

Press release

Robeco launches sustainable high conviction emerging market equity fund

Rotterdam, 12 September 2019 – Robeco announces the launch of Robeco Sustainable Emerging Stars Equities. The newly launched high-conviction strategy will have a significantly better ESG profile and environmental footprint than its benchmark (MSCI Emerging Markets Index), while aiming to generate above-benchmark returns. The concentrated portfolio will consist of approximately 35-50 holdings, resulting in an active share of above 80%.

The strategy selects companies from a sustainable investment universe, based on top-down country analysis and bottom-up stock ideas, and leverages Robeco and RobecoSAM's long history in sustainable investing and extensive in-house expertise. The strategy also includes voting and engagement, which will be carried out by Robeco's Active Ownership team.

The fund will be managed by Jaap van der Hart and Fabiana Fedeli, members of Robeco's Emerging Market Equity team, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The Sustainable Emerging Market strategy is an addition to Robeco's existing fundamentally managed 'Stars' fund range, consisting of concentrated, high-conviction portfolios.

Fabiana Fedeli, Global Head of Fundamental Equities and Portfolio Manager of Robeco Sustainable Emerging Stars Equities: *"We are excited to launch this new strategy, which builds on and complements our existing emerging markets strategies. Our long history and experience of investing in emerging markets enable us to offer clients a strategy that takes high-conviction positions. This, combined with our leading global position in sustainable investing, makes us confident that we have a great solution for our clients, enabling them to achieve their financial and sustainability goals through superior investment returns and solutions."*

Robeco Sustainable Emerging Stars Equities is domiciled in Luxembourg and available to institutional and retail investors, as well as wholesale distributors in key markets at the request of investors.

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