

Robeco BP US Large Cap Equities E USD

Robeco BP US Large Cap Equities is an actively managed fund that invests in large-cap stocks in the United States. 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 is primarily composed of stocks with a market capitalization of more than USD 2 billion. Its bottom-up stock selection process seeks to find undervalued stocks and is guided by a disciplined value approach, intensive internal research and risk aversion.



Mark Donovan CFA, David Pyle CFA, David Cohen CFA, Joshua White CFA
Fund manager since 04-01-2010

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	0.17%	1.51%
3 m	-4.89%	-2.52%
Ytd	-0.51%	2.53%
1 Year	-0.48%	1.21%
2 Years	0.54%	1.27%
3 Years	14.99%	14.38%
5 Years	5.91%	7.75%
Since 10-2013	7.37%	8.93%

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	-5.95%	-7.54%
2021	27.76%	25.16%
2020	0.25%	2.80%
2019	23.19%	26.54%
2018	-11.13%	-8.27%
2020-2022	6.40%	5.96%
2018-2022	5.69%	6.67%

Annualized (years)

Index

Russell 1000 Value Index (Gross Total Return, USD)

General facts

Morningstar	★★★
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	USD
Total size of fund	USD 1,592,705,982
Size of share class	USD 1,361,102
Outstanding shares	8,002
1st quotation date	04-10-2013
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	1.46%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	Yes
Ex-ante tracking error limit	-
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.
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Sustainability profile

- Exclusions
- ESG Integration
- Voting & Engagement
- ESG Target

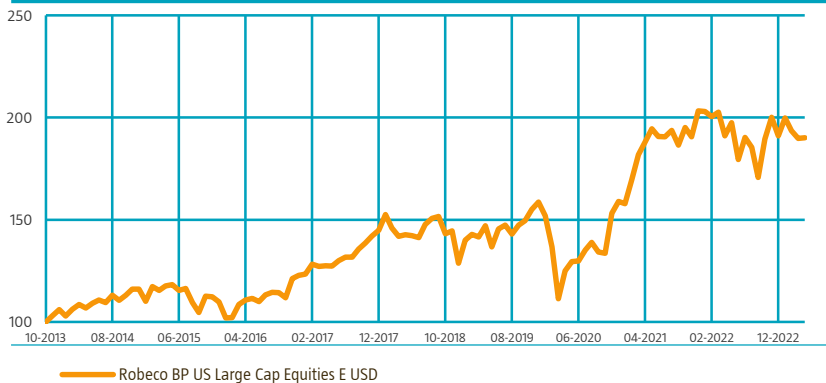
Footprint target

Better than index

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 0.17%.

Robeco BP US Large Cap Equities trailed the Russell 1000 Value Index in April, with stock selection having the largest impact. Stock selection lagged in communication services, healthcare and industrials. In communication services, our position in entertainment company Activision Blizzard detracted from relative returns, as did not owning Meta Platforms. In healthcare, pharmaceutical company Bristol-Myers Squibb and clinical research organization ICON both underperformed. Within industrials, agricultural machinery firms Deere and United Rentals detracted from the relative performance. Sector allocation detracted due to the fund's overweight to technology and industrials and underweight to communication services. Our overweight to energy and healthcare aided the relative performance during the month. Stock selection was positive in financials and consumer discretionary. In financials, banks such as JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo contributed positively to relative returns. In consumer discretionary, specialty retailer AutoZone continues to outperform.

Market development

Equity markets in the United States as measured by the S&P 500 Index climbed 1.56% higher in the first month of the second quarter. Looking at the Russell equity indices, value outperformed core and growth in the large-cap and mid-cap space, while trailing in the small-cap part of the market.

Expectation of fund manager

Worries continue around the US regional banks, with First Republic being the latest casualty. Whether this was the last bank to fail, remains unclear. While definite progress has been made in reducing headline inflation, core inflation readings remain elevated and 'sticky', as the Fed's favored measure, the Core PCE, stands at 4.6% and well above the Fed target of 2%, and not much lower than the February 2022 peak level of 5.4%. By the end of April, 261 of the S&P 500 companies had reported Q1 earnings results. Earnings reported were a negative -2.3% on a year-over-year basis, that was +6.6% better than estimates for those companies reporting. Adding those results to the expectations for the remaining companies left to report, puts the S&P 500 on pace for a -3.77% drop in Q1 earnings on a year-over-year basis, much better than the -6.59% forecast entering the Q1 reporting period. The fund remains well positioned with holdings that reflect Boston Partners' three-circle characteristics – attractive valuations, solid business fundamentals, and identifiable catalysts.

Top 10 largest positions

No changes to the top ten in April, with JPMorgan Chase retaining the top spot.

Fund price

30-04-23	USD	170.09
High Ytd (01-02-23)	USD	180.32
Low Ytd (17-03-23)	USD	163.00

Fees

Management fee	1.25%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.16%
Expected transaction costs	0.60%

Legal status

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

Registered in

Austria, Belgium, Chile, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Singapore, Switzerland

Currency policy

Investments are exclusively made in securities denominated in US dollars.

Risk management

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

Dividend policy

The fund distributes a dividend on an annual basis.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU0975848341
Bloomberg	ROULCEU LX
WKN	A1W6F4
Valoren	22457693

Top 10 largest positions

Holdings

JPMorgan Chase & Co
 Berkshire Hathaway Inc
 Alphabet Inc (Class A)
 Johnson & Johnson
 Bristol-Myers Squibb Co
 BP PLC ADR
 Cisco Systems Inc
 AutoZone Inc
 Sanofi ADR
 Marathon Petroleum Corp
Total

Sector	%
Financials	3.97
Financials	3.90
Communication Services	3.87
Health Care	3.16
Health Care	3.16
Energy	3.06
Information Technology	2.51
Consumer Discretionary	2.51
Health Care	2.44
Energy	2.39
Total	30.98

Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	30.98%
TOP 20	49.24%
TOP 30	62.47%

Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	3.23	3.14
Information ratio	0.71	-0.12
Sharpe ratio	0.88	0.29
Alpha (%)	1.94	-0.47
Beta	1.01	1.04
Standard deviation	17.43	19.77
Max. monthly gain (%)	14.75	14.75
Max. monthly loss (%)	-8.97	-18.45

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns

Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	20	31
Hit ratio (%)	55.6	51.7
Months Bull market	20	37
Months outperformance Bull	10	20
Hit ratio Bull (%)	50.0	54.1
Months Bear market	16	23
Months Outperformance Bear	10	11
Hit ratio Bear (%)	62.5	47.8

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Changes

The fund name Robeco US Large Cap Equities was changed to Robeco BP US Large Cap Equities, as of 31 August 2016.

Sustainability

The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process via exclusions, ESG integration, a carbon target, engagement and voting. Through exclusions the fund avoids investments 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 the sustainability risk profile of companies. In the stock selection the fund limits exposure to elevated sustainability risks. The fund also targets a 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 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		96.7%
Cash		3.3%

Sector allocation

Activity in the month was modest, liquidating two names and adding one. Liquidations came across two sectors – financials and energy, one in each, while the new addition came in information technology.

Sector allocation		Deviation index	
Health Care	20.8%	4.3%	
Financials	19.7%	-0.6%	
Energy	11.4%	3.3%	
Industrials	11.2%	0.5%	
Information Technology	10.2%	2.8%	
Consumer Staples	7.1%	-0.7%	
Communication Services	7.1%	-1.7%	
Consumer Discretionary	6.1%	0.2%	
Materials	4.3%	-0.1%	
Utilities	2.2%	-3.4%	
Real Estate	0.0%	-4.5%	

Country allocation

The fund invests only in stocks that are quoted on a US stock exchange.

Country allocation		Deviation index	
United States	91.5%	-8.4%	
United Kingdom	3.1%	3.1%	
France	2.4%	2.4%	
Netherlands	1.2%	1.1%	
Japan	0.9%	0.9%	
Ireland	0.9%	0.9%	
Panama	0.0%	0.0%	
Israel	0.0%	0.0%	
Canada	0.0%	0.0%	
Peru	0.0%	0.0%	
Cash and other instruments	0.0%	0.0%	
Luxembourg	0.0%	0.0%	

Currency allocation

N/A

Currency allocation		Deviation index	
U.S. Dollar	93.0%	-7.0%	
Euro	3.2%	3.2%	
Pound Sterling	3.0%	3.0%	
Japanese Yen	0.9%	0.9%	

Investment policy

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Fund manager's CV

Mr. Donovan is Co-Chief Executive Officer of Boston Partners and lead portfolio manager for BP Large Cap Value portfolios. He is responsible for strategic and tactical operating decisions affecting the firm. He was one of the founding partners of Boston Partners Asset Management in 1995. He joined the firm from The Boston Company where he was Senior Vice President and equity portfolio manager. He also spent five years as a consulting associate with Kaplan, Smith & Associates, and two years as a securities analyst for Value Line Inc. Mr. Donovan holds a B.S. degree in management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation. He has thirty-four years of investment experience. Mr. Pyle is a portfolio manager for Boston Partners Large Cap Value portfolios. Prior to assuming this role, he was a research analyst covering the utility, insurance, leisure & lodging, packaging, publishing, and computer equipment & services sectors. Mr. Pyle joined the firm from State Street Research where he was a research analyst and associate portfolio manager in their equity value group. Prior to that, he spent five years with Price Waterhouse. Mr. Pyle holds a B.S. degree in business administration from California State University, Chico, and an M.B.A. degree from the Kenan-Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Pyle holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation. He has twenty years of investment experience. Mr. Cohen is a portfolio manager for the Boston Partners Large Cap Value strategy. Previous experience includes managing a portion of the Boston Partners Long/Short Research strategy and as an equity analyst specializing in the energy sector as well as the engineering & construction, and metals & mining industries. He has deep experience analyzing and understanding capital intensive commodity oriented businesses. He joined the firm from Loomis Sayles where he had over 8 years of experience as a portfolio manager for their Research Fund, as well as running a global energy hedge fund. As an equity analyst he covered the energy, materials, and industrials sectors. Prior to joining Loomis Sayles, Mr. Cohen was in consultant relations at MFS Investment Management. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Michigan and his M.S. in Finance from Brandeis University. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation. He has fourteen years of experience. Mr. White is a portfolio manager on Boston Partners Global and International strategies. Prior to this role, he was a global generalist providing fundamental research on global equities. Prior to this, Mr. White, managed a portion of the Boston Partners Long/Short Research strategy while covering multiple economic sectors including basic industries, consumer durables, and capital goods. Mr. White holds a B.A. degree in mathematics from Middlebury College. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation and has twelve years of industry experience.

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.

Fiscal treatment of investor

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