

Rising yields weigh on global equities despite AI surge

- Bond yields jump as the Federal Reserve resumes tightening, pressuring equities
- Robeco Global DM 3D Enhanced well positioned across its five main factors
- Advanced sustainability integration in the investment process

In September 2026, the fund returned 1.0% versus 1.1% for the MSCI World Index, performing in line with the benchmark; the excess return was -0.0%.

Table 1 – Performance of Robeco QI Global Developed 3D Enhanced Index Equities (EUR) I-share (inception March 2014 - gross of fees)

Performance (EUR)	Last month	YTD	1 year	3 year	5 year	Since inception
Fund	1.0%	16.0%	20.8%	20.1%	13.3%	12.6%
MSCI World Index	1.1%	15.6%	19.2%	18.6%	12.3%	12.5%
Excess return	-0.0%	0.5%	1.6%	1.6%	0.9%	0.0%
Information ratio	-	-	1.08	1.26	0.74	0.04

Source: Robeco Performance Measurement. All figures are gross of fees. Inception is March 2014. In reality, costs such as management fees and other costs are charged. These have a negative effect on the returns shown. These figures are preliminary based on the most recent month's performance results. These numbers may deviate from the final performance figures. The value of your investment may fluctuate. Results obtained in the past are no guarantee of future performance.

1. Market developments

Global equities posted a modest decline in September amid a sharp rise in bond yields, with the U.S. 10-year Treasury yield moving above 5% and borrowing costs also reaching multi-year highs across Europe and Japan. The Federal Reserve added to the pressure by raising rates 25 basis points to 3.75–4.00%, its first hike since 2023, as persistent inflation and resilient economic activity pushed policy back into tightening mode.

AI enthusiasm nevertheless remained powerful. Meta (+27% last month) surged after launching Muse, its new personal AI agent, which quickly gained traction and reinforced optimism around the monetization of generative AI.

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AMD (+30%) delivered another milestone for the AI boom, becoming the latest semiconductor company to cross the USD 1 trillion market-cap threshold after its shares jumped almost 10% on 21 September.

Beneath the headline indices, however, the picture was much weaker. Technology and communication-services stocks remained strong, but market breadth deteriorated sharply, with only three of the S&P 500's eleven sectors still positive late in the month. The MSCI World Equal Weighted Index fell 4.3%, highlighting the underlying weakness across the broader equity market.

Table 2 – Market dashboard

Market dashboard	1M	YTD	USD return	1M	YTD	USD sector returns	1M	YTD	Factors (USD)	1M	YTD
S&P 500 EUR	1.9%	16.3%	Netherlands	2.8%	32.7%	Information Technology	4.4%	29.2%	Momentum	3.6%	22.4%
MSCI EM EUR	1.7%	27.6%	Japan	1.5%	22.7%	Communication Services	3.5%	3.5%	Growth	-0.1%	8.8%
MSCI World EUR	1.1%	15.6%	United States	-0.4%	12.3%	Health Care	-1.8%	5.2%	Quality	-0.3%	10.4%
S&P 500 USD	-0.3%	12.7%	Hong Kong	-3.4%	5.6%	Energy	-2.2%	36.5%	Market	-1.2%	11.8%
MSCI EM Local	-0.4%	23.1%	United Kingdom	-4.0%	8.2%	Consumer Staples	-3.8%	3.1%	Value	-3.5%	11.9%
MSCI EM USD	-0.6%	23.4%	Spain	-4.3%	12.6%	Industrials	-4.0%	8.6%	MinVol USD opt	-3.7%	3.1%
MSCI World local	-0.8%	12.4%	Canada	-4.8%	9.0%	Utilities	-5.1%	-1.5%	MinVol EUR opt	-3.8%	3.9%
MSCI World USD	-1.2%	11.8%	Australia	-5.1%	10.3%	Financials	-5.5%	5.9%	Small caps	-4.1%	12.3%
MSCI Europe EUR	-2.4%	9.6%	Switzerland	-5.8%	1.3%	Real Estate	-6.0%	1.0%	High Dividend	-4.2%	10.0%
MSCI World Equal USD	-4.3%	8.7%	Germany	-6.1%	-0.4%	Consumer Discretionary	-6.0%	-7.0%	Equal-weighted	-4.3%	8.7%
MSCI Europe USD	-4.6%	6.0%	France	-6.3%	-2.9%	Materials	-7.3%	10.9%			

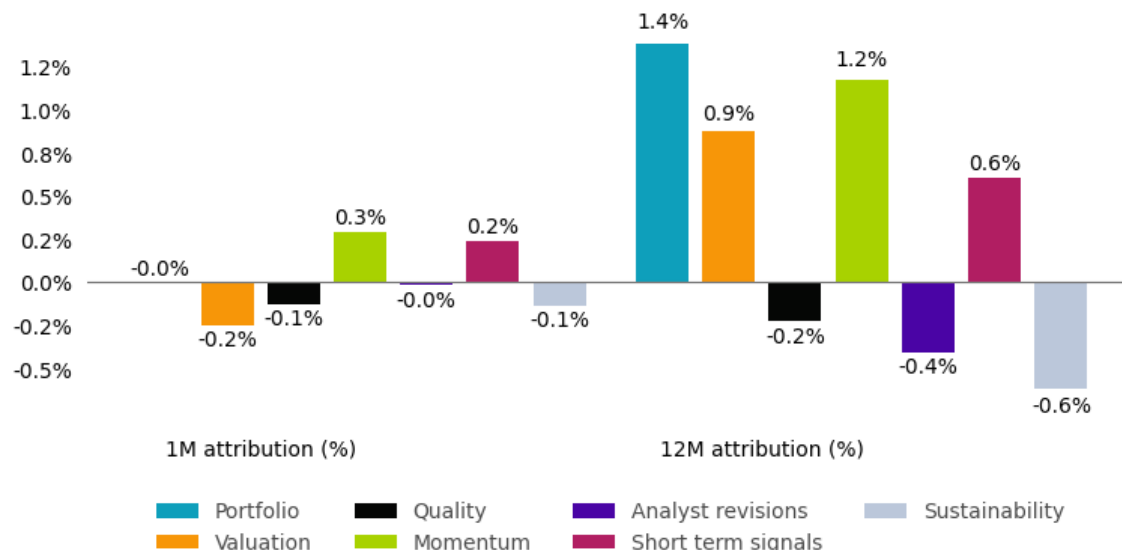
Source: Robeco Performance Measurement and MSCI.

2. Performance attribution

Over the month, relative performance was broadly flat versus the benchmark. Momentum and short-term signals were the key positive contributors, while valuation was the main detractor. Analyst revisions, quality, and sustainability were broadly neutral.

Over the past year, the strategy delivered positive excess return, supported primarily by momentum, followed by valuation and short-term signals. This mix highlights that returns have been driven by both trend-following exposures and selective opportunities, providing a balanced foundation for relative performance. Offsetting this, sustainability, analyst revisions, and quality detracted, in that order.

Figure 1 – Factor attribution



Source: Robeco Performance Measurement. The figures show relative portfolio returns versus the index. The relative portfolio return is gross of fees, and after transaction costs. It is the sum of the allocation effect and stock selection contribution, excluding cash & others. The relative portfolio return is fully attributed to underlying Robeco factors. In January 2018, the short term signals factor was added to the stock selection model. All stocks in the portfolio and index are ranked on Robeco factors and grouped into five market value-weighted quintiles. The portfolio factor exposures are averages over the previous month. The returns are over the whole period.

Table 3 – Top contributors – Top detractors

Name	Effect	Country	Sector	Active Weight	Return	Index Return
Applied Materials	0.04%	United States	Information Technology	0.28%	14.09%	14.09%
KLA	0.04%	United States	Information Technology	0.27%	13.62%	13.62%
Goldman Sachs	0.03%	United States	Financials	-0.31%	-9.93%	-9.93%
F5	0.03%	United States	Information Technology	0.31%	11.82%	11.82%
Lam Research	0.03%	United States	Information Technology	0.30%	11.52%	11.52%

Name	Effect	Country	Sector	Active Weight	Return	Index Return
Autodesk	-0.06%	United States	Information Technology	0.26%	-17.33%	-17.33%
Adobe	-0.06%	United States	Information Technology	0.30%	-16.19%	-16.19%
HubSpot	-0.07%	United States	Information Technology	0.30%	-19.79%	-19.79%
Intuit	-0.07%	United States	Information Technology	0.29%	-21.53%	-21.53%
Meta Platforms	-0.09%	United States	Communication Services	-0.39%	29.64%	29.64%

Source: Robeco Performance Measurement and MSCI.

3. Positioning

Stock selection is the main driver of the Enhanced Indexing model. All position deviations from the benchmark are based in the relative attractiveness of these stocks from a multi-factor perspective as compared to their regional/sector peers. The resulting portfolio is well-diversified with small deviations on sector and country levels, as shown in the figure below.

Figure 2 – Sector and country positioning matrix

	Netherlands	Hong Kong	Spain	France	Japan	Switzerland	Germany	United States	Canada	Australia	United Kingdom	Total
Positioning												
Health Care						0.3		1.0				1.1
Real Estate				0.3				0.4				1.0
Financials		0.5			0.4	-0.4		0.6		-0.3		1.0
Information Technology	0.3				-0.3		-0.3	1.0				0.9
Communication Services					-0.4		0.3	0.4			0.3	0.8
Consumer Discretionary								0.7			0.3	0.8
Industrials					0.3	0.3	0.4	-0.5				
Utilities			0.3					-0.6	0.5			
Materials								-0.6				-1.4
Consumer Staples								-1.6				-1.9
Energy								-1.0	-0.6		-0.4	-2.1
Total	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4					-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	

Source: Robeco. Figures show relative portfolio positioning versus the index. Only the largest countries are shown. Sector totals include all countries. Only deviations bigger/smaller than 0.3%/-0.3% are shown. The portfolio is rebalanced periodically to its maximum over/under weights.

The fund remains well-positioned towards the model factors. A comparison of various characteristics of the portfolio versus those of its benchmark – the MSCI World Index – shows a consistent picture: the portfolio offers a lower valuation and better quality, momentum and revisions.

As of 30 September 2026, the portfolio is cheaper than the MSCI World on a valuation basis, with a price/earnings ratio of 20.2 versus 21.8 for the benchmark. Quality characteristics are stronger, reflected in a higher net buyback yield of 1.1% compared with 0.2% for the MSCI World.

Momentum is slightly worse than the benchmark this period, with 12–1 month price momentum of 38.4% versus 39.7% for the index. Analyst revisions are better than the benchmark, with 86.9% net positive earnings revisions over the past three months compared with 80.1% for MSCI World.

Given these characteristics, we firmly believe the strategy is well-positioned to continue harvesting the model factor premiums in Developed Markets.

Table 4 – Portfolio characteristics

30 September 2026	Portfolio	MSCI World		Portfolio	MSCI World
Valuation			Market capitalization		
Price/Earnings	20.2	21.8	Market cap >5 bln USD	98.7%	100.0%
Quality			Market cap 2-5 bln USD	1.3%	0.0%
Net buyback yield	1.1%	0.2%	Market cap <2 bln USD	0.1%	0.0%
Momentum			Positioning		
Price Momentum (12-1m)	38.4%	39.7%	Active share	43.9%	
Analyst Revisions			Number of securities	371	1249
Earnings revisions (3M, % net positive)	86.9%	80.1%	ESG Risk rating	17.0	19.1

Source: Robeco, FactSet, MSCI. Figures are holdings-based. The fund aims for a better sustainability profile compared to the benchmark by promoting certain sustainability characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and integrating sustainability in the investment process. More specifically, the binding elements as per the prospectus and sustainability disclosure (SFDR disclosure) pertain to applying the Robeco Level 2 exclusion list, targeting a Sustainalytics ESG risk rating that is 10% better than the benchmark (the Sustainalytics ESG risk rating offers insight into company-level ESG risk by measuring the size of an organization's unmanaged ESG risk, a lower score refers to a better overall sustainability profile), excluding companies with Severe ESG risk (those with a Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating of greater than 40) unless an investment in a stock with severe ESG risk has been explicitly approved by the dedicated committee comprising sustainable investment, compliance, and risk management specialists overseeing the bottom-up sustainability assessment, and pursuing 30% better carbon footprint than the benchmark (as measured by greenhouse gas emissions) as well as 20% better waste and water footprints than the benchmark.

Table 5 below shows the current main over- and underweights as a result of our bottom-up stock-selection process.

The portfolio's largest overweights were in Recruit with an active weight of 0.36% and Gilead Sciences at 0.33%, while the most underweighted positions were Berkshire Hathaway at -0.45% and Walmart at -0.43%.

Table 5 – Main active over and underweights of the fund

Name	Sector	Country	Active Weight
Recruit	Industrials	Japan	0.36%
Gilead Sciences	Health Care	United States	0.33%
DocuSign	Information Technology	United States	0.32%
MSAD Insurance	Financials	Japan	0.32%
F5	Information Technology	United States	0.31%
Target	Consumer Staples	United States	0.31%
Automatic Data Processing	Industrials	United States	0.31%
Sony	Consumer Discretionary	Japan	0.31%
BOC Hong Kong (Holdings)	Financials	Hong Kong	0.31%
Nasdaq	Financials	United States	0.31%

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Berkshire Hathaway	Financials	United States	-0.45%
Walmart	Consumer Staples	United States	-0.43%
Exxonmobil	Energy	United States	-0.43%
Chevron	Energy	United States	-0.42%
Caterpillar	Industrials	United States	-0.41%
Meta Platforms	Communication Services	United States	-0.39%
Coca Cola Company	Consumer Staples	United States	-0.37%
Procter Gamble Company	Consumer Staples	United States	-0.36%
Philip Morris International	Consumer Staples	United States	-0.32%
Eli Lilly and Company	Health Care	United States	-0.32%

Source: Robeco.

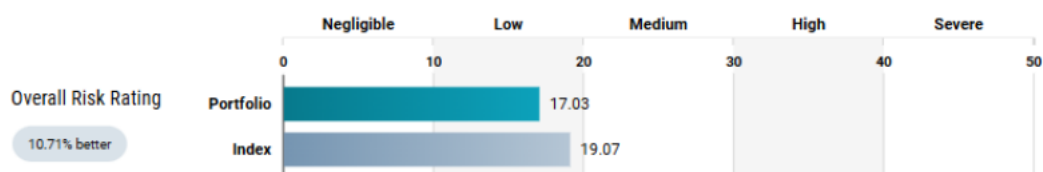
4. Sustainability profile

The strategy aims to deliver better risk-adjusted returns than the benchmark and simultaneously deliver a better sustainability profile than the benchmark based on specific sustainability characteristics. We integrate sustainability across the investment process, including the binding elements that are discussed below as per the prospectus and sustainability disclosure (SFDR disclosure). The exception to this is within active ownership activities, where voting is a binding element and engagement is a non-binding element.

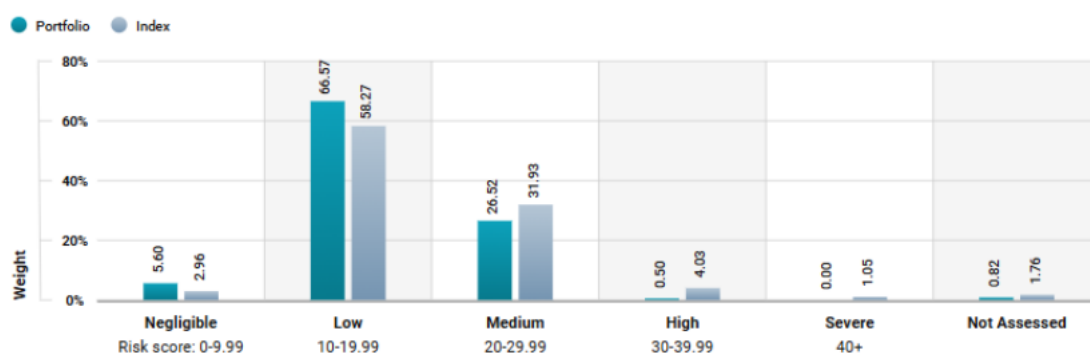
a. Sustainability integration – a superior risk profile

The Sustainalytics ESG risk rating of the portfolio is aimed to be at least 10% better than that of the index, and this is a binding element in the prospectus of the strategy as described by SFDR. The graph below shows how the portfolio and benchmark score on various levels of ESG risk. In addition to aiming for a 10% lower Sustainalytics ESG risk rating, stocks with a ESG risk rating >40 (labelled as severe risk) are also excluded from the eligible investment universe. The sustainability integration applied in the investment process significantly improves the sustainability risk profile of the portfolio versus the index.

Figure 3 – ESG risk rating



Distribution across Sustainalytics ESG Risk levels



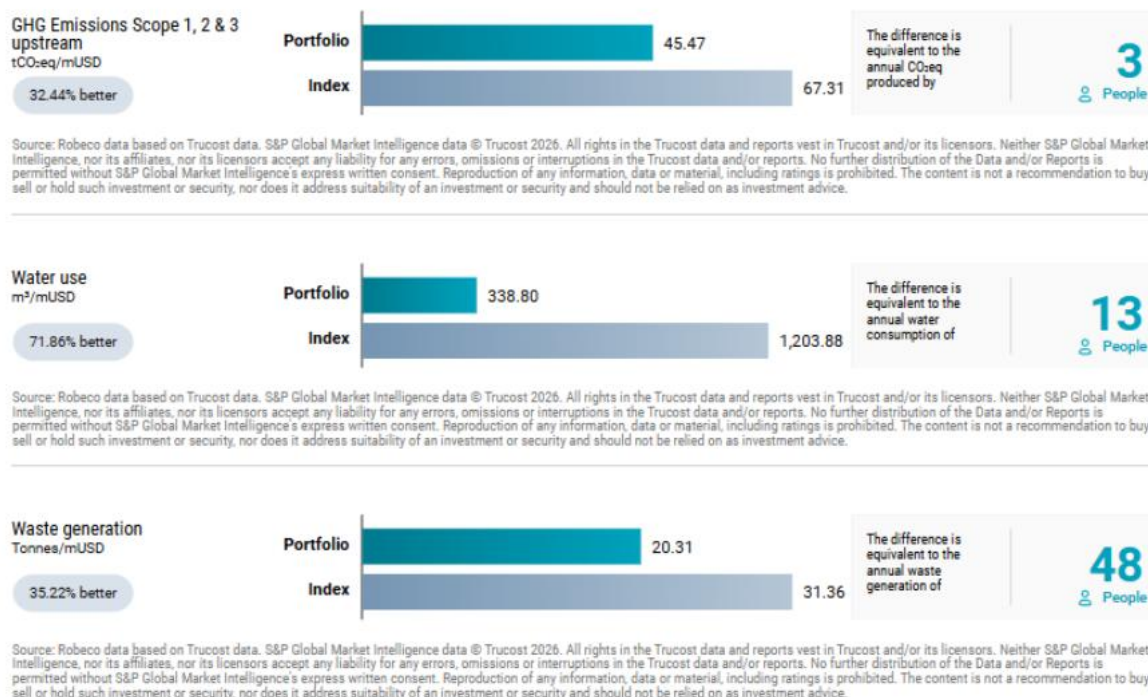
Sustainalytics ESG Risk Level	Portfolio weight	Index weight
Negligible (0-9.99)	5.60%	2.96%
Low (10-19.99)	66.57%	58.27%
Medium (20-29.99)	26.52%	31.93%
High (30-39.99)	0.50%	4.03%
Severe (40+)	0.00%	1.05%
Not Assessed	0.82%	1.76%

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b. Sustainability integration – environmental footprint reduction

The strategy targets environmental footprint reduction. The portfolio footprint for greenhouse gas emissions is aimed to be at least 30% lower than the index at rebalancing. The footprint on waste generation and water use is aimed to be 20% lower than the index at rebalancing. Environmental footprint is a binding element in the prospectus of the strategy as described by SFDR. Depicted below is the environmental footprint ownership per million USD invested in the portfolio on each of these three dimensions, as well as that of the benchmark.

Figure 4 – Environmental footprint reductions



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c. Sustainability integration – active ownership: engagement and voting

In addition to environmental footprint reduction, the fund participates in Robeco's voting and engagement programs. Last year, Robeco's Active Ownership team actively voted on more than 7,800 shareholders' meetings. Voting is a binding element in the prospectus of the strategy as described by SFDR. Engagement is the process of exercising our shareholders' rights to improve company behavior for the companies we invest in. Our values-based engagement focuses on financially material sustainability themes with the aim to improve the risk-return profile of the company. Examples of themes are Sound Environmental Management, Environmental Challenges in the Oil & Gas sector, Sound Social Management, Data Privacy, and Good Governance.

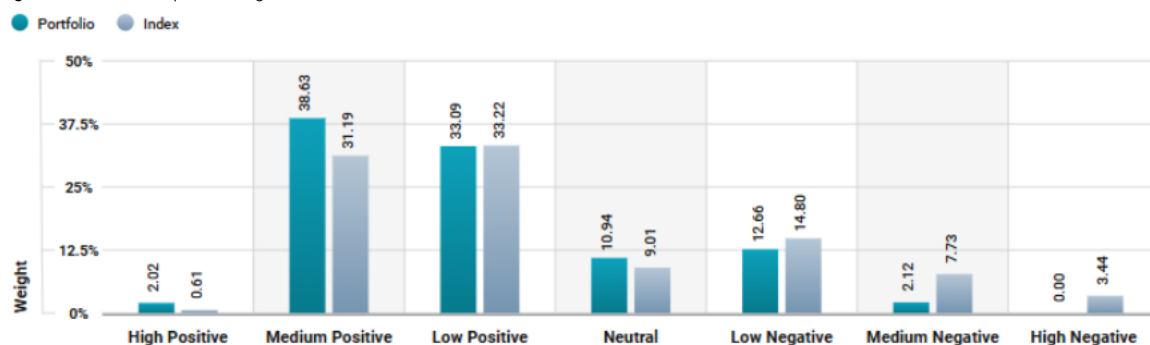
d. Sustainability integration – avoiding controversial practices

An extensive values-based exclusions list is implemented according to broad ethical norms. Criteria for exclusion are Controversial weapons, Military contracting, Firearms, Controversial behaviour, Good governance, Anti-money laundering and Counter-terrorism financing, Tobacco, Thermal coal, Oil sands, Arctic drilling, Palm oil, and Climate standards. Currently, approximately 49 stocks are excluded representing approximately 3.5% of the MSCI World Index.

e. Sustainability integration – contributing to UN's SDG

Furthermore, we do not invest in stocks that have a high negative score on our proprietary UN Sustainable Development Goals framework, however this sustainability element is not defined as binding in the prospectus of the strategy as described by SFDR. On the contrary, the strategy aims to invests in stocks that have a positive SDG score in a higher proportion than the index, being also a binding element according to SFDR. The portfolio positioning towards the UN SDGs can be seen in Figure 5 below.

Figure 5 – UN SDGs positioning



Source: Robeco.

Robeco Global Developed 3D Enhanced Indexing strategy

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