

Bond yield surge weighs on global equities

- Market breadth deteriorates as equal-weighted equities fall sharply
- AI-linked Technology and Communication Services stocks remain resilient
- Defensive portfolio with stable stocks at attractive valuation and yield levels

In September 2026, Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities returned 0.86% versus 1.13% for the MSCI AC World Index, resulting in an excess return of -0.27%; the fund therefore performed in line with the benchmark.

Table 1 - Performance of Robeco QI Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities I-share ("Fund") (inception January 2017 - gross of fees)

Performance (EUR)	Sep/26	YTD	1 year	3 year	Since inception (January 2017)	Volatility since inception	Return/volatility since inception
Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities	0.86%	11.65%	14.28%	14.18%	8.96%	10.93%	0.82
MSCI AC World Index	1.13%	16.87%	20.78%	18.91%	11.73%	13.19%	0.89
MSCI AC World Minimum Volatility Index (EUR optimized)	-1.71%	6.82%	7.69%	9.45%	6.95%	9.66%	0.72
MSCI All Country World EU PAB Overlay Index	1.14%	15.44%	19.43%	19.00%	9.25%	12.09%	0.77

Source: Robeco Performance Measurement. All figures are gross of fees. 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.

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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. 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
MSCI ACWI EUR	1.1%	16.9%	Taiwan	4.1%	70.2%	Information Technology	4.3%	35.4%	Momentum	4.5%	32.2%
MSCI World EUR	1.1%	15.6%	South Korea	3.0%	97.7%	Communication Services	2.8%	0.7%	Quality	-0.0%	13.6%
S&P 500 USD	-0.3%	12.7%	Japan	1.5%	22.7%	Health Care	-1.7%	5.4%	Growth	-0.3%	10.1%
MSCI EM Local	-0.4%	23.1%	United States	-0.4%	12.3%	Energy	-2.2%	33.3%	Market	-1.1%	13.0%
MSCI EM USD	-0.6%	23.4%	United Kingdom	-4.0%	8.2%	Consumer Staples	-3.8%	2.3%	Value	-3.2%	14.0%
MSCI ACWI local	-0.7%	13.6%	China	-4.6%	-11.9%	Industrials	-4.0%	8.8%	MinVol USD opt	-3.6%	4.2%
MSCI World local	-0.8%	12.4%	Canada	-4.8%	9.0%	Utilities	-4.6%	-1.0%	Small caps	-3.8%	12.4%
MSCI ACWI USD	-1.1%	13.0%	Australia	-5.1%	10.3%	Financials	-5.0%	6.4%	High Dividend	-4.0%	12.5%
MSCI World USD	-1.2%	11.8%	Switzerland	-5.8%	1.3%	Real Estate	-5.7%	0.6%	Equal-weighted	-4.4%	7.3%
MSCI Europe EUR	-2.4%	9.6%	Germany	-6.1%	-0.4%	Consumer Discretionary	-6.3%	-8.5%			
MSCI World Equal USD	-4.3%	8.7%	France	-6.3%	-2.9%	Materials	-7.6%	9.0%			

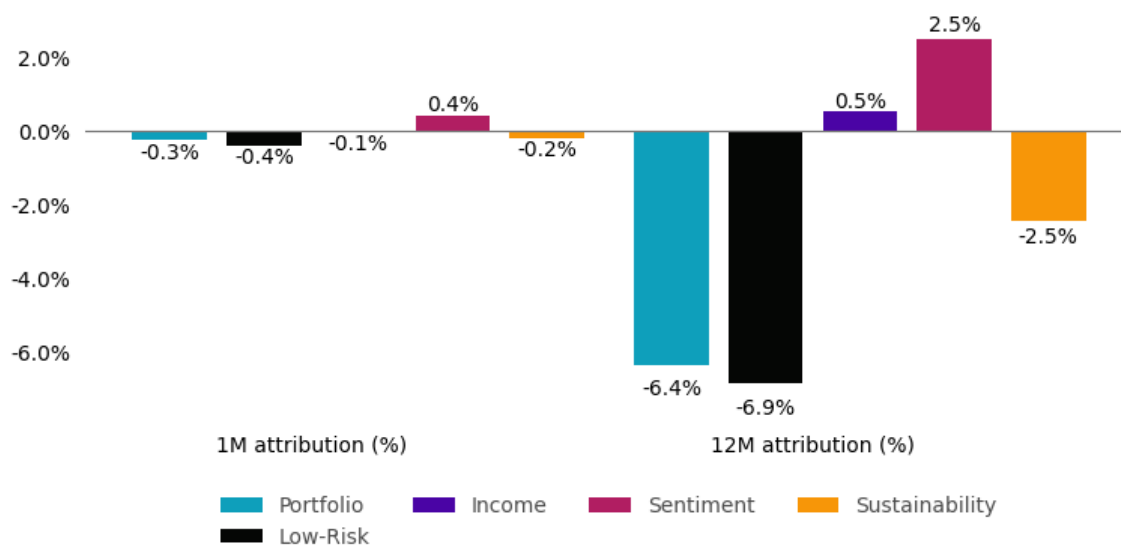
Source: Robeco, MSCI, Bloomberg.

2. Performance attribution

Over the last month, the portfolio modestly lagged the benchmark. Sentiment was the leading positive contributor, while low-risk and sustainability were the main detractors, with low-risk weighing more than sustainability. Income was broadly neutral.

Over the past 12 months, the portfolio underperformed the benchmark. Sentiment was the strongest contributor, followed by income, but these positives were more than offset by low-risk and sustainability, with low-risk the largest detractor and sustainability the next most significant headwind.

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 net of transaction costs and is the sum of the allocation effect and stock selection contribution, excluding cash & other. The relative portfolio return is entirely attributed to underlying Robeco factors. 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
Agilent Technologies	0.14%	United States	Health Care	0.49%	19.92%	14.75%
KLA	0.12%	United States	Information Technology	0.99%	13.62%	13.62%
Applied Materials	0.12%	United States	Information Technology	0.92%	14.09%	14.09%
Analog Devices	0.11%	United States	Information Technology	1.01%	12.27%	12.27%
Keysight Technologies	0.10%	United States	Information Technology	0.73%	15.37%	15.37%

Name	Effect	Country	Sector	Active Weight	Return	Index Return
Autodesk	-0.13%	United States	Information Technology	0.23%	-17.83%	-17.33%
Micron Technology	-0.13%	United States	Information Technology	-1.10%	0.00%	13.61%
Intel	-0.14%	United States	Information Technology	-0.45%	0.00%	37.37%
Advanced Micro Devices	-0.23%	United States	Information Technology	-0.84%	0.00%	32.91%
Meta Platforms	-0.34%	United States	Communication Services	-1.42%	0.00%	29.64%

Source: Robeco Performance Measurement and MSCI.

3. Positioning

Robeco QI Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities selects from an investable universe of around 4,000 stocks, buying securities with low-risk characteristics, such as low volatility, low market sensitivity, and low distress risk. Simultaneously, these low-risk stocks are characterized by attractive valuations, a high and stable dividend, positive price momentum, and favorable analyst revisions.

Figure 2 – Sector and country positioning matrix

	Singapore	Sweden	Netherlands	Japan	Malaysia	Canada	Taiwan	Switzerland	Germany	France	United States	Total
Positioning												
Financials	2.1	1.1	1.1	-1.0	1.0	1.5	-0.3	-0.4	1.3	-0.3	3.3	8.7
Real Estate	1.5			3.1				0.6		0.6	0.3	5.7
Health Care				0.7				0.8			4.3	5.6
Information Technology	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.9		0.3			-0.3		-0.3	0.3
Communication Services	0.3	0.8	0.5				1.3	0.4			-6.0	-0.4
Utilities						0.5					-1.2	-0.8
Consumer Staples								-0.3			0.3	-1.3
Industrials		-0.3		-0.5	0.6	-0.3			-0.5		-0.6	-2.3
Materials						-0.5					-0.9	-3.4
Energy						-0.5					-2.3	-4.0
Consumer Discretionary				-0.5							-5.7	-8.0
Total	4.3	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.6		-0.4	-9.0	

Source: Robeco. Figures show relative portfolio positioning versus the index. Only the largest countries are shown. Sector totals include all countries. Only relative positions of >0.25%/<-0.25% are highlighted. Excludes cash positions.

The fund is characterized by a portfolio of low-risk stocks, offering high and stable dividends and a price-to-earnings ratio lower than the market. A comparison of various characteristics of the portfolio versus those of its benchmark – the MSCI All Country World – shows a consistent picture, where the strategy remains well-positioned towards the model factors.

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

Table 5 – Portfolio characteristics

September 2026	Portfolio	MSCI AC World	MSCI AC Paris Aligned	MSCI AC Minvol		Portfolio	MSCI AC World	MSCI AC Paris Aligned	MSCI AC Minvol
Risk: Statistical & Distress					Active Positioning				
Volatility (holdings-based 3y)	24.3%	33.3%	32.7%	25.8%	Number of securities	159	2414	1142	421
Beta (holdings-based 3y)	0.7	1	1.2	0.6	Active share	78.5%	-	-	71.5%
Distance-to-default	6.1	4.6	4.7	5.5	Off benchmark	15.7%	-	-	-
					Expected Turnover	25.0%	-	-	20.0%
					Realized Turnover	20.0%	5.0%	22.0%	22.0%
Income & Sentiment					Sustainability				
Dividend yield	2.5%	1.6%	1.6%	2.2%	Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating	16.1	19.2	17.9	19.6
Net payout yield	3.4%	1.8%	1.8%	2.9%	GhG emissions (t CO2-eq/mUSD)	77.7	358.5	79.7	263.1
Price/Earnings	19.6	20.6	20.7	19.2	Positive SDG exposure	95.1%	65.3%	70.5%	70.1%
Price momentum (12-1M)	30.2%	46.0%	40.6%	20.3%					
Earnings revisions (3M, % net positive)	78.1%	78.9%	76.3%	70.0%					
Market capitalization					Summary				
>10 bn USD	82.9%	98.4%	96.6%	97.6%	Aims to offer lower absolute risk than market, similar absolute risk to MinVol index				
2-10 bn USD	14.5%	1.6%	3.4%	2.4%	Increased opportunity set with small/mid-caps and higher dividend yield than market				
<2 bn USD	2.6%	0.0%	0	0	Active portfolio with low turnover				

Source: Robeco, FactSet. The fund aims for a better sustainability profile compared to the benchmark by promoting certain sustainability characteristics within the meaning of Article 9 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, excluding stocks that have non-positive SDG scores according to our Robeco SDG Framework (companies with SDG scores of 0 are only excluded if they are not part of the MSCI EU PAB Overlay benchmark), 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), and pursuing a better carbon footprint than the MSCI EU PAB Overlay benchmark (as measured by greenhouse gas emissions) as well as 20% better waste and water footprints than the benchmark. Turnover figures are calculated one-way/annum since inception of the portfolio (based on full calendar years only).

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

The portfolio's largest overweight positions were DBS with an active weight of 1.16% and Cisco Systems at 1.15%, while the most underweighted holdings were Alphabet at -3.47% and Amazoncom at -2.37%.

Table 5 – Main active over and underweights of the fund

Name	Sector	Country	Active Weight
DBS	Financials	Singapore	1.16%
Cisco Systems	Information Technology	United States	1.15%
Visa	Financials	United States	1.08%
AbbVie	Health Care	United States	1.07%
Bristol Myers Squibb Company	Health Care	United States	1.07%
ASML	Information Technology	Netherlands	1.06%
Fortinet	Information Technology	United States	1.04%
Bank of New York Mellon	Financials	United States	1.01%
Analog Devices	Information Technology	United States	1.01%
KLA	Information Technology	United States	0.99%

Name	Sector	Country	Active Weight
Alphabet	Communication Services	United States	-3.47%
Amazoncom	Consumer Discretionary	United States	-2.37%
NVIDIA	Information Technology	United States	-1.89%
Apple	Information Technology	United States	-1.56%
Broadcom	Information Technology	United States	-1.56%
Meta Platforms	Communication Services	United States	-1.42%
Micron Technology	Information Technology	United States	-1.10%
Tesla	Consumer Discretionary	United States	-1.01%
JPMorgan Chase	Financials	United States	-0.90%
Samsung Electronics	Information Technology	Korea	-0.88%

Source: Robeco.

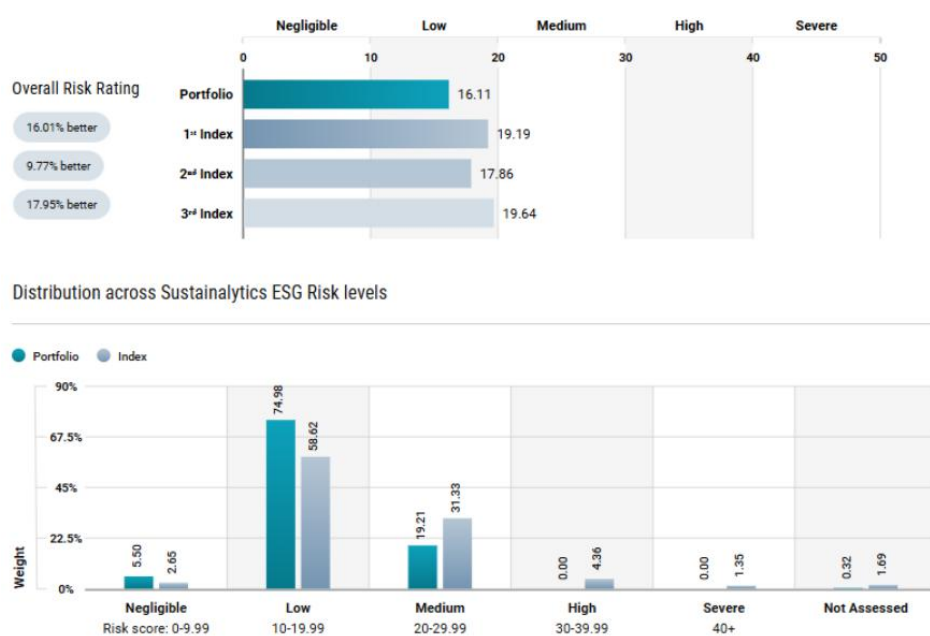
4. Sustainability profile

The strategy aims to achieve a long-term full-cycle performance equal to or greater than the equity market with substantially lower downside risk 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. Better ESG risk profile

The Sustainalytics ESG risk rating of the portfolio is aimed to be at least 10% better than that of the index. The graph below shows how the portfolio and benchmark score on various levels of ESG risk. The sustainability integration applied in the investment process improves the sustainability profile of the portfolio versus the index.

Figure 3 – ESG risk rating

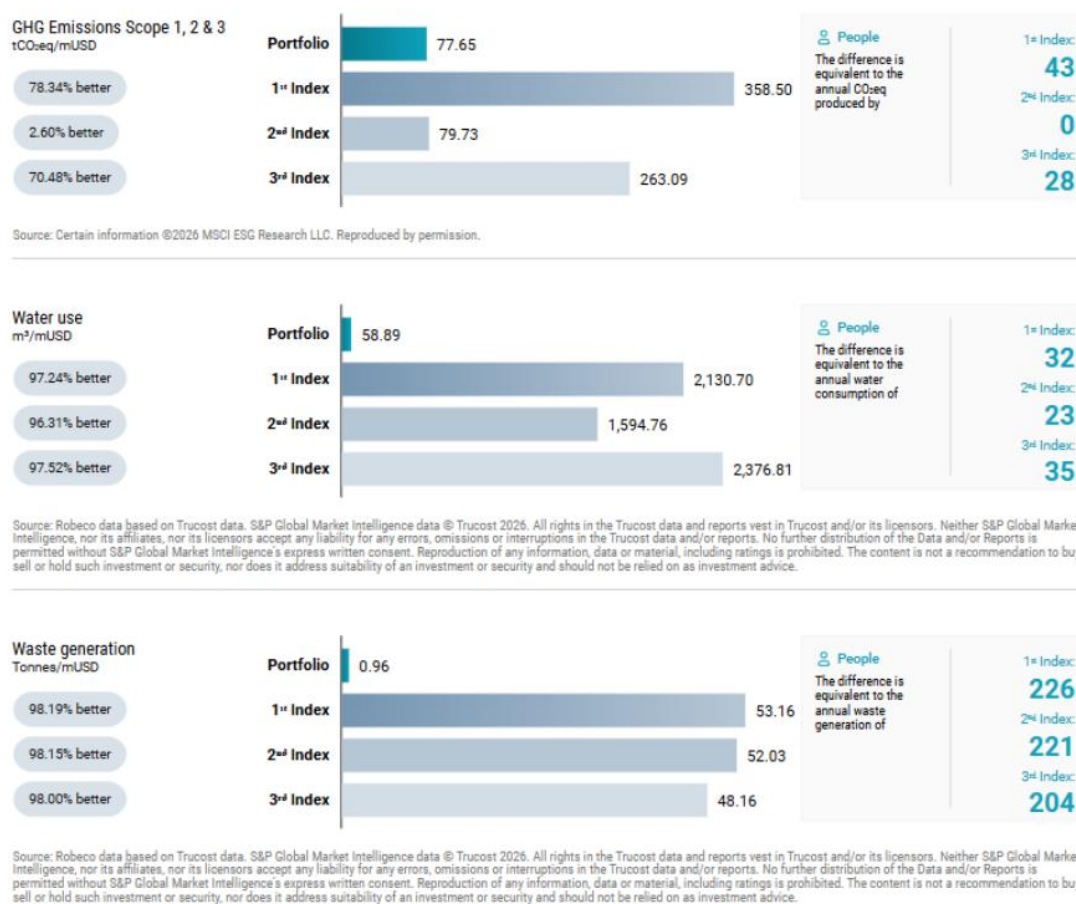


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b. Environmental footprint reduction

The greenhouse gas emissions footprint of the portfolio is aimed to be at least better than the MSCI EU PAB Overlay benchmark, while the water use, and waste generation footprints are aimed to be at least 20% better than the index. The graph below shows how the portfolio and benchmarks score across these environmental footprints.

Figure 4 – Environmental footprint



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c. 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 in 7,472 shareholder meetings. Engagement is exercising our shareholder's rights to improve company behavior for the companies we invest in. The fund currently contains 16 stocks that are being engaged in Robeco's active ownership efforts, accounting for 15.9% of the portfolio. Most of these stocks are under values-based engagement, focusing on financially material sustainability themes to improve their risk-return profile.

d. Exclusions – 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, thermal coal, Arctic drilling, oil sands, palm oil, tobacco, breaches with international standards on responsible conduct, including International Labor Organization (ILO) standards, United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGPs), United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises as well as failure to pass Robeco tests on climate standards, good governance, and money laundering and terrorism financing. 132 stocks in the index are excluded, representing 3.5% of the MSCI All Country World Index.

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