

# Robeco Sustainable Emerging Stars Equities D USD

High conviction in the most attractive emerging countries

**ASSET CLASS**

Equities

**ISIN**

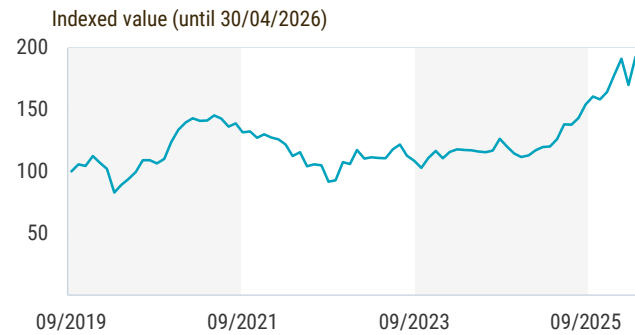
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**BENCHMARK (BM)**

MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, USD)

**Performance**

● Fund (FD)



Period	Fund %	BM %	Calendar year	Fund %	BM %
1 M	13.47	14.71	2025	47.21	33.57
3 M	8.40	5.21	2024	-4.21	7.50
YTD	17.36	14.52	2023	9.89	9.83
1 Year	60.37	46.68	2022	-18.52	-20.09
2 Years	28.17	26.46	2021	-2.78	-2.54
3 Years	20.28	20.67			
5 Years	6.43	6.05			
Since 09/2019	10.32	9.78			

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**TOTAL SIZE OF FUND**

USD 727,351,774

**SIZE OF SHARE CLASS**

USD 2,005,339

**SHARE CLASS CURRENCY**

USD

**CLOSE FINANCIAL YEAR**

31/12

**DAILY TRADABLE**

Yes

**DIVIDEND PAYING**

No

**INCEPTION DATE**

05/09/2019

**MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

**About the fund**

Robeco Sustainable Emerging Stars Equities is an actively managed fund that invests in equities in emerging countries across the world. The selection of these stocks is based on fundamental analysis. The fund's objective is to achieve a better return than the index. The fund has a concentrated portfolio and selects investments based on a combination of top-down country analysis and bottom-up stock ideas. The focus is on companies with a sound business model, solid growth prospects and reasonable valuation. The fund aims at selecting stocks with relatively low environmental footprints compared to stocks with high environmental footprints.

**Fund management**

Jaap van der Hart, Karnail Sangha

**Fund price**

30/04/2026	USD	192.23
High YTD (28/04/2026)	USD	194.01
Low YTD (30/03/2026)	USD	163.99

**Fees**

	%
Management fee	1.50
Performance fee	15.00
Service fee	0.20
Ongoing charges	1.75

**Fund codes**

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Bloomberg	ROESDU LX
Valoren	49964700

**Legal status**

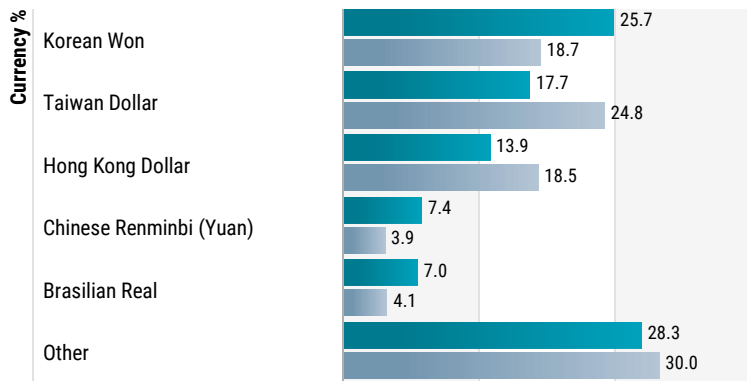
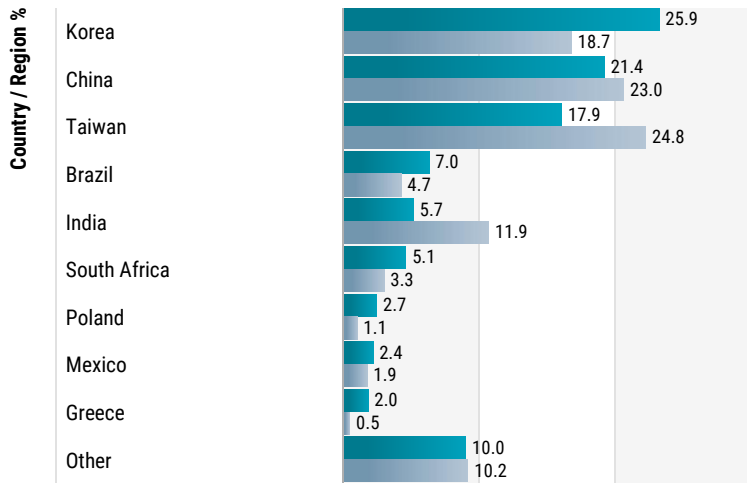
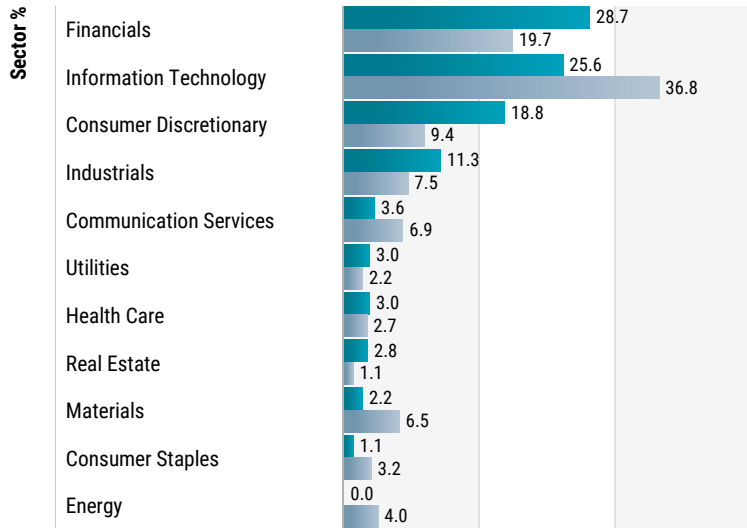
Investment company with variable capital incorporated under Luxembourg law (SICAV)	
Fund structure	Open-end
UCITS V	Yes
Share class	D USD
This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV	

**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.
- This fund promotes ESG characteristics, but does not have sustainable investing as its objective. Sustainability risks are integrated in the investment decisions and may impact returns.

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- **Fund** : Robeco Sustainable Emerging Stars Equities D USD
- **Benchmark (BM)**: MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, USD)



Top 10 largest holdings		Sector	%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Lt		Information Technology	9.93
SK Square Co Ltd		Industrials	6.79
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd		Information Technology	6.57
Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Ltd		Industrials	3.48
Itau Unibanco Holding SA ADR		Financials	3.36
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Pref		Information Technology	3.06
WuXi AppTec Co Ltd		Health Care	2.99
Hana Financial Group Inc		Financials	2.88
Hyundai Mobis Co Ltd		Consumer Discretionary	2.81
Wiwynn Corp		Information Technology	2.70
<b>Total</b>			<b>44.57</b>

Top 10/20/30 weights	%	Asset allocation	%
Top 10	44.57	Equity	99.2
Top 20	66.70	Cash	0.8
Top 30	82.58		

Characteristics	Fund	BM
Number of Holdings	50	1,204
Outstanding Shares	10,405	

Key risk figures	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
Tracking error ex-post (%)	4.85	5.01
Information ratio	0.31	0.44
Alpha (%)	-0.36	2.11
Beta	1.13	1.12
Max. monthly gain (%)	16.67	16.88
Max. monthly loss (%)	-14.14	-14.14
Standard deviation (%)	20.17	20.91
Sharpe ratio	0.86	0.22

Ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

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Sectors classified according to the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS")

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## Performance commentary

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was 13.47%.

In April, the fund significantly outperformed the MSCI Emerging Market Index, driven by a positive country allocation and stock selection result. For country allocation, the overweight position in South Korea was the largest positive contributor, while the position in Vietnam and the underweights in India and Saudi Arabia also contributed positively. The underweight in Taiwan and overweight in South Africa were the main negative contributors. Stock selection made a small positive contribution, with positive contributions in South Korea and China. Within South Korea, our holding in SK Square had a stellar performance, and also LG Electronics, Samsung Electronics, SK Inc and LG Chem performed strongly. Within China, not having a direct position in Tencent contributed positively, while the position in its South African holding company Naspers performed significantly better. The underweight in the Taiwanese technology sector was the main negative contributor, with strong performances for companies that are not in the fund, such as Mediatek and Delta Electronics. The position in server manufacturer Wiyynn contributed positively.

## Market development

Emerging market equities performed strongly in April, recovering from the weak March performance. The overall market was up 12.7% in euro terms, outperforming the 7.6% return for developed markets. An important driver was the ceasefire between the US and Iran, and hope for a deal that would allow the street of Hormuz to reopen. In addition, strong global AI investments are significantly lifting earnings expectations for technology companies. South Korea and Taiwan were the best-performing countries, and in particular the large technology sectors in these countries. Hungary also performed strongly following the large election victory for the Tisza party, likely leading to better relations with the EU. The worst-performing countries in April were Indonesia, Colombia, Peru, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia. Other relevant news was that MSCI announced that Greece will be reclassified to developed market status by May 2027, so the country will leave the EM index in a year's time. And in Brazil, the central bank cut the key policy interest rate by another 0.25%.

## 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 more than 35% based on earnings multiples. Expected earnings growth is 46% for 2026 and 17% for 2027, both above developed markets.

## Top 10 largest holdings

TSMC and Samsung Electronics are two globally leading technology companies that combine good growth prospects with relatively attractive valuations. The fund also has a significant position in holding company SK Square, which provides exposure to SK hynix, another leading semiconductor company, and trades at a large discount to its holdings. We also see good opportunities in banks in various emerging countries, as they provide domestic growth exposure at attractive valuations, often with high dividend payouts. Also from various other industries, we see attractive valuations combined with high or better-than-expected growth opportunities and a positive sustainability profile, such as for Chinese battery company CATL and Chinese healthcare company WuXi AppTec.

## 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, attractive valuations and positive sustainability. The underweight in information technology appears large, but good to note is that the fund owns a large position in SK Square, which is classified as industrial, but is basically a holding company for memory chips company SK hynix. Taking that into account would lower the effective underweight in technology stocks.

## Country / Region allocation

In April, the weight increased in South Korea, while the weights decreased in China. This was largely due to market movements. During the month, the small positions in South Korean appliances company Coway and a Taiwanese bicycle company were sold. These were smaller and lower conviction holdings, and we prefer to add to the other positions in the fund. China, South Korea and Taiwan remain the largest countries in the fund. In China, the fund invests in various sectors, and has a relatively low weight in banks, materials and energy. The fund also has a diversified position in South Korea, with the largest exposure being to battery makers, banks, consumer companies and technology companies Samsung Electronics and SK Square. In Taiwan, the exposure is mostly in the technology sector. Brazil, South Africa and India are also larger country positions with several holdings in the fund. Smaller country weights are Indonesia, Hungary, Mexico, Chile, Greece, Thailand and Vietnam.

## 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.

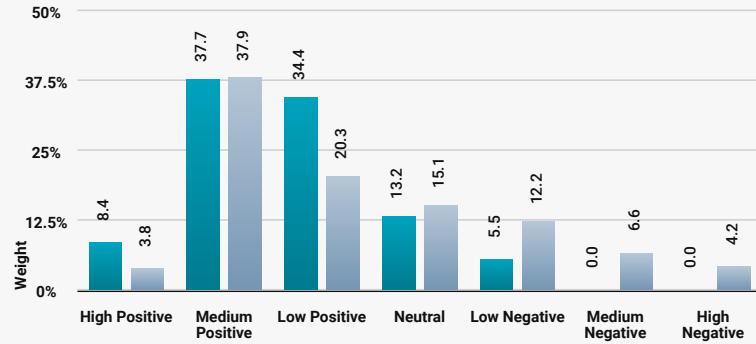
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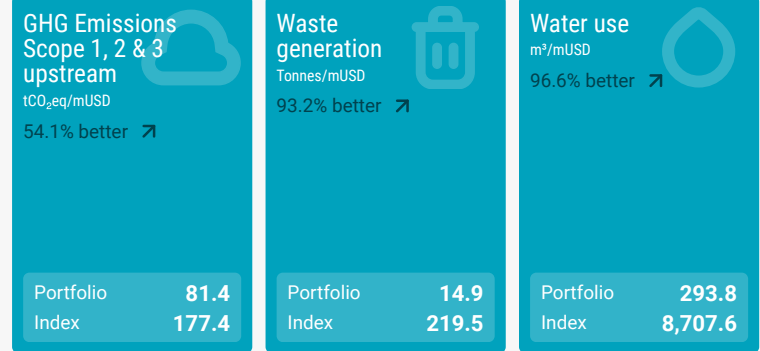
## SDG Impact Alignment <sup>1</sup>

Source: Robeco



## Environmental Footprint <sup>2</sup>

Carbon source: Robeco data based on Trucost data  
Waste & water source: Robeco data based on Trucost data



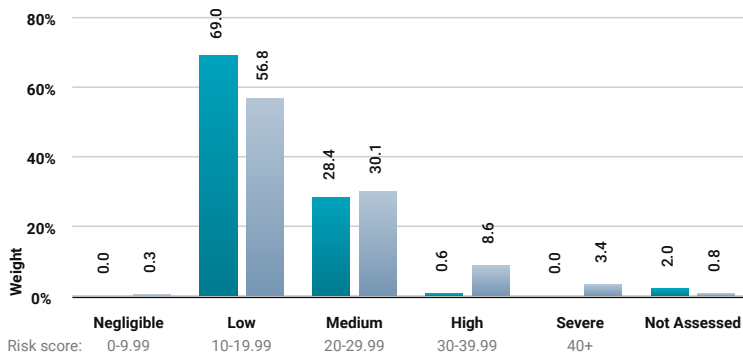
## Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating <sup>3</sup>

Source: Sustainalytics

### Overall Risk Rating

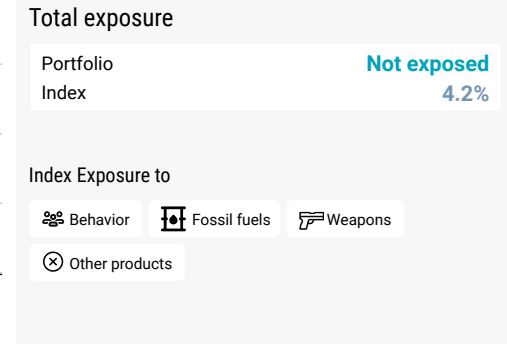
15.8% better ↗

Portfolio **17.4**  
Index **20.7**



## Exclusions <sup>4</sup>

Source: Robeco



## Engagement <sup>5</sup>

Source: Robeco

	Portfolio exposure	# companies engaged with
Environmental	8.9%	4
Social	1.7%	1
Governance	4.6%	4
SDGs	8.5%	2
Voting Related	2.9%	1
Enhanced	0.0%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>10</b>

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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. The figures shown in the sustainability visuals are calculated on subfund level.

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.

## Reference

### 1. 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. Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.

### 2. 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. The equivalent factors that are used for comparison between the portfolio and index (where applicable) 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.

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### 3. Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating

The chart displays the portfolio's Sustainalytics 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.

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### 4. Exclusions

The charts display the degree of adherence to exclusion applied by Robeco. 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: Robeco. We use several data input sources such as Sustainalytics, RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil), World Bank, Freedom House, Fund for Peace and International Sanctions. Policy document available: [Exclusion Policy](#)

### 5. 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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## Risk management

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

## Fiscal product treatment

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## Fiscal treatment of investor

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## 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.

## Registered in

Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg, Singapore

## 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.

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