

Robeco Euro Sustainable Credits

As of January 2019, Robeco enhances the screening methodology for Robeco Euro Sustainable Credits. As of that date, the issuers in the investible universe will be screened for their contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). This is done by using RobecoSAM's proprietary SDG measurement framework. The contribution of a company towards the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals is determined based on three steps; by looking at what a company produces, how a company produces, and correcting for controversies.

Prior to this date the approach excluded companies in the bottom half of each sector based on their ESG scores. This method can in certain instances be too restrictive for some sectors or not restrictive enough for others. The new screening methodology addresses this limitation. It allows investing in sustainable companies that have a positive or neutral contribution to one or more of the SDG's regardless of their sector. Being an absolute screening approach, it gives a better reflection of the filter. It also helps to reduce the turnover in the fund.

The SDG framework is already used for RobecoSAM Global SDG Credits companies screening process. The improvement affects only the universe screening, whilst the fundamental investment process that integrates issuer selection remains unchanged.