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Robeco Chinese Equities D EUR

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Team China Fund manager since 01-05-2007

### Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	1.29%	0.65%
3 m	-1.09%	-0.31%
Ytd	-1.09%	-0.31%
1 Year	-20.74%	-16.16%
2 Years	-17.27%	-9.65%
3 Years	-21.35%	-15.80%
5 Years	-4.15%	-5.06%
10 Years	3.00%	4.07%
Since 12-1997 Annualized (for periods longer than one year)	2.06%	2.42%

# Calendar year performance

	Fund	Index
2023	-22.01%	-13.99%
2022	-26.08%	-16.39%
2021	-11.56%	-14.08%
2020	48.72%	19.95%
2019	31.97%	24.43%
2021-2023	-20.11%	-14.82%
2019-2023 Annualized (years)	0.01%	-1.60%

## Index

MSCI China 10/40 Index (Net Return, EUR)

# Ceneral facts

General facts	
Morningstar	***
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	EUR
Total size of fund	EUR 120,337,413
Size of share class	EUR 51,542,682
Outstanding shares	663,292
1st quotation date	04-12-1997
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	1.87%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	-
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset

Management B.V.

# Sustainability profile



**ESG Integration** 



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

# Performance



Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was 1,29%.

Robeco Chinese Equities outperformed its index by 0.98% in March. Positive sector contribution came from healthcare and consumer staples. Negative sector contribution came from consumer discretionary and financials. At the stock level, the main contributors were Zhaojin Mining Industry, Giant Biogene and Hesai Group. The main detractors were JD.com, New Oriental Education & Technology Group, and Anhui Heli.

### Market development

During the National People's Congress (NPC) in early March, the 2024 GDP target was set at around 5%, aligning with expectations. The general budget is at 3%, lower than anticipated, while local government special bond issuance meets expectations. However, the central government plans to issue more treasury bonds, potentially leading to a larger fiscal deficit. Efforts to reduce the debt burden of local government financing vehicles continue. Deflationary risks persist, but there is room for monetary easing, including possible rate cuts and reductions in reserve requirement ratios. The government aims to provide increased support for technology development, green infrastructure, automation, and emerging technologies. Stricter regulations are being introduced to safeguard investors, attract long-term capital, and maintain a balance between market mechanisms and stabilization efforts. Messages from CSRC convey positive developments, including a focus on enhancing shareholder returns, improving the regulatory environment, and protecting long-term investments and investors.

# Expectation of fund manager

We hold a constructive view on the China market, especially in light of the recent announcements made by China's National People's Congress (NPC) regarding the GDP growth target of around 5% for 2024. However, we acknowledge that earnings revisions are still restrained due to the sluggish and uneven macroeconomic recovery, primarily driven by challenges in the property market. Despite some measures taken to ease monetary policy and regulatory relaxations, the property market has not shown significant signs of recovery. This situation has had a negative impact on wealth and has undermined consumer confidence, resulting in the economy struggling to gain momentum.



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# Top 10 largest positions

We are becoming more positive about internet service companies due to their earnings turnaround resulting from cost-cutting measures and attractive valuations. Among our top ten holdings that benefit from this trend are Alibaba, Tencent, PDD, Meituan, Baidu, and NetEase. Additionally, we believe that the worst is behind us for financials, and we find China Construction Bank and PICC P&C appealing in terms of valuation and potential for strong fundamental turnaround. We maintain our positive outlook on New Oriental as a turnaround company that will benefit from policy normalization. Moreover, we anticipate that Trip.com Group, a leading travel services provider, will experience growth as China's tourism sector recovers.

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31-03-24	EUR	77.71
High Ytd (03-01-24)	EUR	78.30
Low Ytd (19-01-24)	EUR	70.51

# Fees

Management fee	1.60%
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 Share class D EUR This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds,

SICAV

# Registered in

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

# **Currency** policy

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

# Risk management

Active. Risk management systems continually monitor the portfolio's divergence from the benchmark. In this way, extreme positions are avoided.

# 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	LU0187077309
Bloomberg	ROCHINE LX
Sedol	BO49BJ8
WKN	AOCAO1
Valoren	1812302

# Top 10 largest positions

Holdings	Sector	%
Tencent Holdings Ltd	<b>Communication Services</b>	10.23
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	9.12
PDD Holdings Inc ADR	Consumer Discretionary	6.05
China Construction Bank Corp	Financials	5.33
Meituan	Consumer Discretionary	5.11
New Oriental Education & Technology Grou	Consumer Discretionary	3.51
Baidu Inc	<b>Communication Services</b>	3.29
NetEase Inc	<b>Communication Services</b>	3.03
PICC Property හ Casualty Co Ltd	Financials	2.72
Trip.com Group Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	2.69
Total		51.08

# Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10		51.08%
TOP 20		75.29%
TOP 30		91.71%

## **Statistics**

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	5.46	6.17
Information ratio	-0.68	0.46
Sharpe ratio	-0.87	-0.13
Alpha (%)	-6.35	2.58
Beta	0.89	0.93
Standard deviation	23.93	22.17
Max. monthly gain (%)	18.49	18.49
Max. monthly loss (%)	-16.45	-16.45
Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns		

# Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	16	35
Hit ratio (%)	44.4	58.3
Months Bull market	15	31
Months outperformance Bull	5	17
Hit ratio Bull (%)	33.3	54.8
Months Bear market	21	29
Months Outperformance Bear	11	18
Hit ratio Bear (%)	52.4	62.1
Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.		

As of 1 April 2018, the fund does not use a benchmark in its investment, but uses the MSCI China 10/40 (Net Return) as a reference index. Before 1 April 2018, the fund used the MSCI China (Net Return).



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# **Asset Allocation**

Asset allocation	
Equity	100.0%
Cash	0.0%

# Sector allocation

The fund had an overall overweight in consumer discretionary, industrials, communication services and real estate. It had an underweight in financials, utilities, energy, healthcare, IT, consumer staples and materials.

Sector allocation Deviation ind		
Consumer Discretionary	37.0%	5.5%
Communication Services	18.6%	2.9%
Financials	14.0%	-3.6%
Industrials	10.9%	5.4%
Consumer Staples	4.1%	-1.4%
Information Technology	4.1%	-2.4%
Real Estate	4.0%	1.6%
Materials	3.7%	0.0%
Health Care	2.2%	-2.6%
Energy	1.4%	-2.7%
Utilities	0.0%	-2.8%

# Country allocation

Country allocation			Deviation index	
China	96.3%		-3.7%	
Hong Kong	3.7%		3.7%	
Cash and other instruments	0.0%		0.0%	



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### **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

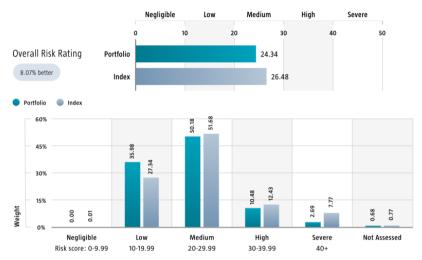
The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process through exclusions, ESG integration, engagement and voting. The fund does not invest in issuers that are in breach of international norms or where activities have been deemed detrimental to society following Robeco's exclusion policy. Financially 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 ESC-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 China 10/40 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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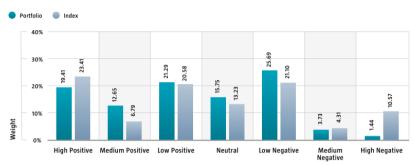


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# **SDG Impact Alignment**

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 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)	31.73%	9	27
	9.12%	2	3
📽 Social	22.61%	5	16
Governance	0.01%	2	8
Sustainable Development Goals	0.00%	0	0
🔀 Voting Related	0.00%	0	0
♠ 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



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## 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, proxy voting and engagement.

The majority of stocks selected will be components of the Benchmark, but stocks outside the Benchmark may be selected too. The investment policy is not constrained by a Benchmark but the fund may use a benchmark for comparison purposes. The fund can deviate substantially from the issuer, country and sector weightings of the Benchmark. There are no restrictions on the deviation from 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

The Chinese Equities investment team consists of five investment professionals with an average experience of 10 years, combining complementary skills and worldwide investment backgrounds. The team's portfolio managers place local insights into the context of a wider regional and global perspective. Local presence in Hong Kong and Shanghai allows for optimal coverage of both off- and onshore markets, respectively.

# 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.

# Sustainability images

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