

## Robeco Global Credits IBH EUR

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**Reinout Schapers, Evert Giesen**  
Fund manager since 04-06-2014

### Performance

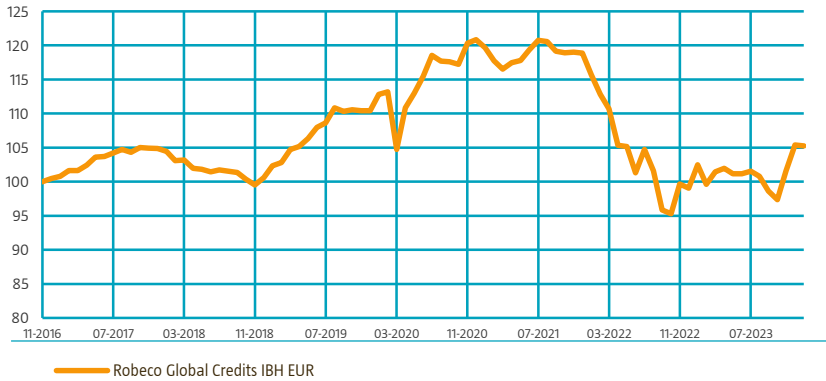
	Fund	Index
1 m	-0.14%	-0.17%
3 m	8.11%	8.02%
Ytd	-0.14%	-0.17%
1 Year	2.71%	3.02%
2 Years	-4.60%	-4.35%
3 Years	-4.19%	-4.08%
5 Years	0.56%	0.06%
Since 11-2016	0.61%	0.25%

Annualized (for periods longer than one year)

Note: due to a difference in measurement period between the fund and the index, performance differences may arise. For further info, see last page.

### Performance

Indexed value (until 31-01-2024) - Source: Robeco



### Calendar year performance

	Fund	Index
2023	6.42%	6.51%
2022	-16.66%	-16.31%
2021	-1.66%	-1.69%
2020	9.44%	6.73%
2019	9.76%	9.24%
2021-2023	-4.46%	-4.30%
2019-2023	0.94%	0.43%

Annualized (years)

### Index

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporates Index

### General facts

Morningstar	★★★★★
Type of fund	Bonds
Currency	EUR
Total size of fund	EUR 3,036,670,475
Size of share class	EUR 156,239,297
Outstanding shares	1,725,415
1st quotation date	17-11-2016
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.54%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	Yes
Ex-ante tracking error limit	5.00%
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

### Sustainability profile

- Exclusions
- ESG Integration
- Engagement

For more information on exclusions see <https://www.robeco.com/exclusions/>

### Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -0.14%.

The Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index returned -0.17% (hedged in euro) this month. Excess returns for the index were +0.44%. Underlying government bond yields widened, with the German 10-year yields rising 14 basis points to 2.17% and the 10-year US Treasury rose by 3 basis points to 3.91%. The credit spread on the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index tightened by 5 basis points to 110 basis points at the end of the month. The fund underperformed compared to the index. Performance attribution is divided between beta positioning and issuer selection, consistent with our investment approach. Our slight overweight beta position had a positive impact as spreads tightened while maintaining a beta above one. However, this was offset by negative contributions from issuer selection, notably our underweight position in the long end of the USD credit curve, where we lost performance due to strong performance in maturity buckets above 15 years.

### Market development

In January, investment grade credit spreads continued their tightening trend, fueled by robust economic indicators on both sides of the Atlantic. In the US, fourth-quarter GDP surged to 3.3%, while unemployment stayed near record lows. Meanwhile, Europe surprised with growth slightly exceeding expectations, evading the threat of a technical recession. Despite this strength, central banks remained cautious, tempering expectations of imminent rate cuts and prompting a rise in underlying government bond yields across both regions. Against this backdrop and following seasonal norms, the new issue market burst into action with unprecedented vigor. Banks, as usual the first ones to issue, flooded the market from day one with a diverse array of bonds ranging from covered bonds to Tier-2 bonds and CoCos. Initially, the market appeared overwhelmed, causing spreads to widen amid the influx of supply. However, investor confidence swiftly reversed this sentiment, lifting the performance of new bond issues and pushing allocations downward. Despite a tepid start, credit spreads rebounded significantly as the month progressed, underscoring the market's resilience amid initial volatility.

### Expectation of fund manager

In our recent quarterly outlook, we observed a consensus shift towards a soft landing, a trend that continued in the last quarter. Many economists and strategists abandoned bearish views on the economy. Spread levels have fallen below major banks' 2024 projections. We argue that it remains wise to stay cautious in this environment. Although markets have fully embraced a goldilocks scenario, we think risks have not abated. History tells us that tightening cycles by central banks almost always lead to a recession. The early 90s were the exception when economies continued to do well in the years thereafter. The market is currently pricing in an optimistic scenario, with spreads experiencing significant movement, particularly in US credit markets approaching the bottom decile in valuations. Such a trend is typically observed after extended bull markets rather than in the current environment.

### Top 10 largest positions

In our portfolio management, the most relevant issuer positions are those measured in risk points (weight x spread x duration). The largest positions consist of a mix of financials and industrials. Often, we have more than one bond holding in a specific name. Top financial holdings are Deutsche Bank, CaixaBank and Aegon. Top corporate holdings are Warner Bros Discovery, EDF and Celanese.

### Fund price

31-01-24	EUR	90.55
High Ytd (31-01-24)	EUR	90.55
Low Ytd (18-01-24)	EUR	89.38

### Fees

Management fee	0.40%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.12%

### Legal status

Investment company with variable capital incorporated under Luxembourg law (SICAV)  
 Issue structure Open-end  
 UCITS V Yes  
 Share class IBH EUR  
 This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV.

### Registered in

Luxembourg, Netherlands, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom

### Currency policy

All currency risks are hedged.

### Risk management

Risk management is fully embedded in the investment process so as to ensure that the fund's positions remain within set limits at all times.

### Dividend policy

The fund aims to distribute a quarterly dividend.

### Derivative policy

Robeco Global Credit make use of derivatives for hedging purposes as well as for investment purposes. These derivatives are very liquid.

### Fund codes

ISIN	LU1521666997
Bloomberg	RGCIBHE LX
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### Top 10 largest positions

#### Holdings

CAR 2023-G1V
Bank of America Corp
Nestle Holdings Inc
Goldman Sachs Group Inc/The
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel SA
Citibank NA
JPMorgan Chase & Co
Deutsche Bank AG
AT&T Inc
Aegon Bank NV
<b>Total</b>

Sector	%
ABS	1.76
Financials	1.59
Industrials	1.56
Financials	1.49
Financials	1.45
Financials	1.42
Financials	1.38
Financials	1.37
Industrials	1.24
Financials	1.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.51</b>

### Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	0.83	1.08
Information ratio	0.46	0.93
Sharpe ratio	-0.59	0.07
Alpha (%)	0.68	1.05
Beta	1.05	1.07
Standard deviation	8.17	8.12
Max. monthly gain (%)	4.61	5.73
Max. monthly loss (%)	-5.34	-7.35

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

### Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	19	33
Hit ratio (%)	52.8	55.0
Months Bull market	14	32
Months outperformance Bull	8	20
Hit ratio Bull (%)	57.1	62.5
Months Bear market	22	28
Months Outperformance Bear	11	13
Hit ratio Bear (%)	50.0	46.4

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

### Characteristics

	Fund	Index
Rating	A2/A3	A3/BAA1
Option Adjusted Modified Duration (years)	6.1	6.0
Maturity (years)	7.8	8.6
Yield to Worst (% , Hedged)	4.0	3.6
Green Bonds (% , Weighted)	4.9	4.5

### Sector allocation

The sector allocation is to a large extent driven by bottom-up issuer selection. The fund is overweight in European financials, both banking and insurance. The banking sector globally remains relatively cheap. In particular, senior bank bonds can still be considered on the cheap side. AT1 bonds have performed quite well and are now below median levels. The fund continues to be underweight REITs for a multitude of reasons; maturity walls are coming due, higher vacancies at CREs, and lower revaluations. We have an underweight position in cyclicals and cyclical-exposed sectors such as energy. Our overweight in basic industry is in companies with beneficial positions on their cost curves. The overweight in communications is related to media content creators, which are more focused on free cash flow generation and deleveraging, or incumbent telecom providers with strong market positions. Apart from that, we hold overweight positions in several utility-like agencies, such as TenneT.

Sector allocation		Deviation index	
Financials	39.2%		0.0%
Industrials	39.1%		-12.9%
Covered	4.6%		4.6%
ABS	4.4%		4.4%
Agencies	3.8%		3.8%
Utilities	3.7%		-5.1%
Treasuries	1.5%		1.5%
Supranational	0.9%		0.9%
Sovereign	0.1%		0.1%
Cash and other instruments	2.6%		2.6%

### Currency denomination allocation

Our currency positioning over different foreign currencies is the result of our beta positioning, sector themes, and issuer selection. The remainder is held in cash. All currency exposure is hedged back to the Bloomberg Aggregate Corporate Index. The funds hold an overweight position in Euro bonds, mainly driven by financials. USD cash bonds underperformed EUR cash bonds in terms of risk-adjusted excess returns for the month.

Currency denomination allocation		Deviation index	
U.S. Dollar	52.3%		-15.2%
Euro	40.9%		17.4%
Pound Sterling	4.2%		0.1%
Canadian Dollar	0.0%		-3.2%
Japanese Yen	0.0%		-0.7%
Australian Dollar	0.0%		-0.5%
Swiss Franc	0.0%		-0.3%

### Duration allocation

The duration of the fund was in line with its benchmark.

Duration allocation		Deviation index	
U.S. Dollar	4.5		0.0
Euro	1.0		0.0
Pound Sterling	0.3		0.0
Canadian Dollar	0.2		0.0

### Rating allocation

Our positioning over the different rating buckets is the result of beta positioning, sector themes, and issuer selection. Currently, the fund is underweight investment grade credits and overweight BB credits. Within investment grade rating buckets, we have an overweight position in AAA-rated credits.

Rating allocation		Deviation index	
AAA	10.9%		10.0%
AA	9.6%		1.8%
A	25.8%		-17.7%
BAA	43.8%		-4.1%
BA	6.8%		6.8%
B	0.2%		0.2%
NR	0.3%		0.3%
Cash and other instruments	2.6%		2.6%

### Subordination allocation

In the allocation to the capital structure, we favor the bonds with the most risk-adjusted performance potential, while taking into account the beta, sector themes, and the credit cycle. The exposure that we do have to subordinated bonds is limited to only positions that have both a good fundamental outlook and a good bond structure.

Subordination type allocation		Deviation index	
Senior	84.2%		-9.3%
Tier 2	6.6%		1.9%
Hybrid	4.1%		2.4%
Tier 1	2.5%		2.4%
Cash and other instruments	2.6%		2.6%

### ESG Important information

The sustainability information in this factsheet can help investors integrate sustainability considerations in their process. This information is for informational purposes only. The reported sustainability information may not at all be used in relation to binding elements for this fund. A decision to invest should take into account all characteristics or objectives of the fund as described in the prospectus. The prospectus is available on request and free of charge on the Robeco website.

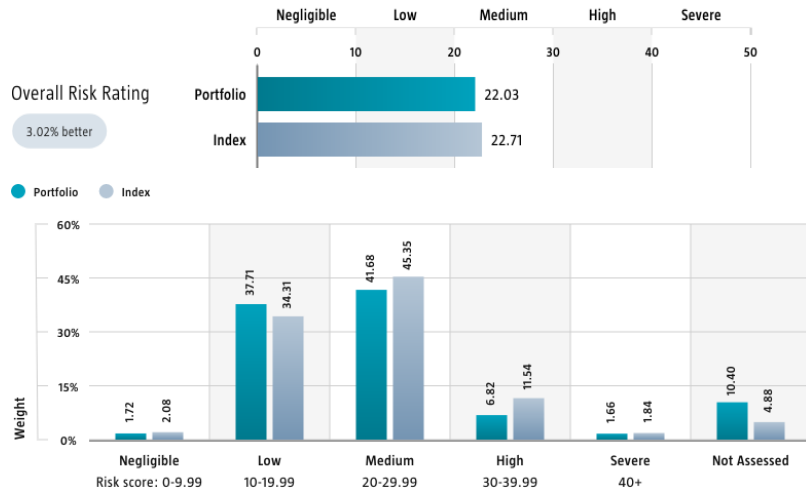
### Sustainability

The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process via exclusions, ESG integration, a minimum allocation to ESG-labeled bonds, and engagement. The fund does not invest in credit issuers that are in breach of international norms or where activities have been deemed detrimental to society following Robeco's exclusion policy. Financially material ESG factors are integrated in the bottom-up security analysis to assess the impact on the issuer's fundamental credit quality. In the credit selection the fund limits exposure to issuers with an elevated sustainability risk profile. Furthermore, the fund invests at least 5% in green, social, sustainable, and/or sustainability-linked bonds. Lastly, where issuers are flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to engagement.

The following sections display the ESG-metrics for this fund along with short descriptions. For more information please visit the sustainability-related disclosures. The index used for all sustainability visuals is based on Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporates Index.

### Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating

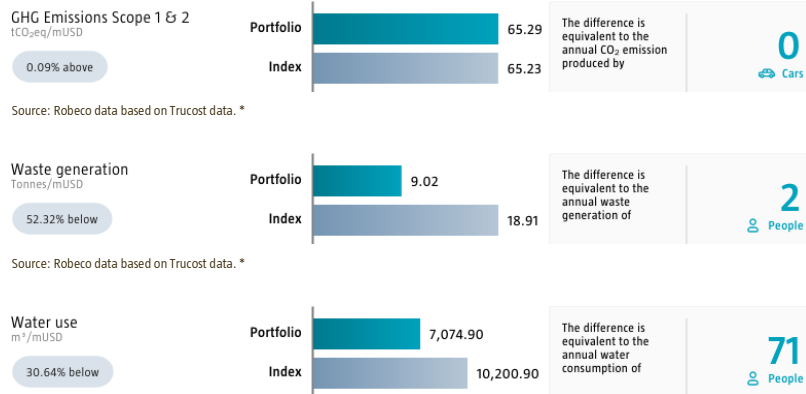
The Portfolio Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating chart displays the portfolio's ESG Risk Rating. This is calculated by multiplying each portfolio component's Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating by its respective portfolio weight. The Distribution across Sustainalytics ESG Risk levels chart shows the portfolio allocations broken into Sustainalytics' five ESG risk levels: negligible (0-10), low (10-20), medium (20-30), high (30-40) and severe (40+), providing an overview of portfolio exposure to the different ESG risk levels. Index scores are provided alongside the portfolio scores, highlighting the portfolio's ESG risk level compared to the index. Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.



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### Environmental Footprint

Environmental footprint expresses the total resource consumption of the portfolio per mUSD invested. Each assessed company's footprint is calculated by normalizing resources consumed by the company's enterprise value including cash (EVIC). We aggregate these figures to portfolio level using a weighted average, multiplying each assessed portfolio constituent's footprint by its respective position weight. For comparison, index footprints are shown besides that of the portfolio. The equivalent factors that are used for comparison between the portfolio and index represent European averages and are based on third-party sources combined with own estimates. As such, the figures presented are intended for illustrative purposes and are purely an indication. Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.

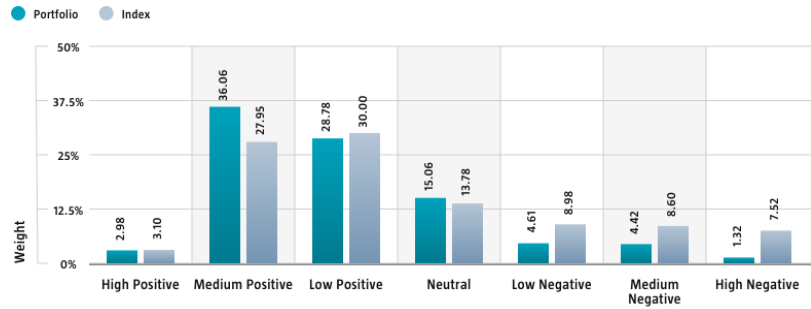


Source: Robeco data based on Trucost data. \*

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### SDG Impact Alignment

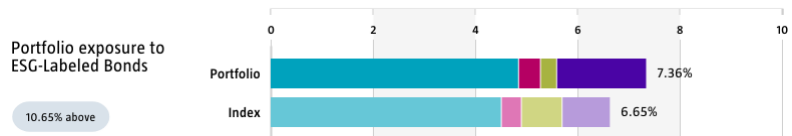
This distribution across SDG scores shows the portfolio weight allocated to companies with a positive, negative and neutral impact alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) based on Robeco's SDG Framework. The framework utilizes a three-step approach to assess a company's impact alignment with the relevant SDGs and assign a total SDG score. The score ranges from positive to negative impact alignment with levels from high, medium or low impact alignment. This results in a 7-step scale from -3 to +3. For comparison, index figures are provided alongside that of the portfolio. Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.



Source: Robeco. Data derived from internal processes.

### ESG Labeled Bonds

The ESG-labeled bond chart displays the portfolio's exposure to ESG-labeled bonds. Specifically, green bonds, social bonds, sustainability bonds, and sustainability-linked bonds. This is calculated as a sum of weights for those bonds in the portfolio that have one of above mentioned labels. Index exposure figures are provided alongside the portfolio exposure figures, highlighting the difference with the index.



	Portfolio weight	Index weight
Green Bonds	4.86%	4.52%
Social Bonds	0.43%	0.39%
Sustainable Bonds	0.32%	0.80%
Sustainability-Linked Bonds	1.76%	0.94%

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### Engagement

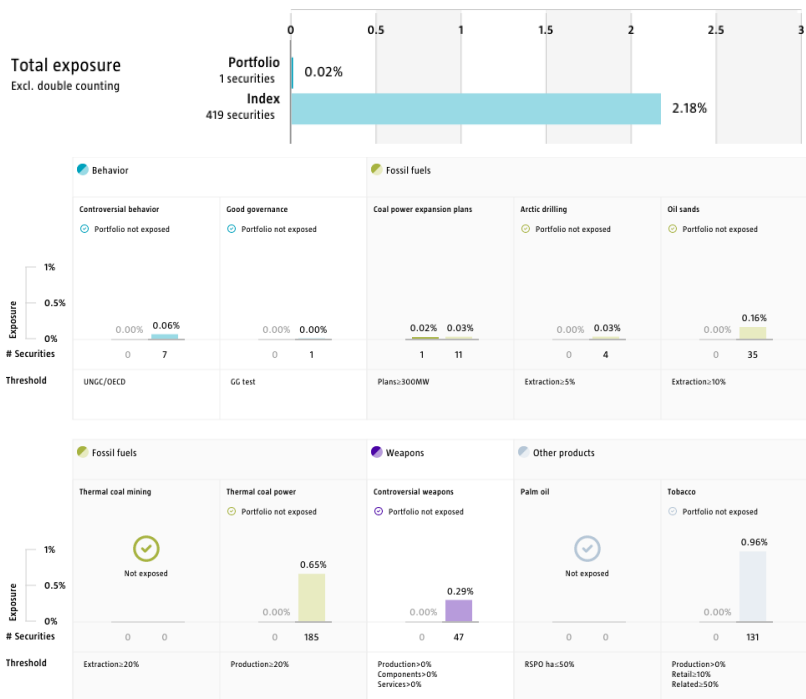
Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement. Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear and measurable improvement in a company's SDG contribution. Enhanced engagement is triggered by misconduct and focuses on companies severely breaching international standards. The report is based on all companies in the portfolio for which engagement activities have taken place during the past 12 months. Note that companies may be under engagement in multiple categories simultaneously. While the total portfolio exposure excludes double counting, it may not equal the sum of individual category exposures.

	Portfolio exposure	# companies engaged with	# activities with companies engaged with
Total (* excluding double counting)	17.32%	51	190
Environmental	8.39%	24	102
Social	2.29%	14	41
Governance	3.07%	7	16
Sustainable Development Goals	2.14%	5	23
Voting Related	3.16%	7	8
Enhanced	0.00%	0	0

Source: Robeco. Data derived from internal processes.

### Exclusions

The Exclusions charts display the degree of adherence to exclusion applied by Robeco. For reference, index exposures are shown beside that of the portfolio. Thresholds are based on revenues unless otherwise indicated. For more information about the exclusion policy and which level applies, please refer to the Exclusion Policy and Exclusion List available on Robeco.com.



Source: We use several data sources such as Sustainalytics, RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil), World Bank, Freedom House, Fund for Peace and International Sanctions; further policy document available [Exclusion Policy](#)

## Investment policy

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The fund promotes E&S (i.e. Environmental and Social) characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation, integrates sustainability risks in the investment process and applies Robeco's Good Governance policy. The fund applies sustainability indicators, including but not limited to, normative, activity-based and region-based exclusions, and engagement.

The majority of bonds selected will be components of the benchmark, but bonds outside the benchmark may be selected too. The fund can deviate substantially from the weightings of the benchmark. The fund aims to outperform the benchmark over the long run, while still controlling relative risk through the application of limits (on currencies) to the extent of the deviation from the benchmark. This will consequently limit the deviation of the performance relative to the benchmark. The benchmark is a broad market-weighted index that is not consistent with the ESG characteristics promoted by the fund.

## Fund manager's CV

Reinout Schapers is Portfolio Manager Investment Grade in the Credit team. Prior to joining Robeco in 2011, Reinout worked at Aegon Asset Management where he was a Head of European High Yield. Before that, he worked at Rabo Securities as an M&A Associate and at Credit Suisse First Boston as an Analyst Corporate Finance. Reinout has been active in the industry since 2003. He holds a Master's in Architecture from the Delft University of Technology. Evert Giesen is Portfolio Manager Investment Grade in the Credit team. Previously, he was an Analyst, responsible for covering the Automotive sector within the Credit team. Prior to joining Robeco in 2001, Evert worked at AEGON Asset Management for four years as a Fixed Income Portfolio Manager. He has been active in the industry since 1997 and holds a Master's in Econometrics from Tilburg University.

## Team info

The Robeco Global Credits fund is managed within Robeco's credit team, which consists of nine portfolio managers and twenty-three credit analysts (of which four financials analysts). The portfolio managers are responsible for the construction and management of the credit portfolios, whereas the analysts cover the team's fundamental research. Our analysts have long term experience in their respective sectors which they cover globally. Each analyst covers both investment grade and high yield, providing them an information advantage and benefiting from inefficiencies that traditionally exist between the two segmented markets. Furthermore, the credit team is supported by dedicated quantitative researchers and fixed income traders. On average, the members of the credit team have an experience in the asset management industry of seventeen years, of which eight years with Robeco.

## Fiscal product treatment

The fund is established in Luxembourg and is subject to the Luxembourg tax laws and regulations. The fund is not liable to pay any corporation, income, dividend or capital gains tax in Luxembourg. The fund is subject to an annual subscription tax ('tax d'abonnement') in Luxembourg, which amounts to 0.01% of the net asset value of the fund. This tax is included in the net asset value of the fund. The fund can in principle use the Luxembourg treaty network to partially recover any withholding tax on its income.

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