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Factsheet | Figures as of 31-01-2024

Robeco High Yield Bonds IBH CHF

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Sander Bus, Roeland Moraal, Christiaan Lever, Daniel de Koning
Fund manager since 01-03-2001

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	0.44%	-0.20%
3 m	6.75%	6.76%
Ytd	0.44%	-0.20%
1 Year	4.66%	5.15%
2 Years	-0.89%	-1.46%
3 Years	-0.34%	-0.63%
Since 02-2019	1.76%	1.58%

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.

Calendar year performance

	Fund	Index
2023	7.07%	8.85%
2022	-10.36%	-12.89%
2021	2.76%	4.01%
2020	3.00%	4.43%
2021-2023	-0.46%	-0.47%

Annualized (years)

Index

Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield + Pan Euro HY ex Financials 2.5% Issuer Cap

General facts

Morningstar	★★★★
Type of fund	Bonds
Currency	CHF
Total size of fund	CHF 6,053,400,772
Size of share class	CHF 289,483
Outstanding shares	3,173
1st quotation date	21-02-2019
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.69%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	Yes
Ex-ante tracking error limit	5.00%
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

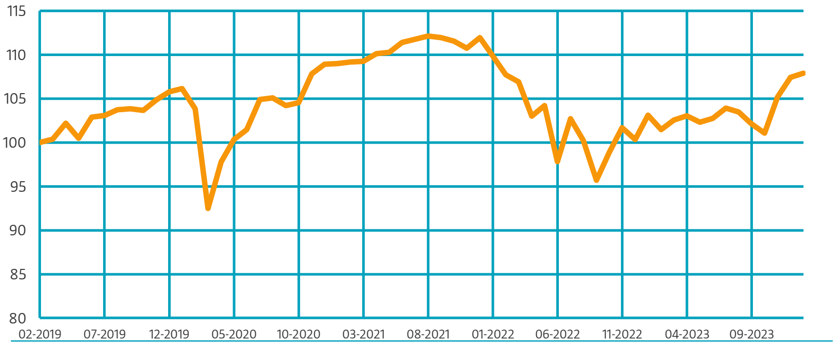
Sustainability profile

- Exclusions
- ESG Integration
- Engagement

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

Performance

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



Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was 0.44%.
In January, the high yield bond index recorded a total return of -0.02%. Excess returns were a small negative and underlying government bonds moved mostly sideways. The fund outperformed the benchmark by 27 bps. Our up in quality strategy paid off, as issuer selection contributed 29 bps to the outperformance; beta positioning was a small detractor. This performance was driven mainly by our preference for EUR bonds, as the USD counterparts underperformed on a risk-adjusted basis. From a sector perspective, the underweight in communications and in technology, and the overweight in basic industry were the most positive. The underweight in DISH proved beneficial, as the cancellation of one of the outstanding debt swap offers was perceived as credit negative from the market. Active positioning in Kloeckner contributed positively, as the bonds rebounded after a severe sell-off in December. While EBITDA was slightly weaker, the results overall turned out to be acceptable. The underweight in Atos, also contributed positively, as several maturities are approaching and concerns over a potential restructuring are rising for the French software firm. Atos bonds took a nosedive after a short-lived rally in December.

Market development

January marked a subdued performance in the US high yield market, with spreads widening by 12 basis points to reach a total of 346 basis points. Concurrently, the yield-to-worst rose to 7.41%, an increase of 14 basis points. The hopes for a soft-landing scenario continued as the most recent data prints for the US on unemployment claims and inflation were encouraging. The Fed, in light of the absence of worrying signals, is anticipated to delay the first rate cuts, from the previously expected March meeting. In Europe, the consensus forecasts the ECB to commence rate reductions from June, following the reported decrease in inflation in the two largest Eurozone economies. Another important item was geopolitics, as the strikes from the Houthi rebels on commercial shipping in the Red Sea led to material supply-chain disruption. And in turn, the US and the UK reacted with air strikes against the Houthi rebels. Against that backdrop, oil prices rose again in January after three monthly declines. In January, the issuance of US high yield bonds was significant, totaling USD 31 billion, whereas default activity remained relatively low, with USD 3 billion in distressed exchanges and defaults.

Expectation of fund manager

We have reached the end of one of the sharpest hiking cycles in modern history. Economies in Europe and the US have so far moved through it without being derailed. Monetary policies in Europe and the US were effective in the fight against inflation. Markets have declared victory and fully embraced a soft landing. However, we remain cautious, as it is likely we have not fully seen the impact of the tightening cycle. Central banks are gradually pivoting, but rate cuts are still a few months away it seems. Markets have performed quite a bit better than many would have thought, and short risk was a costly position to be in. We continue to see sectors struggle to maintain pricing power, especially with inflation coming down. The market overall has moved a lot and in many parts valuations are outright rich. We believe selection will be key, not all companies are equal, so it is important to remain vigilant and invest in those companies where risk return is properly balanced. We maintain an up and quality approach to our portfolio and are still positive on financials on the back of valuations, maintaining a beta below 1.

Top 10 largest positions

Our top ten holdings consist mostly of BB-rated large caps in the communications, automotive and packaging sectors. In communications, we are slightly overweight in large US and UK operators like Charter and Virgin Media. In automotive, we own a large overweight position in Forvia (formerly called Faurecia). Other top holdings are in US supermarket operator Albertsons, and in the packaging sector with Crown Holdings and Mauser Packaging.

Fund price

31-01-24	CHF	91.65
High Ytd (31-01-24)	CHF	91.65
Low Ytd (05-01-24)	CHF	90.37

Fees

Management fee	0.55%
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 CHF

This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV

Registered in

Luxembourg, Singapore, Switzerland

Currency policy

All currency risks are hedged.

Risk management

Risk management is fully embedded in the investment process to ensure that positions always meet predefined guidelines.

Dividend policy

This share class of the fund will distribute dividend.

Derivative policy

Robeco High Yield Bonds make use of derivatives for hedging purposes as well as for investment purposes. These derivatives are very liquid.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU1945299888
Bloomberg	ROHIBHC LX
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Top 10 largest positions

Holdings	Sector	%
CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp	Communications	2.25
Forvia SE	Consumer Cyclical	1.50
ZF Europe Finance BV	Consumer Cyclical	1.47
Olympus Water US Holding Corp	Basic Industry	1.45
Albertsons Cos Inc / Safeway Inc / New Albertsons	Consumer Non Cyclical	1.43
Crown European Holdings SA	Capital Goods	1.40
Mauser Packaging Solutions Holding Co	Capital Goods	1.23
FMG Resources August 2006 Pty Ltd	Basic Industry	1.18
Vmed O2 UK Financing I PLC	Communications	1.18
Standard Industries Inc/NJ	Capital Goods	1.16
Total		**14.26**

Statistics

	3 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	1.30
Information ratio	0.62
Sharpe ratio	-0.01
Alpha (%)	0.72
Beta	0.92
Standard deviation	7.42
Max. monthly gain (%)	5.09
Max. monthly loss (%)	-5.70

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns

Hit ratio

	3 Years
Months outperformance	17
Hit ratio (%)	47.2
Months Bull market	18
Months outperformance Bull	6
Hit ratio Bull (%)	33.3
Months Bear market	18
Months Outperformance Bear	11
Hit ratio Bear (%)	61.1

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Characteristics

	Fund	Index
Rating	BA2/BA3	BA3/B1
Option Adjusted Modified Duration (years)	3.2	3.1
Maturity (years)	4.3	4.2
Yield to Worst (%, Hedged)	2.9	4.1
Green Bonds (%, Weighted)	3.4	2.3

Changes

Benchmark changes: Since start - 31/3/2005 Barclays Global High Yield (Hedged into CHF) 1/4/2005 - 30/4/2005 Barclays US Corporate High Yield & Pan European High Yield (Hedged into CHF) 1/5/2005 - 31/3/2009 Barclays US Corporate High Yield & Pan European High Yield 2.5% Issuer Cap (Hedged into CHF) 1/4/2009 - now Barclays US Corporate High Yield & Pan European High Yield ex Financials 2.5% Issuer Cap (Hedged into CHF)

Sector allocation

Overweights are in less cyclical sectors like paper, chemicals and packaging, as well as in financials, which is an off-benchmark position. Underweights are in sectors that are exposed to consumer discretionary spending like retail, leisure and gaming. We also have underweights in tech and telecommunications.

Sector allocation		Deviation index
Capital Goods	17.5%	6.1%
Consumer Cyclical	13.5%	-10.9%
Consumer Non Cyclical	13.2%	-0.1%
Basic Industry	12.4%	6.6%
Communications	10.9%	-7.3%
Energy	9.1%	-2.0%
Banking	5.9%	5.9%
Technology	4.0%	-3.1%
Transportation	1.9%	-1.4%
Owned No Guarantee	1.2%	1.2%
Insurance	0.8%	0.8%
Other	2.4%	-2.9%
Cash and other instruments	7.3%	7.3%

Currency denomination allocation

All currency risks are hedged to the currency of the share class. The currency denomination allocation shows the currency distribution of the portfolio before hedging.

Currency denomination allocation		Deviation index
U.S. Dollar	57.4%	-19.9%
Euro	32.0%	11.8%
Pound Sterling	3.3%	0.8%

Duration allocation

Robeco High Yield Bonds does not pursue an active duration policy. HY bonds tend to have a limited effective sensitivity to underlying moves in government bond yields. In our 0-duration share classes, the underlying rate risk is hedged to 0 to 6-month duration.

Duration allocation		Deviation index
U.S. Dollar	2.3	-0.2
Euro	0.6	0.0
Pound Sterling	0.1	0.0
Swiss Franc	0.1	0.1

Rating allocation

Most exposure is in Ba and B issuers. The fund has a large underweight in the categories Caa and below. We have an allocation to BBBs, mainly consisting of former rising stars that still trade at attractive spread levels, as well as positions lower in the capital structure of European banks.

Rating allocation		Deviation index
A	0.2%	0.2%
BAA	11.1%	11.1%
BA	54.7%	6.2%
B	20.4%	-20.3%
CAA	5.5%	-4.4%
CA		-0.8%
C		-0.1%
NR	0.8%	0.8%
Cash and other instruments	7.3%	7.3%

Country allocation

Country risk analysis is incorporated in our proprietary credit research, but we do not implement any specific top-down country policy in the portfolio. We have a preference for Europe versus the United States based on valuations.

Country allocation		Deviation index
United States	54.2%	-15.4%
Germany	7.1%	3.7%
France	6.1%	1.2%
United Kingdom	5.5%	-0.2%
Canada	2.8%	-0.6%
Netherlands	2.8%	1.3%
Spain	2.5%	0.1%
Luxembourg	2.3%	0.4%
Italy	1.6%	-0.9%
Australia	1.4%	0.8%
Switzerland	1.3%	0.8%
Other	5.0%	1.4%
Cash and other instruments	7.3%	7.3%

ESG Important information

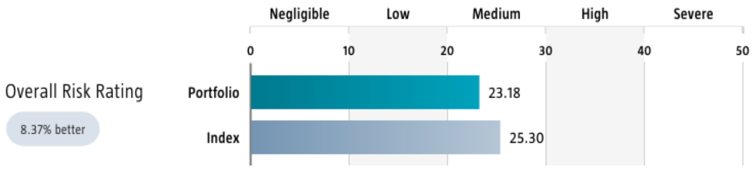
The sustainability information in this factsheet can help investors integrate sustainability considerations in their process. This information is for informational purposes only. The reported sustainability information may not at all be used in relation to binding elements for this fund. A decision to 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.

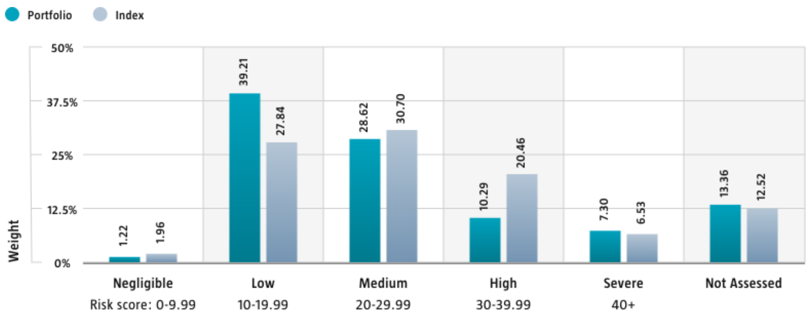
Sustainability

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 2% 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 US Corporate High Yield + Pan Euro HY ex Financials 2.5% Issuer Cap.

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.

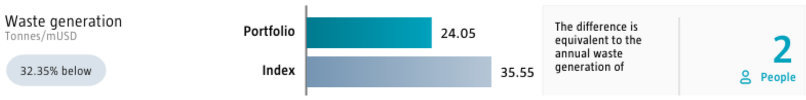




Environmental Footprint

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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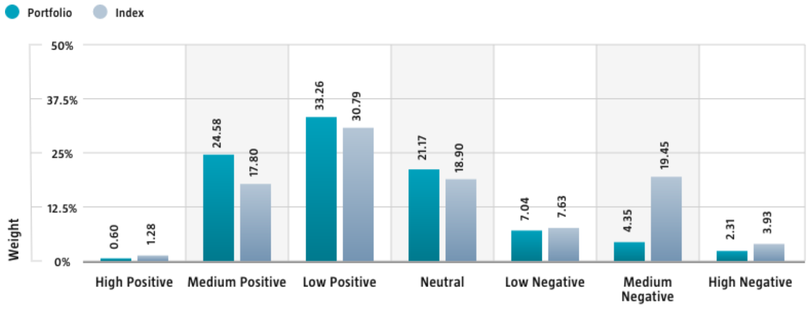
SDG Impact Alignment

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.



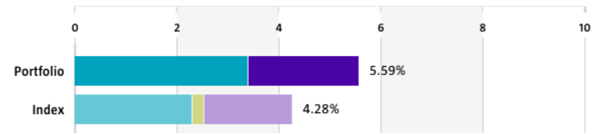
Source: Robeco. Data derived from internal processes.

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 exposure to ESG-Labeled Bonds

30.55% above



	Portfolio weight	Index weight
Green Bonds	3.41%	2.31%
Social Bonds	0.00%	0.00%
Sustainable Bonds	0.00%	0.23%
Sustainability-Linked Bonds	2.18%	1.74%

Source: Bloomberg in conjunction with data derived from internal processes. BLOOMBERG® is a trademark and service mark of Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates (collectively "Bloomberg").

Engagement

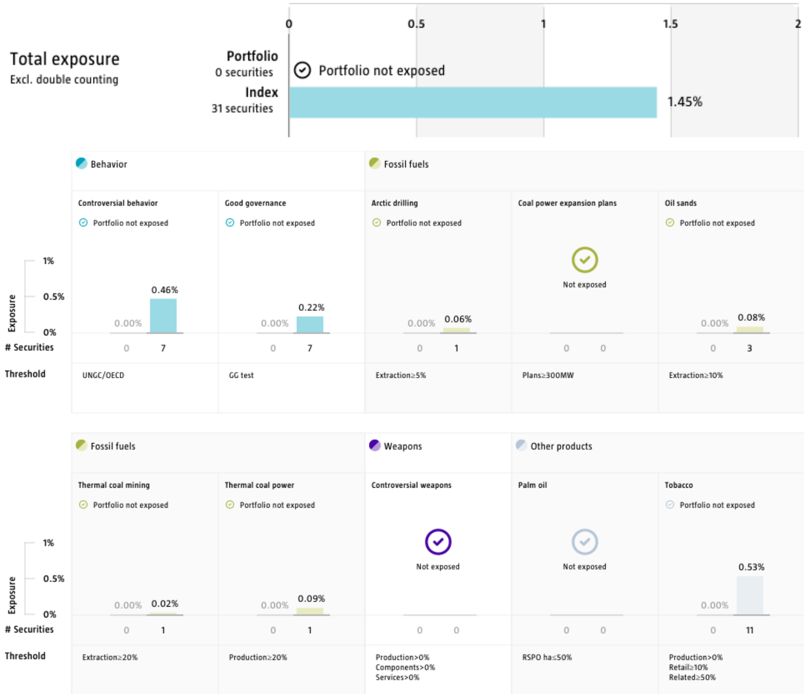
Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement.
Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear and measurable improvement in a company's SDG contribution. Enhanced engagement is triggered by misconduct and focuses on companies severely breaching internationals 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)	3.96%	21	67
Environmental	1.58%	11	46
Social	0.63%	4	14
Governance	0.00%	0	0
Sustainable Development Goals	0.96%	3	4
Voting Related	0.80%	3	3
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 index 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 and issuers) 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

Sander Bus is CIO and Portfolio Manager High Yield Bonds in the Credit team. He has been dedicated to High Yield at Robeco since 1998. Previously, Sander worked for two years as a Fixed Income Analyst at Rabobank where he started his career in the industry in 1996. He holds a Master's in Financial Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam and he is a CFA® charterholder. Roeland Moraal is Portfolio Manager High Yield in the Credit team. Before assuming this role, he was Portfolio Manager in the Robeco Duration team and worked as an Analyst with the Institute for Research and Investment Services. Roeland started his career in the industry in 1997. He holds a Master's in Applied Mathematics from the University of Twente and a Master's in Law from Erasmus University Rotterdam. Christiaan Lever is Portfolio Manager High Yield and Emerging Credits in the Credit team. Before assuming this role in 2016, he was Financial Risk Manager at Robeco, focusing on market risk, counterparty risk and liquidity risk within fixed Income markets. Christiaan has been active in the industry since 2010. He holds a Master's in Quantitative Finance and in Econometrics from Erasmus University Rotterdam. Daniel de Koning is Portfolio Manager High Yield in the Credit team. Prior to joining Robeco in 2020, he was Portfolio Manager High Yield at NN Investment Partners. Daniel started his career in 2011 at APG Asset Management, where he held roles of Credit Analyst and Portfolio Manager High Yield. He holds a Master's in Business Economics from the University of Amsterdam and he is a CFA® and CAIA® charterholder.

Team info

The Robeco High Yield fund is managed within Robeco's credit team, which consists of nine portfolio managers and twenty-three credit 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 three dedicated quantitative researchers and four 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.

Fiscal treatment of investor

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Sustainability images

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