

## PRE-CONTRACTUAL DISCLOSURE OF A FUND THAT PROMOTES E/S CHARACTERISTICS

*This document provides you with information about this fund in relation to the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the sustainability characteristics and/or objectives and risks of this fund. You are advised to read it in conjunction with other relevant documentation on this fund so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.*

### **Robeco QI Global Quality Equities**

<b>SFDR Classification</b>	<p>This fund promotes environmental and/or social ('E/S') characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial sector.</p>
<b>1. E/S CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<p><b>What <u>E/S characteristics</u> are promoted by this fund? What investment strategy does this fund follow to meet the E/S characteristics?</b></p> <p>The fund has the following E/S characteristics: (i) the fund contributes to global ESG enhancement, (ii) reduces its environmental footprint and (iii) applies exclusions that impact the investment universe of the fund.</p> <p>The investment strategy to meet the E/S characteristics is to systematically integrate ESG factors in a disciplined investment process, using stock specific Smart ESG scores as further described in Section 4 below, and to ensure that the portfolio's weighted ESG score is higher than that of the reference index.</p> <p>In its strategy the fund also uses proprietary Carbon, Water and Waste footprint scores (see below Section 4) and ensures that these footprint scores are better than that of the reference index.</p> <p>A key feature of the fund's sustainability investing approach is that stocks of companies with a favorable ESG score and/or low footprint scores have a higher chance of ending up in the portfolio while stocks of companies with poor ESG scores and/or footprint scores are more likely to be divested from the portfolio.</p> <p>In addition, the fund excludes stocks of companies on the basis of controversial behaviour and controversial products (including controversial weapons, tobacco, palm oil and fossil fuel).</p> <p>The reference index used for asset allocation, MSCI All Country World Index, is a general market index, representing the investment universe, and is not consistent with the E/S characteristics promoted by the fund. The index methodology can</p>

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	<p>be found on the relevant webpages by the index provider: <a href="https://www.msci.com/">https://www.msci.com/</a>.</p>
<p><b>2. E/S INDICATORS</b></p>	<p><b>What are the relevant <u>E/S indicators</u> used to measure the attainment of each of the E/S characteristics promoted by the fund?</b></p> <p>The fund has the following E/S indicators:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fund’s weighted ESG score is better than that of the reference index.</li> <li>2. The fund’s weighted carbon, water and waste footprint score is better than that of the reference index.</li> <li>3. 100% of the fund’s portfolio is invested in line with Robeco’s Exclusion Policy <a href="https://www.robeco.com/en/key-strengths/sustainable-investing/sustainability-reports-policies.html">https://www.robeco.com/en/key-strengths/sustainable-investing/sustainability-reports-policies.html</a>, excluding investments in companies that are exposed to controversial behavior and controversial products (including controversial weapons, tobacco, palm oil and fossil fuel).</li> </ol> <p>The E/S characteristics and the E/S indicators are coded and monitored on a regular basis by the portfolio construction tooling of the investment strategy and by applying strict restrictions on the Exclusion Policy, and by independent risk management functions, regularly measuring restrictions and controls. In this way the fund uses the E/S indicators to measure if the promoted E/S characteristics are achieved.</p> <p>Adherence to the Exclusion Policy is monitored with strict pre-trade restrictions. The fund’s weighted ESG score to be better than that of the reference index is monitored based on the Smart ESG Score.</p>
<p><b>3. SUSTAINABILITY RISK</b></p>	<p><b>How are sustainability risks <u>mitigated</u> in this fund? What are the likely <u>impacts of sustainability risks on the return of the fund</u>?</b></p> <p>Sustainability risks are environmental, social or governance events or conditions that, if occurring, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of the investment. Examples are climate-related and environmental risks, poor governance practices and/ or significant social issues.</p> <p>Sustainability risks can be identified across asset classes, sectors and geographies or on the basis of length and maturity. Robeco uses various tooling to identify and evaluate sustainability factors and related risks. Once identified and evaluated as impactful for an individual investment portfolio, sustainability risks are directly integrated in the related investment and risk management process.</p>

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	<p>In order to mitigate sustainability risks, the fund takes the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Climate risk: The fund applies carbon footprint reduction that is better than the benchmark via portfolio construction and a decarbonized value definition in the stock selection model. This results in a lower carbon intensity versus the benchmark, which in turn mitigates the fund’s climate transition risk. Furthermore, the fund applies fossil fuel exclusions and engages with high carbon emitters on climate strategy. The climate risk is considered <i>medium</i>.</li> <li>- Environmental, Social and Governance risk: The fund applies ESG integration by making sure the ESG score and the water and waste footprint score are better than the benchmark. Furthermore, the fund applies exclusions based on UN Global Compact and OECD screening on environmental, social and governance issues and engagement with companies on material environmental, social and governance issues. The environmental risk is considered <i>medium</i>.</li> </ul> <p>The likely impacts sustainability risks will have on the return of the fund are considered <i>medium</i>.</p> <p>For more information on the integration of sustainability risks see <a href="https://www.robeco.com/en/key-strengths/sustainable-investing/sustainability-reports-policies.html">https://www.robeco.com/en/key-strengths/sustainable-investing/sustainability-reports-policies.html</a>.</p>
<p><b>4. E/S DATA</b></p>	<p><b>What sustainability <u>data</u> is used in managing this fund? Are there any <u>limitations</u> in the data sources used in this fund?</b></p> <p>The fund uses a proprietary Smart ESG Score to integrate ESG in the investment approach. The Smart ESG Score reduces known biases such as transparency, market cap, industry and regional, to better pinpoint which ESG indicators are the most financially relevant for different industries. This results in an unbiased and financially material Smart ESG Score which is more suitable for investment purposes. Smart ESG Scores are based on the Corporate Sustainability Assessment (‘CSA’), originally established by RobecoSAM in 1999 and now conducted by S&amp;P Global. In case of data limitations, the Smart ESG Score may be complemented by Sustainalytics ESG data.</p> <p>The fund uses Smart ESG Score as primary data source for monitoring the fund’s weighted ESG score versus that of the reference index.</p> <p>The fund uses proprietary Carbon, Water and Waste footprint scores, that are based on S&amp;P CSA data. An inhouse process is used to refine the S&amp;P CSA data and arrive at the footprint scores.</p>

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	<p>The fund uses Sustainalytics as primary data source for its exclusion screening process. The quality of this screening is enhanced with inhouse analysis. For the screening on Palm Oil production from RSPO-certified plantations, data from RSPO.org is used.</p> <p>Different regions and asset classes have varying challenges with regards to data quality and coverage that need to be considered, especially emerging markets. Investors must consider that some datasets are based on modelled rather than reported data. Used indicators, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and could fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of the issuers.</p>
<p><b>5. STEWARDSHIP</b></p>	<p><b>What is the <u>voting &amp; engagement</u> policy of this fund? What is the policy to assess <u>good governance</u> practices for the investments selected by this fund?</b></p> <p>As part of exercising our stewardship responsibilities, by means of proxy voting and engagement, Robeco actively encourages good governance and sustainable corporate practices, which contribute to long-term shareholder value creation (for more information regarding our policy see <a href="https://www.robeco.com/docm/docu-robeco-stewardship-policy.pdf">https://www.robeco.com/docm/docu-robeco-stewardship-policy.pdf</a>).</p> <p>Corporate governance is a material issue for almost all sectors and therefore also taken into account in the investment analysis of this fund. In addition, as of 2022, the fund will integrate Principal Adverse Impact as another measure to mitigate (amongst others) governance risk in its portfolio.</p>
<p><b>Other relevant documents</b></p>	<p><b>Prospectus / KIID / Factsheet</b></p> <p>For other relevant documents see <a href="https://www.robeco.com/en/funds/#!/#documents">https://www.robeco.com/en/funds/#!/#documents</a></p>