

Robeco Emerging Markets Equities M EUR

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Fund manager since 01-04-2000

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	5.24%	5.80%
3 m	1.45%	4.41%
Ytd	11.99%	15.67%
1 Year	15.34%	19.58%
2 Years	12.04%	11.17%
3 Years	1.17%	1.67%
5 Years	4.30%	5.26%
10 Years	5.05%	5.32%
Since 09-2001	6.81%	7.90%

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	9.38%	6.11%
2022	-16.59%	-14.85%
2021	3.94%	4.86%
2020	5.47%	8.54%
2019	27.50%	20.61%
2021-2023	-1.75%	-1.79%
2019-2023	4.98%	4.40%

Annualized (years)

Index

MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, EUR)

General facts

Morningstar	★★★★
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	EUR
Total size of fund	EUR 1,081,493,237
Size of share class	EUR 1,373,699
Outstanding shares	7,833
1st quotation date	03-09-2001
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	2.26%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	6.00%
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

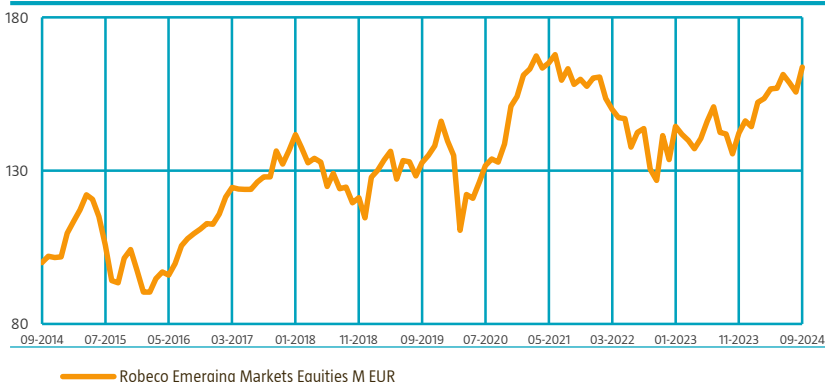
Sustainability profile

- Exclusions
- ESG Integration
- Voting & Engagement

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

Performance

Indexed value (until 30-09-2024) - Source: Robeco



Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was 5.24%.

The fund showed a neutral performance versus the benchmark (MSCI EM), with country allocation detracting from performance and stock selection contributing to performance. The underweight positions in Saudi Arabia and India were the largest contributors while China (underweight) and South Korea (overweight) were the largest detractors. Turkey, Mexico and Greece - all overweight positions - also underperformed. Stock selection contributed the most in South Africa, China and India. Stock selection was particularly strong in China, where Baidu (online search platform), Alibaba (e-commerce), Haier Smart Home (home appliances), Vipshop (online retailer), Ping An Insurance (life insurance), Xinyi Solar (solar panels) and China Resources Land (property developer) contributed the most. Naspers, based out of South Africa, also performed strongly due to its investment in China's Tencent (online gaming). Stocks that detracted from stock selection could be found in South Korea, where Samsung Electronics (memory), Hyundai Motor and Hana Financial underperformed. In Brazil, Petrobras (upstream oil) and Sendas Distribuidora (hypermarkets) lagged as well. Bank Rakyat Indonesia also performed poorly.

Market development

In September, the MSCI EM Index realized a return of 5.8% in euro terms, substantially better than the 1.0% return for developed markets. Year-to-date, EMs are quickly closing the gap, given that the MSCI EM returned 15.7% versus 17.6% for the MSCI World. The rally was driven by several favorable macroeconomic catalysts. The US Fed commenced its easing cycle with a 50 basis points rate cut, exceeding the consensus expectation of 25 bps. Leveraging the Fed's move, EM central banks including China's PBoC implemented comprehensive monetary easing. Additionally, the September Politburo meeting caught the market by surprise with its focus on key economic issues and urgent policy action going forward. A weakening US dollar further boosted EM equities. By far the best-performing region last month was emerging Asia, driven by the booming Chinese markets. South Africa and Thailand also outperformed, helped by a strong Rand and Baht respectively. The worst-performing emerging countries were Colombia, South Korea and Poland. Consumer discretionary, real estate and communications services were the best-performing sectors. Energy, information technology and financials underperformed the most.

Expectation of fund manager

Within a global macroeconomic context, emerging markets are relatively well positioned. The inflation environment is benign in many EM countries, and there is ample room for interest rate cuts. Some central banks in Latin American countries, China and Indonesia, among others, have already started to cut rates. Economic growth in emerging markets is holding up well. In China, although the property sector remains weak, the economy is growing at a rate of close to 5%, supported by substantial stimulus packages. Emerging equity markets' valuations are very attractive relative to the developed markets, with discounts of around 30% based on earnings multiples. Earnings growth in recent years has been disappointing, but it should recover in 2024 with an expected growth of around 20%.

Top 10 largest positions

Our top positions comprise a combination of IT, consumer discretionary and financials. Alibaba Group is the largest e-commerce company in China. Samsung Electronics is the well-known global IT brand from South Korea. Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC) is a key supplier to global IT hardware producers. The portfolio holds Ping An Insurance from China and HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank from India as the largest positions in financials. Naspers is a South African internet company, with a large equity stake in Tencent. Infosys is one of the world's leading IT services companies from India. Finally, South Korea's SK hynix is one of the largest semiconductor manufacturers and Taiwan's Hon Hai Precision is one of the largest electronic manufacturing services companies in the world.

Fund price

30-09-24	EUR	174.79
High Ytd (27-09-24)	EUR	176.60
Low Ytd (17-01-24)	EUR	148.19

Fees

Management fee	2.00%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.20%

Legal status

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

Registered in

France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan

Currency policy

The fund is allowed to pursue an active currency policy to generate extra returns.

Risk management

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

Dividend policy

The fund does not distribute dividend. The income earned by the fund is reflected in its share price. The fund's entire result is thus reflected in its share price development.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU0128640439
Bloomberg	RGCGENM LX
Sedol	B01VV86
WKN	A0Q0NZ
Valoren	1239888

Top 10 largest positions

Holdings

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Lt
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd
Naspers Ltd
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd
HDFC Bank Ltd
ICICI Bank Ltd ADR
Infosys Ltd ADR
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd
SK Hynix Inc
Total

Sector	%
Information Technology	9.37
Consumer Discretionary	4.15
Consumer Discretionary	3.95
Information Technology	3.94
Financials	3.46
Financials	3.37
Information Technology	2.52
Information Technology	2.48
Financials	2.44
Information Technology	2.24
Total	37.92

Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	37.92%
TOP 20	52.88%
TOP 30	63.62%

Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	3.83	3.68
Information ratio	0.51	0.42
Sharpe ratio	0.10	0.35
Alpha (%)	2.12	1.31
Beta	1.11	1.07
Standard deviation	15.47	16.67
Max. monthly gain (%)	12.19	12.19
Max. monthly loss (%)	-9.63	-17.28

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	18	30
Hit ratio (%)	50.0	50.0
Months Bull market	17	35
Months outperformance Bull	10	20
Hit ratio Bull (%)	58.8	57.1
Months Bear market	19	25
Months Outperformance Bear	8	10
Hit ratio Bear (%)	42.1	40.0

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Changes

The performance was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. Up to 31 December 2007, the benchmark was the IFC Composite-Index (EUR).

Sector allocation

The main overweight sectors are financials, consumer discretionary and information technology. Together with valuations that are attractive, we expect positive earnings growth for these sectors. Conversely, consumer staples, communication services, energy and healthcare are the largest underweight positions compared to the benchmark.

Sector allocation		Deviation index
Financials	26.9%	4.1%
Information Technology	26.4%	4.2%
Consumer Discretionary	20.2%	6.2%
Industrials	5.1%	-1.7%
Communication Services	4.5%	-4.9%
Real Estate	4.2%	2.6%
Materials	4.0%	-2.6%
Utilities	3.5%	0.6%
Energy	2.7%	-2.1%
Consumer Staples	1.6%	-3.6%
Health Care	0.5%	-3.1%
Not Classified	0.3%	0.3%

Country allocation

Emerging markets in Asia in general, and South Korea, Indonesia and Vietnam in particular, are favored over those in emerging Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). We are underweight in some smaller Asian markets such as Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. We prefer domestic exposure in countries such as China and India over the export sectors. In Latin America, we are underweight in all countries except Brazil and Mexico. Among the EMEA countries, the fund holds overweight positions in Hungary, Poland, Greece and the UAE. It has no position in the Czech Republic, and underweight positions in the Middle East.

Country allocation		Deviation index
China	24.2%	-3.6%
Taiwan	17.5%	-0.1%
India	16.9%	-2.6%
Korea	14.8%	4.4%
Brazil	5.2%	0.4%
South Africa	4.9%	1.8%
Mexico	2.9%	1.0%
Greece	2.8%	2.3%
United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.)	2.5%	1.3%
Indonesia	2.3%	0.7%
Hungary	1.4%	1.2%
Turkey	1.0%	0.4%
Other	3.7%	-7.0%

Currency allocation

Currency exposure is in line with country exposure. At the end of September, there were no currency hedges.

Currency allocation		Deviation index
Hong Kong Dollar	18.1%	-3.9%
Taiwan Dollar	17.9%	0.3%
Indian Rupee	17.3%	-2.2%
Korean Won	14.7%	4.3%
Chinese Renminbi (Yuan)	6.3%	2.0%
South African Rand	5.1%	2.0%
Brasilian Real	3.9%	-0.3%
Euro	3.0%	2.5%
UAE Dirham	2.6%	1.4%
Indonesian Rupiah	2.4%	0.8%
Mexico New Peso	2.3%	0.4%
Hungarian Forint	1.4%	1.2%
Other	5.0%	-8.5%

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.

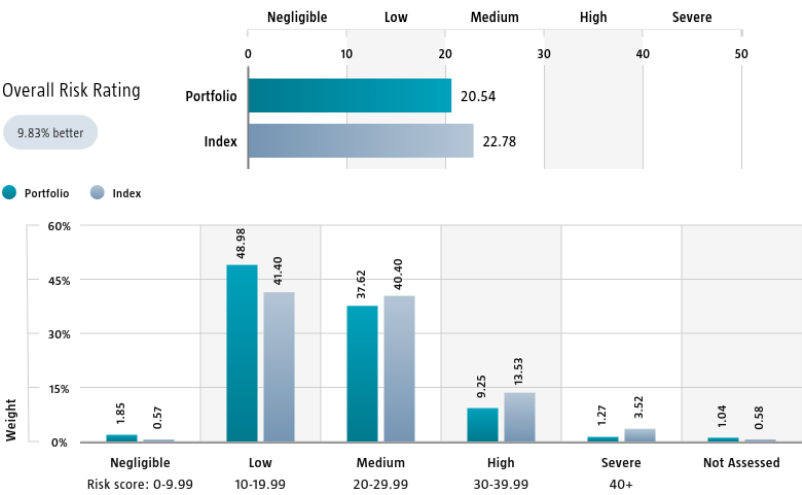
Sustainability

The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process through exclusions, ESG integration, engagement and voting. The fund does not invest in 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 investment analysis to assess existing and potential ESG risks and opportunities. In the stock selection the fund limits exposure to elevated sustainability risks. In addition, where a stock issuer is flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to engagement. Lastly, the fund makes use of shareholder rights and applies proxy voting in accordance with Robeco's proxy voting policy.

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 MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, EUR).

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

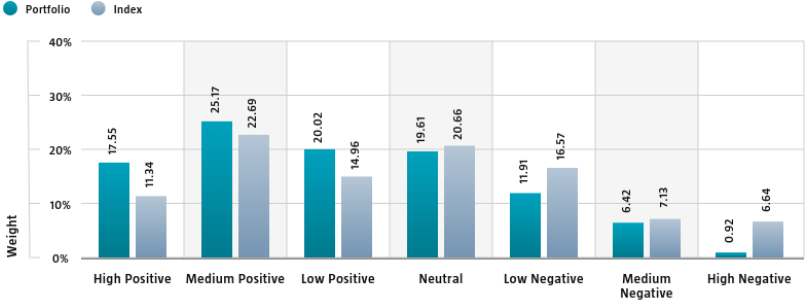
Environmental footprint expresses the total resource consumption of the portfolio per mUSD invested. Each assessed company's footprint is calculated by normalizing resources consumed by the company's enterprise value including cash (EVIC). We aggregate these figures to portfolio level using a weighted 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.



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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.

Engagement

Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement.

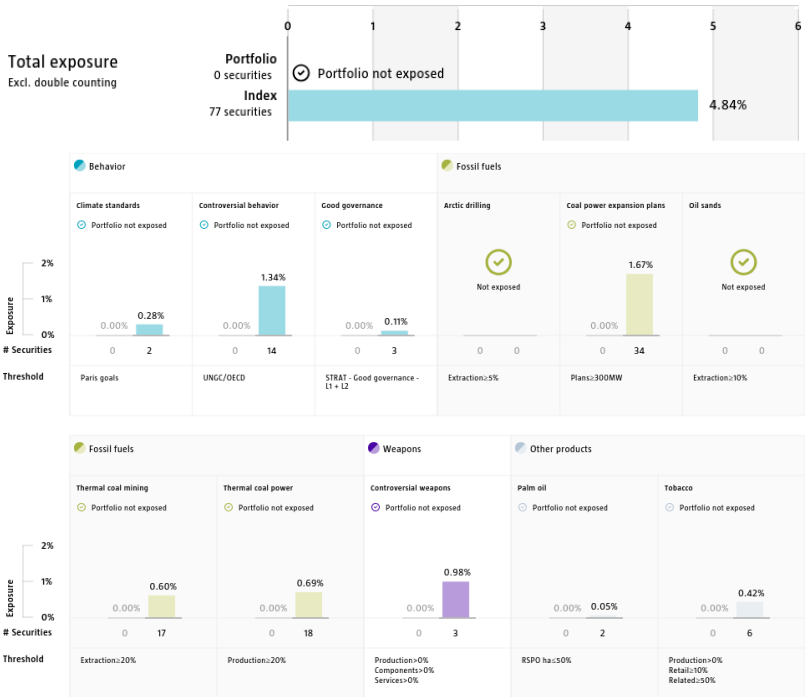
Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear and measurable improvement in a company’s SDG contribution. 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)	43.78%	25	110
Environmental	14.46%	8	36
Social	16.76%	7	22
Governance	8.31%	7	31
Sustainable Development Goals	8.51%	4	14
Voting Related	0.23%	1	1
Enhanced	0.34%	2	6

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](#)

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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, proxy voting and engagement.

The Sub-fund is actively managed and uses the Benchmark for asset allocation purposes. However, although securities may be components of the Benchmark, securities outside the Benchmark may be selected too. The Sub-fund can deviate substantially from the weightings of the Benchmark. The Management Company has discretion over the composition of the portfolio subject to the investment objectives. The Sub-fund aims to outperform the Benchmark over the long run, whilst still controlling relative risk through the applications of limits (on countries and sectors) to the extent of 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 environmental, social and governance characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund.

Fund manager's CV

Wim-Hein Pals is Head of the Robeco Emerging Markets Equity team and Lead Portfolio Manager of the Global Emerging Markets Core strategy. Previously, he was Portfolio Manager Emerging European and African equities and Portfolio Manager Emerging Asian equities. Wim-Hein started his career in the investment industry at Robeco in 1990. He holds a Master's in Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences from Eindhoven University of Technology and a Master's in Business Economics from Tilburg University. Dimitri Chatzoudis is Portfolio Manager Institutional Emerging Markets Accounts. As a Research Analyst he covers stocks in Mexico. Before joining Robeco in 2008, he was Portfolio Manager Eastern European and Global Emerging Markets at ABN AMRO. He started his career in the industry in 1993. Dimitri holds a Master's in Industrial Engineering from Eindhoven University of Technology and is a Certified European Financial Analyst. Dimitri is also fluent in Greek. Jaap van der Hart is the Lead Portfolio Manager of Robeco's High Conviction Emerging Stars strategy. Over time, he has been responsible for the investments in South America, Eastern Europe, South Africa, Mexico, China and Taiwan. He also coordinates the country allocation process. He started his career in the investment industry in 1994 at Robeco's Quantitative Research department and moved to the Emerging Markets Equity team in 2000. Jaap holds a Master's in Econometrics from Erasmus University Rotterdam. He has published several academic articles on stock selection in emerging markets. Cornelis Vlooswijk is Lead Portfolio Manager and Research Analyst African Equities. Previously, he worked for Robeco as an investment strategist focusing on North America and Emerging Markets since 2005. Before joining Robeco in 2005, he worked for Credit Suisse First Boston as an Investment Banking Analyst, focusing on the transport and logistics sector. He started his career in the financial industry in 1998. Cornelis holds a Master's in Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam and is a CFA® charterholder.

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 0.05% 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

The fiscal consequences of investing in this fund depend on the investor's personal situation. For private investors in the Netherlands real interest and dividend income or capital gains received on their investments are not relevant for tax purposes. Each year investors pay income tax on the value of their net assets as at 1 January if and inasmuch as such net assets exceed the investor's tax-free allowance. Any amount invested in the fund forms part of the investor's net assets. Private investors who are resident outside the Netherlands will not be taxed in the Netherlands on their investments in the fund. However, such investors may be taxed in their country of residence on any income from an investment in this fund based on the applicable national fiscal laws. Other fiscal rules apply to legal entities or professional investors. We advise investors to consult their financial or tax adviser about the tax consequences of an investment in this fund in their specific circumstances before deciding to invest in the fund.

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