

RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Equities I CHF

RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Equities is an actively managed fund that invests globally in companies offering products and services across the water value chain. The selection of these stocks is based on fundamental analysis. The fund has sustainable investment as its objective, within the meaning of Article 9 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on Sustainability-related disclosures in the financial sector. The strategy integrates sustainability criteria as part of the stock selection process and through a theme-specific sustainability assessment. The portfolio is built on the basis of an eligible investment universe that includes companies whose business models contribute to the thematic investment objectives. The assessment regarding relevant SDGs uses an internally developed framework, more information on which can be obtained at www.robeco.com/si. The fund's objective is also to achieve a better return than the index.



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Fund manager since 28-09-2001

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	-2.60%	-0.86%
3 m	-4.88%	-0.82%
Ytd	3.60%	5.45%
1 Year	-7.83%	-5.39%
2 Years	-5.64%	-1.44%
3 Years	10.92%	10.09%
5 Years	6.13%	5.86%
10 Years	8.95%	8.24%
Since 12-2006	4.54%	4.18%

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	-24.64%	-16.88%
2021	33.70%	25.57%
2020	12.06%	5.80%
2019	28.32%	25.41%
2018	-11.10%	-7.65%
2020-2022	4.13%	3.36%
2018-2022	5.19%	5.04%

Annualized (years)

Index

MSCI World Index TRN

General facts

Morningstar	★★★★★
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	CHF
Total size of fund	CHF 3,302,710,087
Size of share class	CHF 56,957,483
Outstanding shares	109,889
1st quotation date	29-10-2020
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.93%
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
- Target Universe

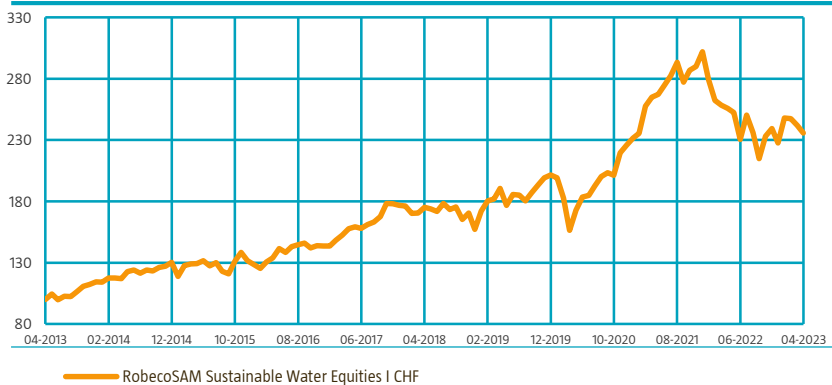


For more information on exclusions see <https://www.robeco.com/exclusions/>

For more information on target universe methodology see <https://www.robeco.com/si>

Performance

Indexed value (until 30-04-2023) - Source: Robeco



Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -2.60%.

In the water sector, we have seen relatively good quarterly earnings from industrials and the outlook often was good as well. The updates from residential building-related companies like plumbing were quite good and shares in this sector rebounded in general. There were some fears that commercial construction-related building material stocks will announce weaker outlooks, though the updates we have seen so far were still solid. Analytics still suffer under de-stocking in the value chain after companies increased their stocks during Covid times. Long-term, the outlook in the analytics sector is still very strong and offers a lot of growth opportunities, and valuations are relatively attractive, which is why we still keep our exposure to the sector.

Market development

The earnings season started in April. As always, the quarterly numbers and outlook had quite an impact on the prices of equities and sectors. Lots of industrials actually released better numbers than expected. Though some of the companies were rather cautious in their outlook. There is still a debate about the macroeconomic cycle, inflation and level of interest rates going on.

Expectation of fund manager

The fund is still overweight in suppliers of analytical equipment thanks to their good growth opportunities. Building materials are still overweight as well. We prefer either infrastructure-related building materials or residential names with a rather high repair and renovation exposure. The fund has a small weight in US water utilities only. Brazilian water utilities are not held at the moment.

Top 10 largest positions

The top ten positions are usually between 30-40% of the net asset value. The fund has a high exposure to water analytics, with four of the top ten holdings coming from this sub-cluster: Avantor, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Danaher and Agilent Technologies.

Fund price

30-04-23	CHF	517.98
High Ytd (03-02-23)	CHF	559.56
Low Ytd (26-04-23)	CHF	503.00

Fees

Management fee	0.80%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.12%
Expected transaction costs	0.11%

Legal status

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

Registered in

Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Currency policy

The fund is allowed to pursue an active currency policy to generate extra returns and can engage in currency hedging 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	LU2146192021
Bloomberg	ROSWEIC LX
WKN	A2QD4A
Valoren	55753642

Top 10 largest positions

Holdings

Danaher Corp
 Pentair PLC
 Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc
 Agilent Technologies Inc
 Veolia Environnement SA
 Geberit AG
 Avantor Inc
 Ferguson PLC
 Xylem Inc/NY
 A O Smith Corp
Total

Sector	%
Life Sciences Tools & Services	5.20
Machinery	4.52
Life Sciences Tools & Services	4.32
Life Sciences Tools & Services	4.32
Multi-Utilities	3.90
Building Products	3.82
Life Sciences Tools & Services	3.67
Trading Companies & Distributors	3.30
Machinery	2.78
Building Products	2.61
Total	38.44

Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	38.44%
TOP 20	57.48%
TOP 30	72.59%

Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	7.68	6.56
Information ratio	0.25	0.21
Sharpe ratio	0.71	0.42
Alpha (%)	2.22	1.47
Beta	0.98	1.01
Standard deviation	17.37	18.38
Max. monthly gain (%)	9.72	10.49
Max. monthly loss (%)	-8.87	-14.30

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns

Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	20	29
Hit ratio (%)	55.6	48.3
Months Bull market	20	34
Months outperformance Bull	11	18
Hit ratio Bull (%)	55.0	52.9
Months Bear market	16	26
Months Outperformance Bear	9	11
Hit ratio Bear (%)	56.3	42.3

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Changes

This share class shows performance information prior to its launch date. On the launch date of this share class, the fund absorbed Multipartner SICAV - RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Fund. Performance prior to the launch date has been simulated on the basis of the past performance of the absorbed fund that had similar investment policy and applied higher or comparable charges.

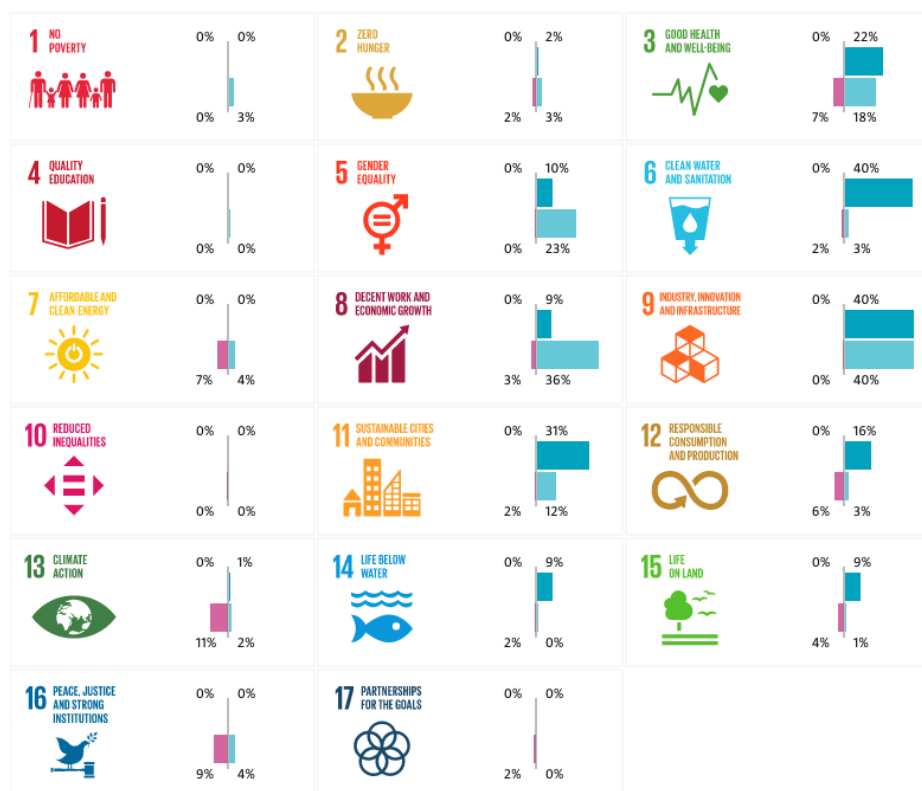
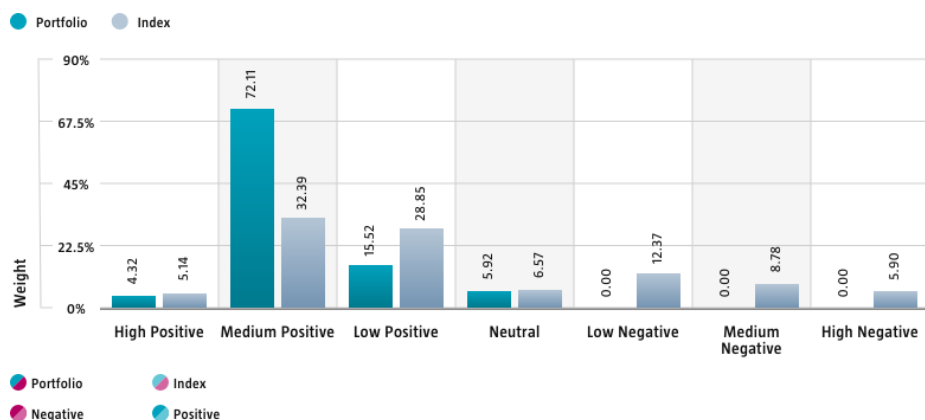
Sustainability

The fund's sustainable investment objective is to help mitigate the global challenges related to scarcity, quality, and allocation of water. Water and sustainability considerations are incorporated in the investment process by the means of a target universe definition, exclusions, ESG integration, and voting. The fund only invests in companies that have a significant thematic fit as per Robeco's thematic universe methodology. Through screening on both Robeco's internally developed SDG Framework and Robeco's exclusion policy, the fund does not invest in issuers that have a negative impact on the SDGs, are in breach of international norms or where products have been deemed controversial. Financially material ESG factors are integrated in the bottom-up fundamental investment analysis to assess existing and potential ESG risks and opportunities. The integration of ESG factors in the investment analysis does not have a sustainability indicator. 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.

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, which utilizes a three-step approach to assess a company's impact alignment with the relevant SDGs, provides a methodology for assigning companies with an 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. If the data set does not cover the full portfolio, the figures shown above each impact level sum to the coverage level to reflect the data coverage of the portfolio, with minimal deviations that reflect rounding. Weights < 0.5% will show as 0. If an index has been selected, the same figures are also provided for the index.

For more information, please visit <https://www.robeco.com/docm/docu-brochure-robecosam-sdg-framework.pdf>



Asset Allocation

Asset allocation		
Equity		97.9%
Cash		2.1%

Sector allocation

The strategy invests in the water value chain. Most companies are allocated to the GICS sectors of industrials, utilities, healthcare and materials.

Sector allocation		Deviation index	
Machinery	23.0%		21.0%
Life Sciences Tools & Services	21.3%		20.0%
Building Products	13.8%		13.1%
Chemicals	7.0%		4.8%
Trading Companies & Distributors	6.4%		5.7%
Software	4.9%		-2.3%
Commercial Services & Supplies	4.9%		4.3%
Multi-Utilities	3.9%		3.1%
Water Utilities	3.8%		3.7%
Household Durables	3.2%		2.6%
Professional Services	2.9%		1.8%
Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	2.5%		1.7%
Other	2.4%		-79.4%

Regional allocation

The investment universe of the fund has a high exposure to the United States, the United Kingdom and some European countries such as Switzerland. Hong Kong-listed Chinese companies are also part of the strategy. The fund has not invested in Russian or Ukrainian companies.

Regional allocation		Deviation index	
America	64.3%		-6.8%
Europe	29.5%		10.2%
Asia	6.2%		-3.3%
Middle East	0.0%		-0.2%

Currency allocation

The fund has diversified currency exposures according to the underlying equity investments. It usually has a high weight in USD, GBP, EUR and CHF.

Currency allocation		Deviation index	
U.S. Dollar	62.9%		-5.0%
Euro	12.6%		2.8%
Pound Sterling	9.1%		4.7%
Swiss Franc	8.1%		5.1%
Hong Kong Dollar	3.1%		2.4%
Japanese Yen	2.1%		-4.0%
Swedish Kroner	1.2%		0.2%
Australian Dollar	0.8%		-1.3%
Danish Kroner	0.0%		-0.9%
Canadian Dollar	0.0%		-3.4%
Singapore Dollar	0.0%		-0.4%
Other	0.0%		-0.4%

Investment policy

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Fund manager's CV

Dieter Küffer is the Head of the Thematic Investing team covering Water/Healthy Living/Biodiversity/Circular Economy. He has been Portfolio Manager for the RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Equities strategy since inception of the strategy in 2001, the year he joined Robeco. In the past, he has also managed several other thematic strategies at Robeco. Prior to joining, he led a team responsible for the management of actively managed equity mandates on behalf of Swiss institutional clients at UBS Asset Management in Zurich. He began his career as an investment counsel in the Private Banking Division of UBS in 1986. Dieter Küffer holds a federal diploma as a Swiss-Certified Banking Expert and is a CFA® charterholder. Amy Wanner-Thavornsuk is Co-Portfolio Manager of RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Equities strategy and also covering thematic research within the Thematic Investing Water/Healthy Living/Circular Economy/Biodiversity team. Prior to joining in 2019, she worked for 9 years at JPMorgan Assets Management in London, whereof 6.5 years in the same role covering emerging market equities. She has been in the Financial Industry for almost 15 years with previous work experience in investment banking and consulting. She started her career as an auditor at PWC in Bangkok back in 2003. Amy holds an BS in Finance & Accounting from the Chulalongkorn University in Thailand and an MBA from the CASS Business School, UK. She is a CFA® Charterholder.

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 0.01% 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.

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