

## Robeco Sustainable Emerging Stars Equities D USD

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Fund manager since 05-09-2019

### Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	-11.16%	-13.06%
3 m	3.43%	-0.17%
Ytd	3.43%	-0.17%
1 Year	41.85%	29.55%
2 Years	20.06%	18.34%
3 Years	15.08%	14.84%
5 Years	3.81%	3.69%
Since 09-2019	8.35%	7.64%

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)		

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### Index

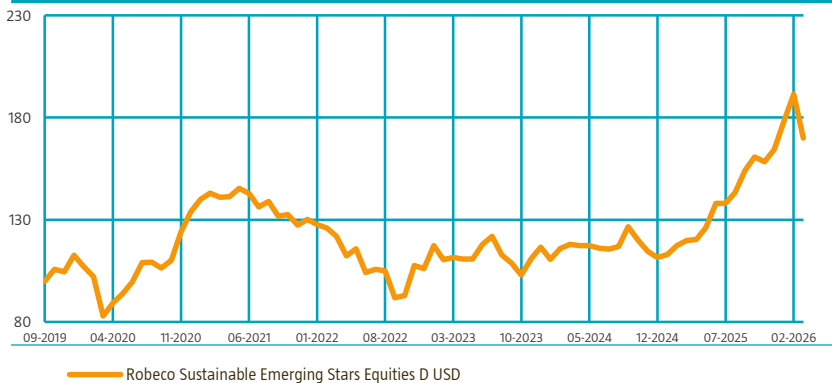
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, USD)

### General facts

Morningstar	★★★★
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	USD
Total size of fund	USD 976,116,718
Size of share class	USD 1,713,520
Outstanding shares	10,115
1st quotation date	05-09-2019
Close financial year	31-12
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	-
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

### Performance

Indexed value (until 31-03-2026) - Source: Robeco



### Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -11.16%.

In March, the fund underperformed versus the MSCI Emerging Market Index. Country allocation was the main negative driver, while stock selection was slightly positive. Negative country allocation was driven by South Korea (overweight) and Saudi Arabia (underweight). Positive country allocation came from Brazil (overweight), India (underweight) and Poland (overweight). Stocks that did relatively well, were to be found in Brazil, where TIM (telecom operator) and Itaú Unibanco (private bank) outperformed. In China, JD.com (e-commerce), Yadea (e-scooters), WuXi AppTech (healthcare) and CATL (EV batteries) also did well. Other stocks that did well in March were Banorte (Mexican Bank), Santander Bank Polska (Poland) and Asustek (consumer electronics). Stocks that underperformed in March were to be found in South Korea, where Hyundai Mobis (auto parts), LG Electronics (consumer electronics) and LG Chem underperformed. The South Korean semiconductor plays, Samsung Electronics and SK Square, also heavily lagged in March.

### Market development

Emerging market equities reversed sharply in March, with the MSCI EM Index down 10.9% (EUR), following three months of relative outperformance versus the MSCI World Index. The latter declined 4.1% (EUR) in March. The sell-off was driven by escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and elevated market volatility. Oil prices surged, while precious metals such as gold and silver corrected amid the turbulent backdrop. Energy security concerns weighed on Asia, particularly among economies dependent on Middle Eastern imports. South Korea underperformed sharply, reflecting its cyclical bias, elevated beta, and strong pre-conflict gains. Other energy-importing markets – including India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and the Philippines – also lagged, while South Africa and the UAE recorded steep losses. In contrast, China proved more resilient, supported by diversified energy sources and higher inventory buffers. Latin America emerged as a relative safe haven, with Colombia and Brazil outperforming, while in the Middle East, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait also fared better. On the macro front, EM bond yields widened (EMBI spreads), the US dollar strengthened, and EM currencies weakened.

### Expectation of fund manager

The war in the Middle East is a significant shock with a big impact on the region and on global oil and gas prices. Even though the most likely scenario is that the war will be relatively short, risks do remain for a longer conflict and larger impact. Also economically, the US has become a source of more uncertainty on interest rate policy, important tariffs and policy making. Emerging markets are having to rely more on their own domestic policies and growth opportunities. We still 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 around 35% based on earnings multiples. Expected earnings growth is 14% for 2025 and 39% for 2026, 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. This also applies to SK Square, which is a holding company for memory chips company SK hynix, and trading at a large discount. Other top-ten holdings come from various countries and industries, including Chinese e-commerce company Alibaba, South Korean car parts company Hyundai Mobis, South African internet holding company Naspers, Chinese battery company CATL, and financial companies from Brazil and South Korea. For all of these, we see attractive valuations, high or better-than-expected growth opportunities and a positive sustainability profile.

### Fund price

31-03-26	USD	169.41
High Ytd (25-02-26)	USD	192.91
Low Ytd (30-03-26)	USD	163.99

### 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  
 Itau Unibanco Holding SA ADR  
 Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Ltd  
 WuXi AppTec Co Ltd  
 Hyundai Mobis Co Ltd  
 Naspers Ltd  
 Hana Financial Group Inc  
 Grupo Financiero Banorte SAB de CV  
**Total**

Sector	%
Information Technology	9.65
Information Technology	5.83
Industrials	4.41
Financials	3.83
Industrials	3.79
Health Care	3.22
Consumer Discretionary	3.08
Consumer Discretionary	2.96
Financials	2.83
Financials	2.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.34</b>

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### Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	42.34%
TOP 20	65.63%
TOP 30	83.01%

### Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	4.73	4.97
Information ratio	0.20	0.32
Sharpe ratio	0.61	0.09
Alpha (%)	-0.11	1.82
Beta	1.13	1.12
Standard deviation	18.19	19.64
Max. monthly gain (%)	10.18	16.88
Max. monthly loss (%)	-14.14	-14.14

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	17	23
Hit ratio Bull (%)	68.0	63.9
Months Bear market	11	24
Months Outperformance Bear	3	9
Hit ratio Bear (%)	27.3	37.5

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### Asset Allocation

Asset allocation	
Equity	98.8%
Cash	1.2%

### Sector allocation

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 and attractive valuations.

Sector allocation		Deviation index
Financials	29.9%	8.4%
Information Technology	24.3%	-7.5%
Consumer Discretionary	21.2%	11.0%
Industrials	8.8%	1.7%
Communication Services	3.8%	-4.1%
Health Care	3.2%	0.2%
Utilities	3.0%	0.6%
Real Estate	2.7%	1.5%
Materials	2.1%	-5.0%
Consumer Staples	1.1%	-2.4%
Energy	0.0%	-4.3%

### Country allocation

In March, the weight in Brazil, China and Taiwan increased, while the weight in South Korea and India decreased. In March, the fund bought a new position in Sunonwealth Electric, a Taiwan-based company specializing in precision motors, mini fans, thermal modules and cooling solutions. Its products serve diverse sectors including AI servers, 5G telecom, automotive electronics and renewable energy. Especially their exposure to AI demand and data center buildout is very appealing. The stock offers good upside on DCF, and also the quant scores are positive. Furthermore, the fund added to its exposure to Wiwynn and Asustek, also due to the strong demand for AI servers. Position in Cencosud, the Chilean supermarkets operator, was reduced given less valuation upside.

Country allocation		Deviation index
China	24.3%	-1.2%
Korea	22.2%	6.7%
Taiwan	17.5%	-5.0%
Brazil	7.4%	2.3%
South Africa	5.9%	2.3%
India	5.3%	-7.3%
Mexico	2.7%	0.6%
Netherlands	2.2%	2.2%
Poland	2.1%	1.0%
Thailand	2.1%	1.0%
Indonesia	2.0%	1.1%
Greece	1.9%	1.4%
Other	4.2%	-5.2%

### Currency allocation

The fund has a small short USD forward contract versus the EUR, in order to benefit from a 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	22.0%	6.5%
Taiwan Dollar	17.3%	-5.2%
Hong Kong Dollar	16.0%	-4.6%
Chinese Renminbi (Yuan)	8.0%	3.9%
Brasilian Real	7.4%	2.9%
South African Rand	5.8%	2.2%
Indian Rupee	5.2%	-7.4%
Euro	4.8%	4.3%
Mexico New Peso	2.7%	0.6%
Poland New Zloty	2.1%	1.0%
Thailand Baht	2.1%	1.0%
Indonesian Rupiah	2.0%	1.1%
Other	4.5%	-6.3%

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### 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.

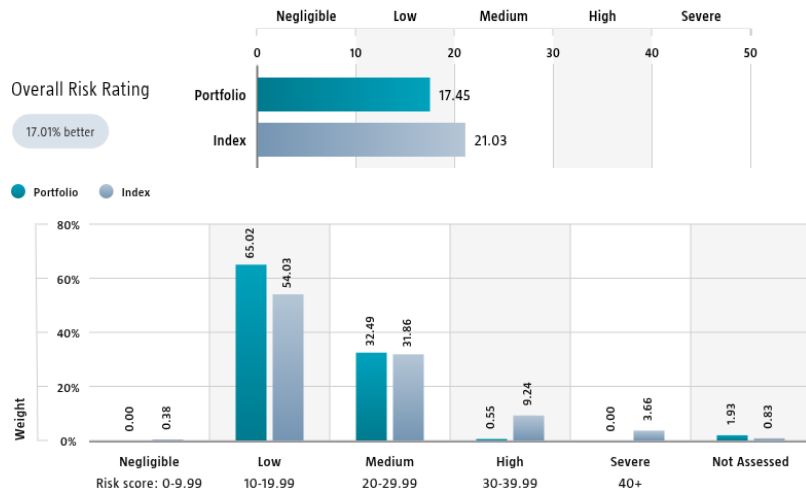
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The index used for all sustainability visuals is based on MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, USD).

### 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.

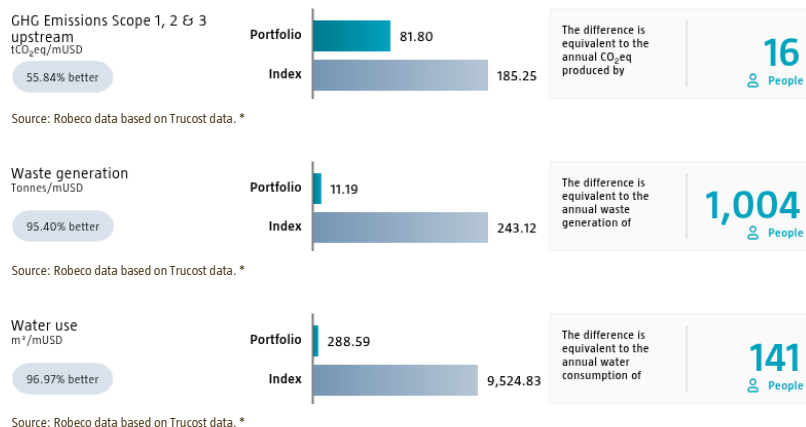
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### Environmental Footprint

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.

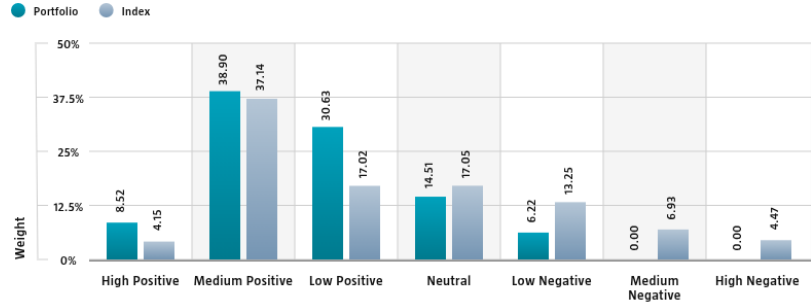


Source: Robeco data based on Trucost data. \*

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### SDG Impact Alignment

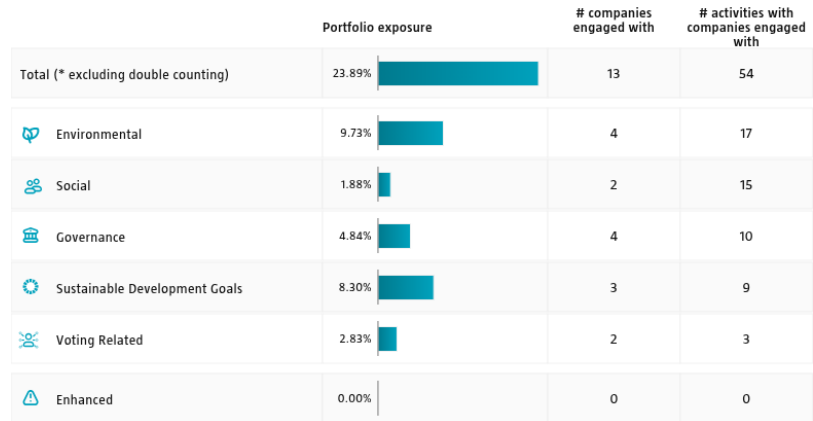
This distribution across SDG scores shows the portfolio weight allocated to companies with a positive, negative and neutral impact alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) based on Robeco's SDG Framework. The framework utilizes a three-step approach to assess a company's impact alignment 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

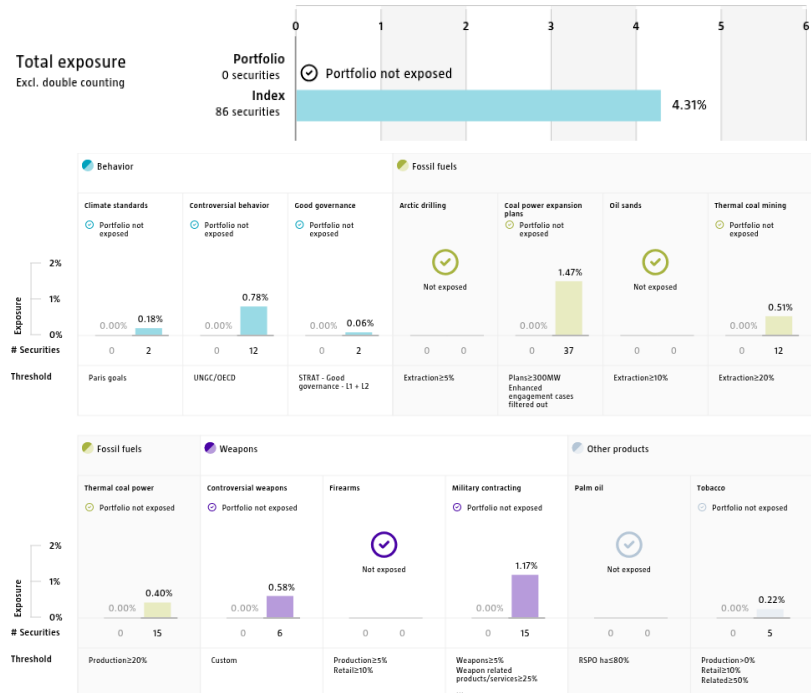
Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement. Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear 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.



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### 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, RSPD (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.

## Key risks

- The value of shares is sensitive to market fluctuations, instrument prices, and changes in political, economic, or market conditions. Emerging and frontier markets are usually characterised by less stable political and economic environment. This may result in larger price movements, increased volatility and potentially lower liquidity compared to developed markets.
- The fund may use financial derivatives.
- A (derivative) counterparty may fail to fulfil its obligations. Counterparty risk is reduced by exchanging collateral.
- The fund invests in assets that could become less liquid in certain market conditions, which may affect their value.
- Sustainability risk factors may negatively impact investment returns. This fund promotes ESG characteristics but does not have a sustainability objective.

## 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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