

Press Release

Robeco adds active 3D Emerging Markets Equity to ETF line-up

Rotterdam, 23 April 2024 – Robeco announces the expansion of its active 3D ETF family with the introduction of the 3D Emerging Markets UCITS ETF. This ETF combines the strengths of Robeco's quantitative approach with long history and in-house expertise in the dynamic and demanding asset class of emerging markets (EM).

The 3D Emerging Markets UCITS ETF brings investors a compelling alternative to passive ETFs, offering liquid and transparent access to EM equities through Robeco's experienced Enhanced Indexing strategy. This approach aims to be active, cost-efficient, and integrates sustainability considerations, building on Robeco's extensive experience as early pioneers in emerging markets, with a heritage dating back to the 1990s.

This new ETF is listed on the London Stock Exchange, the SIX Swiss Exchange, Frankfurt Stock Exchange and at Borsa Italiana. Robeco believes there is strong momentum among European investors for active ETFs, as they are valued for their versatility, cost efficiency, and accessibility.

Robeco's 3D Emerging Markets UCITS ETF leverages a sophisticated quant approach to take advantage of the complexities of EM. Their enhanced factor model uses robust metrics, while machine learning and NLP signals help unpack short-term dynamics, enhancing the strategy's responsiveness. As the ETF's foundation, Enhanced Indexing allows for many small but impactful deviations from the index, using ESG and risk signals to reduce potential downside risks.

Nick King, Head of ETFs at Robeco: "Our active 3D equity ETFs have been very well received by clients, and we have now extended the range to include emerging markets alongside our existing US, European, and global developed market exposures. Robeco has 15 years of experience running quant EM strategies, managing the unique challenges and opportunities that these present. Over this time, we have established a very strong track record, refining our factor definitions and leveraging advancements in computing power, machine learning and natural language processing. With this launch, we're making our EM quant strategy available in a format that's efficient, transparent, and easy to access. The ETF strategy will focus on the most liquid stocks to ensure a smooth execution whilst capturing the unique alpha of this capability."

Please also see Robeco's <u>press release</u> on its first ETF line-up, published on 15 October.

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