium, Luxembourg

### Currency policy

To reduce any possibility of large currency deviations relative to the benchmark which heighten the level of risk, the fund may bring exposure into line with the currency weights of the benchmark by carrying out currency forward transactions.

### Risk management

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

### Dividend policy

In principle the fund does not intend to distribute dividend and so both the income earned by the fund and its overall performance are reflected in its share price.

### Fund codes

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| ISIN      | LU2035182935 |
| Bloomberg | ROESDU LX    |
| Valoren   | 49964700     |

### Top 10 largest positions

#### Holdings

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Lt  
 Samsung Electronics Co Ltd  
 SK Square Co Ltd  
 Alibaba Group Holding Ltd  
 Itau Unibanco Holding SA ADR  
 Hyundai Mobis Co Ltd  
 Naspers Ltd  
 Hana Financial Group Inc  
 Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Ltd  
 Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Pref  
**Total**

| Sector                 | %            |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Information Technology | 9.93         |
| Information Technology | 4.98         |
| Industrials            | 4.79         |
| Consumer Discretionary | 4.24         |
| Financials             | 3.61         |
| Consumer Discretionary | 3.40         |
| Consumer Discretionary | 3.36         |
| Financials             | 3.09         |
| Industrials            | 3.02         |
| Information Technology | 2.72         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>43.14</b> |

Holdings are subject to change. This is not a buy, sell or hold recommendation for any particular security. The securities shown here are for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment strategy on the date stated above. It cannot be guaranteed the same securities will be considered in the future. No reference can be made to the future development of the securities.

### Top 10/20/30 weights

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| TOP 10 | 43.14% |
| TOP 20 | 65.75% |
| TOP 30 | 82.80% |

### Key risk figures

|                            | 3 Years | 5 Years |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Tracking error ex-post (%) | 4.90    | 4.94    |
| Information ratio          | 0.32    | 0.37    |
| Sharpe ratio               | 0.81    | 0.15    |
| Alpha (%)                  | 0.09    | 1.92    |
| Beta                       | 1.14    | 1.12    |
| Standard deviation         | 16.16   | 17.79   |
| Max. monthly gain (%)      | 11.02   | 16.88   |
| Max. monthly loss (%)      | -7.76   | -13.09  |

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns

### Hit ratio

|                            | 3 Years | 5 Years |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Months outperformance      | 20      | 32      |
| Hit ratio (%)              | 55.6    | 53.3    |
| Months Bull market         | 25      | 36      |
| Months outperformance Bull | 16      | 22      |
| Hit ratio Bull (%)         | 64.0    | 61.1    |
| Months Bear market         | 11      | 24      |
| Months Outperformance Bear | 4       | 10      |
| Hit ratio Bear (%)         | 36.4    | 41.7    |

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## Asset Allocation

| Asset allocation |  |       |
|------------------|--|-------|
| Equity           |  | 98.8% |
| Cash             |  | 1.2%  |

## Sector allocation

In December, the weight in industrials, healthcare and information technology increased, while the weight in financials and consumer discretionary decreased. Financials, consumer discretionary and information technology remain the largest sectors in the fund. In these sectors we find the best opportunities for companies that combine good growth prospects, attractive valuations and positive sustainability.

| Sector allocation      |                              | Deviation index              |  |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Financials             | <div><div></div></div> 31.1% | <div><div></div></div> 8.8%  |  |
| Information Technology | <div><div></div></div> 22.9% | <div><div></div></div> -5.4% |  |
| Consumer Discretionary | <div><div></div></div> 22.7% | <div><div></div></div> 11.0% |  |
| Industrials            | <div><div></div></div> 7.8%  | <div><div></div></div> 0.8%  |  |
| Communication Services | <div><div></div></div> 3.6%  | <div><div></div></div> -5.7% |  |
| Real Estate            | <div><div></div></div> 3.2%  | <div><div></div></div> 1.9%  |  |
| Utilities              | <div><div></div></div> 3.2%  | <div><div></div></div> 0.9%  |  |
| Health Care            | <div><div></div></div> 2.0%  | <div><div></div></div> -1.1% |  |
| Consumer Staples       | <div><div></div></div> 1.9%  | <div><div></div></div> -1.8% |  |
| Materials              | <div><div></div></div> 1.6%  | <div><div></div></div> -5.5% |  |
| Energy                 | <div><div></div></div> 0.0%  | <div><div></div></div> -3.9% |  |

## Country allocation

In December, the weight in South Korea, South Africa, Taiwan and Vietnam increased, while the weight in Brazil, China, India and Mexico decreased. In December, the fund continued to build up a position in WuXi AppTec, the Chinese healthcare company. WuXi AppTec is benefiting from a global pharma outsourcing trend and growth in obesity drugs. It scores well on sustainability and trades at attractive valuation. Furthermore, the fund bought a position in Trip.com, based out of China. Growth in Chinese travel and market share gain by Trip.com does bode well for an improving earnings growth outlook, providing upside on our valuation framework. China, South Korea and Taiwan remain the largest countries in the fund.

| Country allocation |                        |       | Deviation index        |       |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| Korea              | <div><div></div></div> | 23.5% | <div><div></div></div> | 10.2% |
| China              | <div><div></div></div> | 22.0% | <div><div></div></div> | -5.6% |
| Taiwan             | <div><div></div></div> | 15.5% | <div><div></div></div> | -5.1% |
| Brazil             | <div><div></div></div> | 6.9%  | <div><div></div></div> | 2.6%  |
| India              | <div><div></div></div> | 6.5%  | <div><div></div></div> | -8.8% |
| South Africa       | <div><div></div></div> | 6.4%  | <div><div></div></div> | 2.6%  |
| Netherlands        | <div><div></div></div> | 2.7%  | <div><div></div></div> | 2.7%  |
| Mexico             | <div><div></div></div> | 2.6%  | <div><div></div></div> | 0.7%  |
| Indonesia          | <div><div></div></div> | 2.2%  | <div><div></div></div> | 1.0%  |
| Thailand           | <div><div></div></div> | 2.2%  | <div><div></div></div> | 1.2%  |
| Greece             | <div><div></div></div> | 2.0%  | <div><div></div></div> | 1.4%  |
| Poland             | <div><div></div></div> | 1.9%  | <div><div></div></div> | 0.8%  |
| Other              | <div><div></div></div> | 5.7%  | <div><div></div></div> | -3.5% |

## Currency allocation

The fund has initiated a short USD forward contract versus the EUR in order to benefit from a further weakening of the USD going forward. Increasing political risks in the United States, along with a large current account deficit and a rising fiscal deficit driven by expansionary policies, are negative factors for the US dollar.

| Currency allocation     |                              | Deviation index              |  |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Korean Won              | <div><div></div></div> 23.2% | <div><div></div></div> 9.9%  |  |
| Hong Kong Dollar        | <div><div></div></div> 15.5% | <div><div></div></div> -7.2% |  |
| Taiwan Dollar           | <div><div></div></div> 15.4% | <div><div></div></div> -5.2% |  |
| Brasilian Real          | <div><div></div></div> 6.9%  | <div><div></div></div> 3.3%  |  |
| Indian Rupee            | <div><div></div></div> 6.4%  | <div><div></div></div> -8.9% |  |
| South African Rand      | <div><div></div></div> 6.3%  | <div><div></div></div> 2.5%  |  |
| Chinese Renminbi (Yuan) | <div><div></div></div> 6.2%  | <div><div></div></div> 2.2%  |  |
| Euro                    | <div><div></div></div> 5.9%  | <div><div></div></div> 5.3%  |  |
| Mexico New Peso         | <div><div></div></div> 2.6%  | <div><div></div></div> 0.7%  |  |
| Indonesian Rupiah       | <div><div></div></div> 2.2%  | <div><div></div></div> 1.0%  |  |
| Thailand Baht           | <div><div></div></div> 2.1%  | <div><div></div></div> 1.1%  |  |
| Poland New Zloty        | <div><div></div></div> 1.9%  | <div><div></div></div> 0.8%  |  |
| Other                   | <div><div></div></div> 5.4%  | <div><div></div></div> -5.4% |  |

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, ESG and environmental footprint targets, 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 fundamental investment analysis to assess existing and potential ESG risks and opportunities. In the stock selection the fund limits exposure to elevated sustainability risks. The fund also targets a better ESG score and at least 20% lower carbon footprint compared to the reference index. In addition, where a stock issuer is flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to exclusion. Lastly, the fund makes use of shareholder rights and applies proxy voting in accordance with Robeco's proxy voting policy.

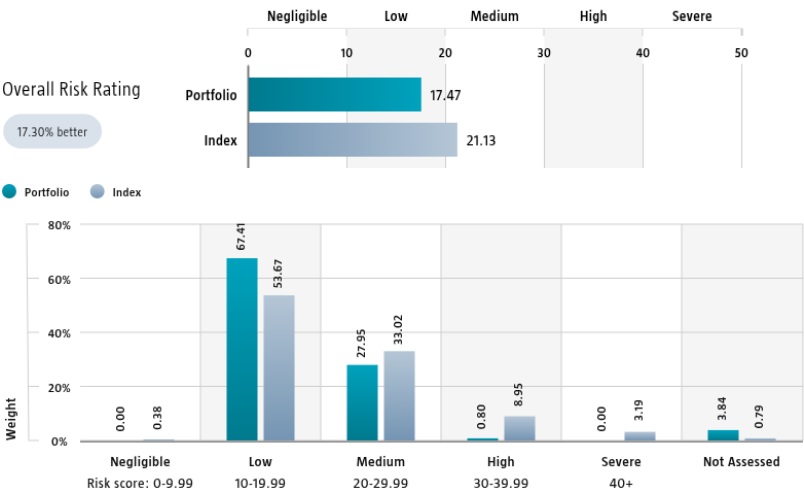
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The index used for all sustainability visuals is based on MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, USD).

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.

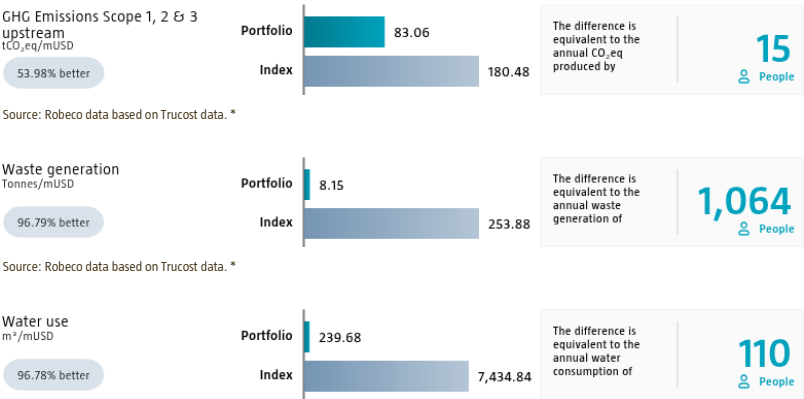
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Environmental Footprint

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.

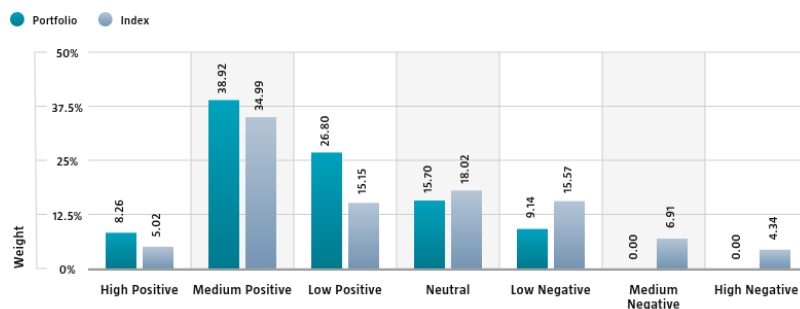


Source: Robeco data based on Trucost data. \*

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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.

## Engagement

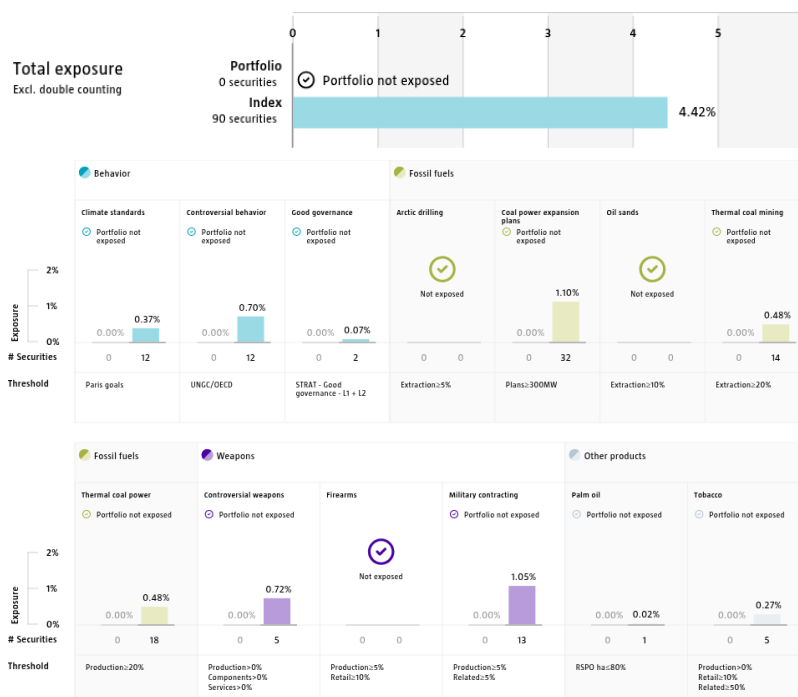
Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement. Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear 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) | 36.80%             | 15                       | 52                                       |
| Environmental                       | 10.83%             | 4                        | 14                                       |
| Social                              | 2.80%              | 2                        | 17                                       |
| Governance                          | 4.46%              | 3                        | 9                                        |
| Sustainable Development Goals       | 19.54%             | 5                        | 8                                        |
| Voting Related                      | 8.09%              | 3                        | 4                                        |
| 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](#)

### Investment policy

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The fund aims for a better sustainability profile compared to the Benchmark by promoting certain E&S (i.e. Environmental and Social) characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and integrating ESG and sustainability risks in the investment process and applies Robeco's Good Governance policy. The fund integrates ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) factors in the investment process and applies Robeco's Good Governance policy. The fund applies sustainability indicators, including but not limited to, normative, activity-based and region-based exclusions, proxy voting and aims for an improved environmental footprint.

### Fund manager's CV

Jaap van der Hart is the Lead Portfolio Manager of Robeco's High Conviction Emerging Stars strategy. Over time, he has been responsible for the investments in South America, Eastern Europe, South Africa, Mexico, China and Taiwan. He also coordinates the country allocation process. He started his career in the investment industry in 1994 at Robeco's Quantitative Research department and moved to the Emerging Markets Equity team in 2000. Jaap holds a Master's in Econometrics from Erasmus University Rotterdam. He has published several academic articles on stock selection in emerging markets. Karnail Sangha is a Portfolio Manager within the Emerging Markets Equity team and provides analytical research coverage on India. He is Co-Portfolio Manager for the Emerging Stars and Sustainable Emerging Stars Equity strategies. Prior to joining Robeco in 2000, Karnail was a Risk Manager/Controller at Aegon Asset Management where he started his career in the industry in 1999. He holds a Master's in Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam and is a CFA® charterholder. Karnail is also fluent in Hindi and Punjabi.

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