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Summary document

Robeco (NL) Umbrella Fund II - Robeco Customized Euro Government Bonds Fund

This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

1. The Sub-fund promotes certain minimum environmental and social safeguards through applying exclusion criteria with regards to products and business practices that Robeco believes are detrimental to society, such as investments in controversial behaviour, controversial weapons, and certain fossil fuel-related activities. Robeco deems investing in government bonds (federal or local) of countries where serious violations of human rights or a collapse of the governance structure take place as unsustainable. In addition, Robeco will follow applicable sanctions of the UN, EU or US to which it is subject and follows any mandatory (investment) restrictions deriving therefrom.
2. The Sub-fund promotes investment in countries that perform well on the Robeco Country Sustainability Ranking. The Robeco Country Sustainability Ranking incorporates a wide range of ESG factors such as aging, corruption, social unrest, political risks and environmental risks.
3. The Sub-fund promotes investment in countries with policies and institutional frameworks to prevent and combat corruption.
4. The Sub-fund promotes investment in green, social, and/or sustainability bonds used to finance environmental and social projects.

There is no reference benchmark designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund.

Investment Strategy

Robeco Customized Euro Government Bonds Fund is an actively managed Sub-fund that invests only in euro government bonds issued by the EMU-member countries. The selection of these bonds is based on fundamental analysis. The strategy integrates sustainability indicators on a continuous basis as part of the stock selection process. Amongst others, the Sub-fund applies country-based exclusions, Robeco's good governance policy and considers Principal Adverse Impacts in the investment process.

Benchmark

Not applicable.

Planned asset allocation

The product plans to make a minimum of 10% sustainable investments. All investments are aligned with the E/S characteristics, with the exception of investments in the category "other" which are mostly cash and cash equivalents.

Monitoring and due diligence

Robeco has incorporated the sustainability aspects of the investment strategies into adequate investment due diligence processes and procedures for the selection and monitoring of investments, amongst others taking into account Robeco's risk appetite and sustainability risk management policies. Portfolio managers and analysts are primarily responsible for conducting investment due diligence on their strategies on a daily basis. They are supported by independent monitoring, performed by the Financial Risk Management and Investment Restrictions departments.

Data sources, methodologies and limitations

The product uses several sources for gathering sustainability data. Robeco scrutinises the data quality of each provider during due diligence assessments, that includes reviewing the data model, performing statistical checks and evaluating coverage. Data processing takes places in different forms, the preference is always to have data acquisition as automated as possible to avoid any operational risks or unnecessary human intervention.

Robeco maintains comprehensive methodology documents of our proprietary analytical frameworks on our website. In addition, for some social and environmental characteristics, Robeco relies on externally sourced content for which we aim to select the best of breed vendor for each of our target characteristics. The primary limitation to the methodology or data source is the lack of corporate disclosure. Like many other financial market participants, we struggle to find adequate information on the principal adverse indicators. To overcome this issue, Robeco has resorted to using multiple data providers, since each has its own respective strengths and weaknesses.

Engagement strategy

The governments and government-related agencies are subject to Robeco's engagement program as Robeco engages in public policy engagement. Engagement with governments, government related agencies, or regulators can add value to our engagement program. Therefore, we take part in consultations and provide feedback on regulations that facilitate a better or level playing field for ESG issues.

Engagement is never intended to unduly influence the political process and Robeco only conducts engagement on public policy where it is deemed appropriate and transparent. Most of our engagement activities on this topic are coordinated through the various investor associations and collaborative groups of which we are members (for example AGCA and Eumedion). Policy engagements that are done via these collaborative platforms can be relevant from an equity investor perspective, from a bondholder perspective, or from both perspectives.

Although policy engagements are not directly related to the environmental or social investment strategy of the fund, it can be that adverse sustainability impacts are addressed via engagement program.