

## Robeco High Yield Bonds DH EUR

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

### Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	0.34%	0.90%
3 m	0.50%	1.84%
Ytd	3.99%	6.86%
1 Year	6.48%	10.49%
2 Years	5.57%	8.54%
3 Years	0.60%	1.78%
5 Years	1.32%	2.86%
10 Years	2.79%	3.18%
Since 04-1998	4.93%	

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	8.52%	11.20%
2022	-10.73%	-12.59%
2021	2.38%	4.21%
2020	2.67%	4.62%
2019	11.09%	10.56%
2021-2023	-0.27%	0.43%
2019-2023	2.50%	3.22%

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	EUR
Total size of fund	EUR 6,411,612,060
Size of share class	EUR 155,815,342
Outstanding shares	954,638
1st quotation date	17-04-1998
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	1.32%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	5.00%
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

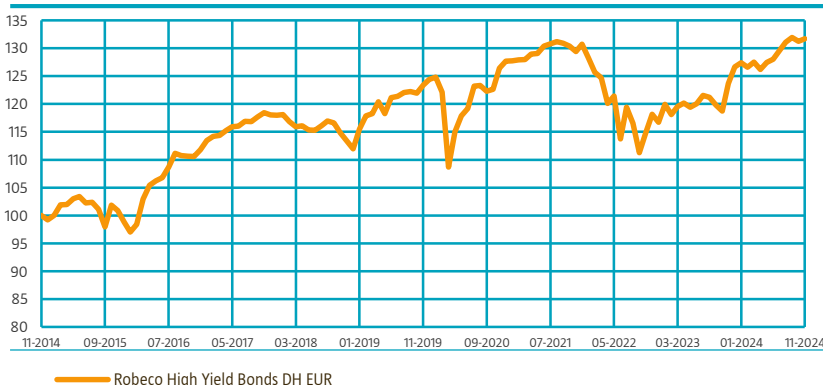
### Sustainability profile

- Exclusions
- ESG Integration
- Engagement
- Target Universe

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

### Performance

Indexed value (until 30-11-2024) - Source: Robeco



### Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was 0.34%.

In November, the high yield bond index posted a total return of 0.9%. Partly driven by positive excess credit returns (~50 bps), the performance was aided by treasury yields dropping to 4.19%. The portfolio underperformed versus the benchmark by 38 bps over the month. The outcome was driven partly by negative beta contribution (-6 bps) but mostly by issuer selection (-32 bps). On a risk-adjusted basis, EUR-denominated bonds underperformed versus USD, thus our higher exposure to euro names suffered. Higher quality bonds outperformed, benefiting our up-in-quality bias. Underweight risk in the energy sector proved beneficial (+2 bps), whereas selection in the capital goods sector was the main detractor (-19 bps). Underweight in Altice France added 3 bps, as the levered Telco released disappointing earnings. On the other hand, worsening numbers for Selecta detracted 16 bps, as the company is nearing maturities and struggling to find refinancing options.

### Market development

During November, US high yield market spreads tightened by 6 bps and yields contracted by 13 basis points, ending the period at 287 bps and 6.89%, respectively. November began with strong markets following Trump's election victory. The risk-on frenzy spanned most asset classes, as the market-friendly and pro-business policies announced by the incoming US President were quickly priced in. Although Trump's victory also resulted in increasing inflation expectations for the coming year, the Fed did lower interest rates by 25 bps to 4.5%. In Europe, inflation was on the rise in the latest data, whereas the UK opted to cut rates by 25 bps to 4.75% as prices are still normalizing. The difficult budget negotiations in France led to underperformance of the country's assets, as investors started to anticipate a collapse of Barnier's administration. New issuance in US high yield bonds was at a low in November, with USD 10.4 bln printed, whereas the default rate remains muted, currently at a 29-month low.

### Expectation of fund manager

The Fed cut interest rates by 50 basis points, declaring victory over inflation. This preemptive move aims to prevent economic damage from tight policy. Predicting financial markets is not about forecasting recessions; it's about predicting the direction of change in the consensus. The prevailing market consensus is that the Fed will succeed in achieving a soft landing, balancing the labor market without triggering a sharp rise in unemployment. While we agree, we advise caution in increasing portfolio risk, as the market can pivot quickly, as we have seen in August. The situation in the rest of the world is not comparable to that of the US. China remains deeply entrenched in economic troubles. There is significant overcapacity in the manufacturing sector, which triggered a deflationary spiral that is proving difficult to reverse. This is the environment in which it is important to firmly hold on to our quality tilt and accept a beta below one.

### 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 the large US operator Charter. In automotive, we have large overweight positions in Forvia (formerly called Faurecia) and ZF Industries. Other top holdings are in US supermarket operator Albertsons, and in the packaging sector with Crown Holdings and iron ore miner Fortescue.

### Fund price

30-11-24	EUR	163.22
High Ytd (02-10-24)	EUR	163.59
Low Ytd (05-01-24)	EUR	155.48

### Fees

Management fee	1.10%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.16%

### Legal status

Investment company with variable capital incorporated under Luxembourg law (SICAV)

Issue structure	Open-end
UCITS V	Yes
Share class	DH EUR
This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV	

### Registered in

Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom

### 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

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.

### 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	LU0085136942
Bloomberg	RGCGMNA LX
Sedol	5496541
WKN	988158
Valoren	889017

### Top 10 largest positions

#### Holdings

CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp  
ZF Europe Finance BV  
Olympus Water US Holding Corp  
Albertsons Cos Inc / Safeway Inc / New Albertsons  
Standard Industries Inc/NY  
FMG Resources August 2006 Pty Ltd  
Forvia SE  
Crown European Holdings SACA  
Vmed O2 UK Financing I PLC  
Venture Global LNG Inc

#### Total

Sector	%
Communications	2.11
Consumer Cyclical	1.61
Basic Industry	1.43
Consumer Non Cyclical	1.26
Capital Goods	1.25
Basic Industry	1.25
Consumer Cyclical	1.25
Capital Goods	1.19
Communications	1.08
Energy	1.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.50</b>

### Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	1.42	1.42
Information ratio	0.12	-0.13
Sharpe ratio	-0.04	0.18
Alpha (%)	0.10	-0.05
Beta	0.91	0.90
Standard deviation	7.62	8.47
Max. monthly gain (%)	5.18	5.18
Max. monthly loss (%)	-5.86	-10.86

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns

### Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	15	25
Hit ratio (%)	41.7	41.7
Months Bull market	20	37
Months outperformance Bull	5	10
Hit ratio Bull (%)	25.0	27.0
Months Bear market	16	23
Months Outperformance Bear	10	15
Hit ratio Bear (%)	62.5	65.2

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

### Characteristics

	Fund	Index
Rating	BA1/BA2	BA3/B1
Option Adjusted Duration (years)	2.9	2.9
Maturity (years)	4.1	3.9
Yield to Worst (% , Hedged)	5.1	5.7
Green Bonds (% , Weighted)	4.3	3.3

### Changes

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

### 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	
Consumer Cyclical	14.7%	-9.0%	
Capital Goods	14.6%	3.3%	
Consumer Non Cyclical	13.7%	0.7%	
Basic Industry	12.3%	5.9%	
Energy	10.6%	0.1%	
Communications	9.3%	-9.2%	
Banking	6.5%	6.5%	
Technology	3.5%	-3.5%	
Transportation	1.6%	-1.9%	
Insurance	1.4%	1.4%	
Owned No Guarantee	1.4%	1.4%	
Other	3.3%	-2.8%	
Cash and other instruments	7.1%	7.1%	

### 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	54.1%	-24.0%	
Euro	34.7%	15.3%	
Pound Sterling	4.0%	1.6%	

### 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	2.2	-0.1	
Euro	0.6	0.1	
Pound Sterling	0.1	0.0	

### 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	
BAA	10.2%	10.2%	
BA	58.4%	5.9%	
B	18.9%	-15.9%	
CAA	4.0%	-6.4%	
CA	1.0%	-1.0%	
C	0.1%	-0.2%	
NR	0.3%	0.3%	
Cash and other instruments	7.1%	7.1%	

### 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	51.0%	-19.0%	
Germany	7.4%	4.1%	
France	7.1%	2.2%	
United Kingdom	6.3%	0.8%	
Netherlands	3.8%	2.3%	
Canada	3.2%	-0.4%	
Spain	2.4%	0.8%	
Italy	1.9%	-0.5%	
Australia	1.7%	1.1%	
Luxembourg	1.6%	-0.2%	
Belgium	1.4%	1.1%	
Other	5.0%	0.5%	
Cash and other instruments	7.1%	7.1%	

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.

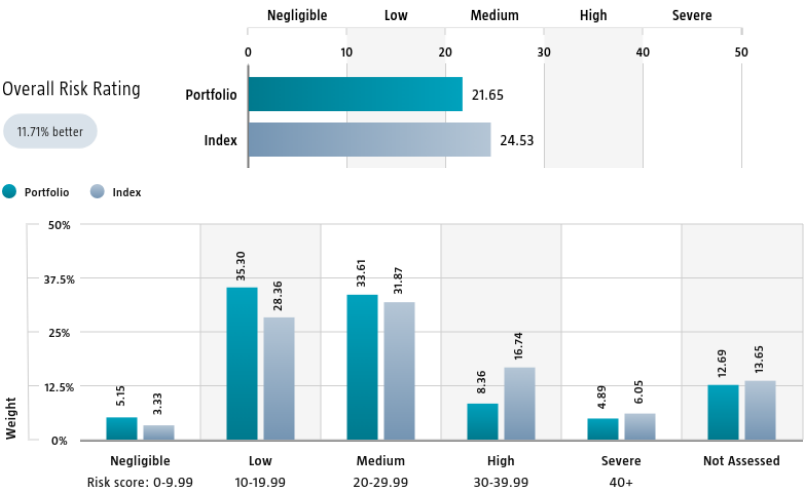
The following sections display the ESG-metrics for this fund along with short descriptions. For more information please visit the sustainability-related disclosures.

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.

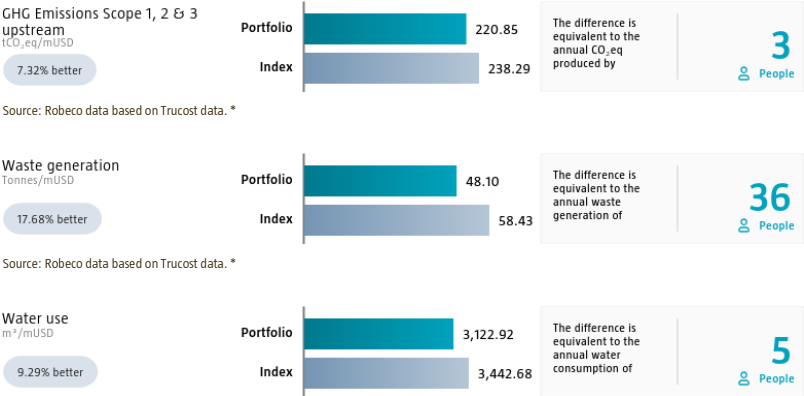
Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.



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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.

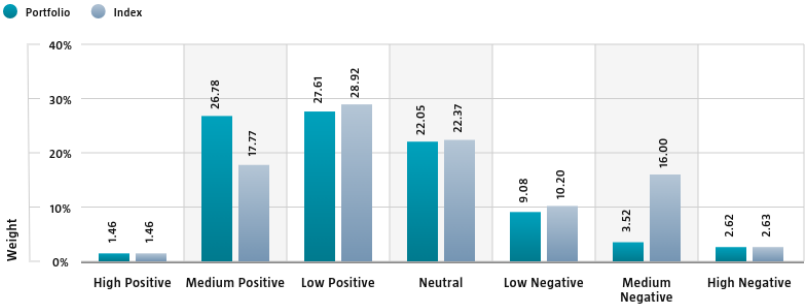


Source: Robeco data based on Trucost data. \*

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SDG Impact Alignment

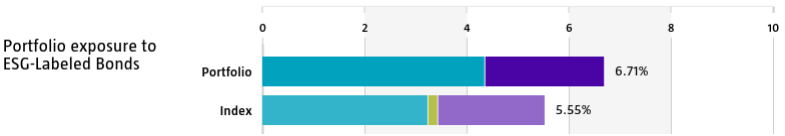
This distribution across SDG scores shows the portfolio weight allocated to companies with a positive, negative and neutral impact alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) based on Robeco’s SDG Framework. The framework utilizes a three-step approach to assess a company’s impact alignment 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	4.37%	3.25%
Social Bonds	0.00%	0.00%
Sustainability Bonds	0.00%	0.19%
Sustainability-Linked Bonds	2.34%	2.10%

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.

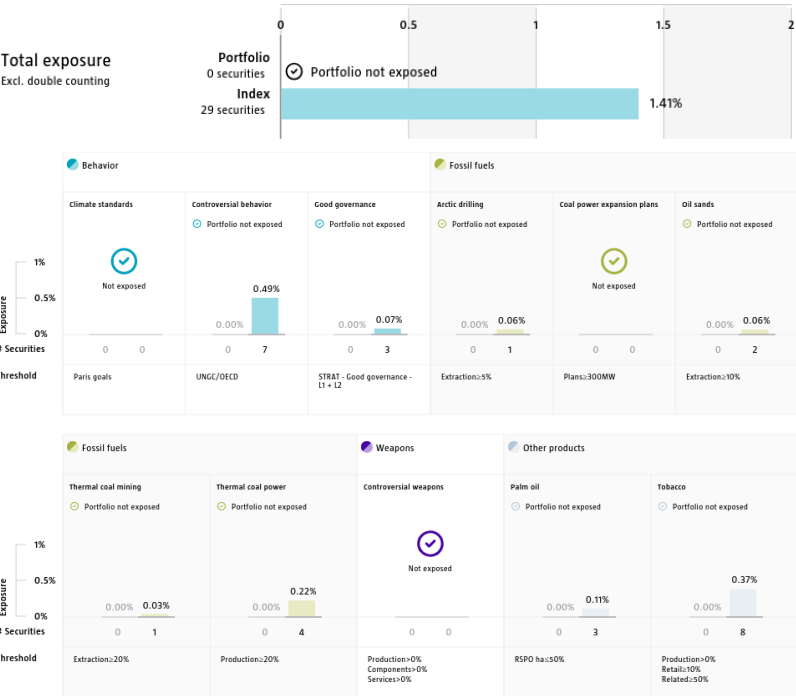
Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear and measurable improvement in a company’s SDG contribution. Enhanced engagement is triggered by misconduct and focuses on companies severely breaching 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)	5.41%	23	71
Environmental	2.31%	11	34
Social	1.02%	4	12
Governance	0.29%	1	1
Sustainable Development Goals	0.95%	5	13
Voting Related	1.55%	4	4
Enhanced	0.56%	1	7

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 Sub-fund is actively managed and uses the Benchmark for asset allocation purposes. The securities selected for the Sub-fund's investment universe may be components of the Benchmark, but 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 currencies and issuers) 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

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 0.05% 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

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