

Robeco BP US Premium Equities X USD

Robeco BP US Premium Equities is an actively managed fund that invests in 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 portfolio is consistently built from the bottom up, to exhibit attractive valuation, strong business fundamentals and improving business momentum. These companies can be large-caps, mid-caps or small-caps.



Duilio R. Ramallo CFA
Fund manager since 03-10-2005

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	0.64%	1.28%
3 m	-4.54%	-3.06%
Ytd	0.16%	2.21%
1 Year	2.87%	0.67%
2 Years	1.99%	0.73%
Since 08-2020	13.63%	11.86%

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	-3.19%	-7.98%
2021	24.58%	25.37%

Annualized (years)

Index

Russell 3000 Value Index (Gross Total Return, USD)

General facts

Type of fund	Equities
Currency	USD
Total size of fund	USD 6,095,132,414
Size of share class	USD 14,142,843
Outstanding shares	100,341
1st quotation date	25-08-2020
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.81%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
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

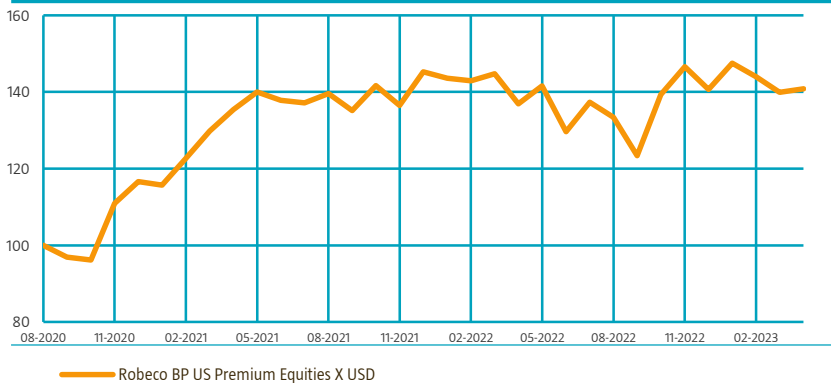
Footprint target

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 0.64%.

Robeco BP US Premium Equities underperformed the Russell 3000 Value Index in April, with sector allocation impacting the fund. The fund slightly underperformed the Russell 3000 Value Index as a result of sector allocation during the month, a fallout of the bottom-up stock selection process. Overweight exposure to information technology, the worst-performing sector falling -5.5%, was the largest detractor from relative returns, while having underweight exposure to consumer staples and communication services also weighed on the relative performance. On a positive note, from a stock selection perspective, the fund added most value in the financials, healthcare and energy sectors. Within financials, the fund's insurance holdings rebounded from the previous month, led by Aflac, AIG, RenaissanceRe and White Mountains, while healthcare, a sector where the fund added most value in 2022, saw the fund's managed care companies – Centene, Humana and Molina – climbing 9% or more in the month. Integrated majors, Shell and BP, rose 6% and 8% respectively, adding to relative returns, while avoiding refiner Valero Energy was also additive, as the stock fell -18%.

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.

Fund price

30-04-23	USD	140.95
High Ytd (15-02-23)	USD	148.64
Low Ytd (17-03-23)	USD	133.49

Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	19.61%
TOP 20	33.93%
TOP 30	45.66%

Fees

Management fee	0.60%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.16%
Expected transaction costs	0.25%

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.

Legal status

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

Registered in

Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Currency policy

Investments are predominantly 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

No dividend is distributed. All returns are reinvested and translated into price gains.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU2216803325
Bloomberg	ROBPUXU LX
WKN	A2QFSH
Valoren	56820139

Sector allocation

Activity during the month was fairly muted, with no additions made to the fund and three liquidations across three sectors – consumer discretionary, financials and information technology, one in each.

Sector allocation		Deviation index
Health Care	25.3%	9.2%
Financials	22.6%	1.9%
Industrials	15.1%	4.2%
Information Technology	13.8%	6.5%
Consumer Discretionary	8.4%	2.2%
Energy	7.7%	-0.3%
Communication Services	4.3%	-4.2%
Materials	2.1%	-2.3%
Consumer Staples	0.8%	-6.7%
Real Estate	0.0%	-4.8%
Utilities	0.0%	-5.6%

Country allocation

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

Country allocation		Deviation index
United States	94.5%	-5.3%
France	1.9%	1.9%
United Kingdom	1.6%	1.6%
Israel	1.1%	1.1%
Ireland	0.5%	0.5%
Netherlands	0.3%	0.2%
Germany	0.0%	0.0%
Norway	0.0%	0.0%
Italy	0.0%	0.0%
Panama	0.0%	0.0%
Bermuda	0.0%	0.0%
Brazil	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

Currency allocation

N/A

Currency allocation		Deviation index
U.S. Dollar	96.1%	-3.9%
Euro	2.4%	2.4%
Pound Sterling	1.5%	1.5%

Investment policy

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Fund manager's CV

Mr. Ramallo is the senior portfolio manager for Boston Partners Premium Equity product. Previously, Mr. Ramallo was the assistant portfolio manager for the Small Cap Value products. Prior to his portfolio management role, Mr. Ramallo was a research analyst for Boston Partners. He joined the firm from Deloitte & Touche L.L.P., where he spent three years, most recently in their Los Angeles office. Mr. Ramallo holds a B.A. degree in economics/business from the University of California at Los Angeles and an M.B.A. from the Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation. He is also a Certified Public Accountant (inactive). He has twenty years of investment 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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