

Robeco Sustainable European Stars Equities I EUR

Robeco Sustainable European Stars Equities is an actively managed fund that invests in equities of companies that are domiciled in Europe. The selection of these stocks is based on fundamental analysis. The fund's objective is to achieve a better return than the index. The strategy combines proprietary ESG research and analysis within a disciplined and proprietary investment framework to determine a company's intrinsic value. Our rigorous valuation approach takes advantage of market mis-pricing, leading to a concentrated portfolio of attractively-valued, high quality stocks with a higher potential to outperform the Benchmark across environmental and financial metrics. An in-house Sustainability Investing (SI) research team integrates financially-material sector and company-specific sustainability analysis into investment cases.



Mathias Büeler, CFA, Oliver Girakhou, MBA
Fund manager since 01-07-2018

Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	1.60%	2.07%
3 m	8.95%	11.43%
Ytd	8.01%	10.60%
1 Year	19.66%	30.16%
2 Years	4.45%	7.28%
3 Years	5.86%	6.38%
5 Years	7.25%	7.55%
10 Years	6.68%	6.95%
Since 12-2009	8.08%	7.81%

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 page 4.

Calendar year performance

	Fund	Index
2020	-6.55%	-3.32%
2019	24.04%	26.05%
2018	-6.27%	-10.57%
2017	10.27%	10.24%
2016	5.98%	2.58%
2018-2020	2.80%	2.91%
2016-2020	4.89%	4.27%

Annualized (years)

Index

MSCI Europe Index TRN

General facts

Morningstar	★★★★★
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	EUR
Total size of fund	EUR 1,499,526,744
Size of share class	EUR 705,406,292
Outstanding shares	2,885,476
1st quotation date	11-12-2009
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.83%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	-
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

Sustainability profile

Exclusions+

Full ESG Integration

Voting & Engagement

ESG Target

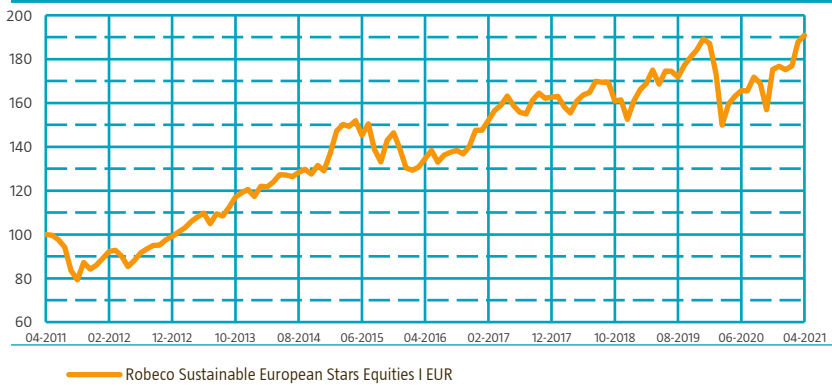
ESG score target Footprint target Exclusion based on negative screening
 ↑ Index ↓ 20% ≥ 20%



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

Performance

Indexed value (until 30-04-2021) - Source: Robeco



Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was 1.60%.

In April, the fund could not quite keep up with the benchmark and gained 0.35% less. The materials sector contributed most to the fund's performance in April. Selection was most positive in the largest independent lubricant manufacturer, Fuchs Petrolub. Fears of increased input costs on the back of a recovery in oil prices, which dominated the stock in the first quarter, eased in April. In the second-best performing sector, healthcare, Smith & Nephew delivered the best performance and also contributed the most to the overall fund performance. A lift in restrictions on elective procedures towards the end of the quarter in many jurisdictions and the reinstatement of revenue guidance for the year were well received by the market. On the negative side, the industrials sector performed the weakest. And within this sector, Schindler weighed the most on the fund's performance. Results in Q1 were strong and better than expected by consensus, but the announcement of a multi-year investment program to keep the company fit for the future and stronger expected headwinds from increased raw material costs later in the year lowered near-term expectations of free cash flows by the market.

Market development

With the Covid-19 vaccination rate accelerating globally, optimism has dominated equity markets. The MSCI Europe Index posted higher returns for the third month in a row and ended April up 2.1%. Its performance relative to the US, where the S&P 500 was lifted by 5.6%, correlates nicely with the latter's faster pace towards herd immunity. The US was also much faster to eclipse pre-Covid record levels, which the S&P 500 already outstripped in August last year, while the MSCI Europe outmatched its February 2020 record level only in the previous month. But optimism was not only spurred by expectations for higher future earnings growth. It is also supported by current fundamental data, which suggest improving earnings. In Europe, in Q1 reporting until the end of April, cyclical stocks are delivering better earnings growth but lesser beats than defensives. The high expectations for cyclical stocks already included in share prices explains why the industrials sector slightly underperformed the broader market and why the energy sector was the only one posting negative returns in the month. Conversely, consumer staples, which clearly lagged the broader market year-to-date, was ahead in April.

Expectation of fund manager

The fund's strategy aims to make investments in high-quality companies with sustainable, differentiated business models taking a full-cycle view. Given that approach, we'd expect the fund to show its full strength when returns of individual stocks start to materially differ due to less overall market support. The fund's positions tend to be less driven by assumptions on general market trends, but much more by company-specific qualities that are likely to endure in both positive and negative environments. Driven by expected business resilience and comparably moderate valuations, our key convictions can give some comfort in volatile times.

Top 10 largest positions

We believe a robust, fundamental stock-picking approach that fully integrates a variety of material ESG information into the process helps to uncover underappreciated, long-term opportunities in the market. The research process leads to a diversified but highly focused portfolio consisting of shares of sustainable companies with attractive return potential over the full cycle. The top ten positions are composed of our highest conviction ideas.

Fund price

30-04-21	EUR	242.39
High Ytd (19-04-21)	EUR	245.10
Low Ytd (29-01-21)	EUR	222.47

Fees

Management fee	0.70%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.12%
Expected transaction costs	0.05%

Legal status

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

Issue structure	Open-end
UCITS V	Yes
Share class	I EUR

This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV

Registered in

Austria, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Currency policy

To reduce any possibility of large currency deviations relative to the benchmark which heighten the level of risk, the fund may bring exposure into line with the currency weights of the benchmark by carrying out currency forward transactions.

Risk management

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

Dividend policy

The fund does not distribute dividend; any income earned is retained, and so the fund's entire performance is reflected in its share price.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU0209860427
Bloomberg	RCCGEUI LX
WKN	AOEQZF
Valoren	2040708

Top 10 largest positions

Holdings

Svenska Handelsbanken Ab
 Novo Nordisk A/S
 Sap Se
 Roche Holding Ag
 Deutsche Boerse Ag
 Unilever Plc
 Schindler Holding Ag
 Relx Plc
 Industria De Diseno Textil Sa
 Allianz Se
Total

Sector	%
Financials	4.96
Health Care	4.78
Information Technology	4.76
Health Care	4.65
Financials	4.47
Consumer Staples	4.42
Industrials	4.37
Industrials	4.16
Consumer Discretionary	4.15
Financials	3.88
Total	44.60

Top 10/20/30 weights

Top 10	44.60%
Top 20	73.33%
Top 30	92.09%

Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	3.81	3.34
Information ratio	0.09	0.17
Sharpe ratio	0.46	0.65
Alpha (%)	0.93	1.30
Beta	0.90	0.89
Standard deviation	15.58	13.03
Max. monthly gain (%)	11.82	11.82
Max. monthly loss (%)	-13.47	-13.47

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	16	31
Hit ratio (%)	44.4	51.7
Months Bull market	22	36
Months outperformance Bull	7	14
Hit ratio Bull (%)	31.8	38.9
Months Bear market	14	24
Months Outperformance Bear	9	17
Hit ratio Bear (%)	64.3	70.8

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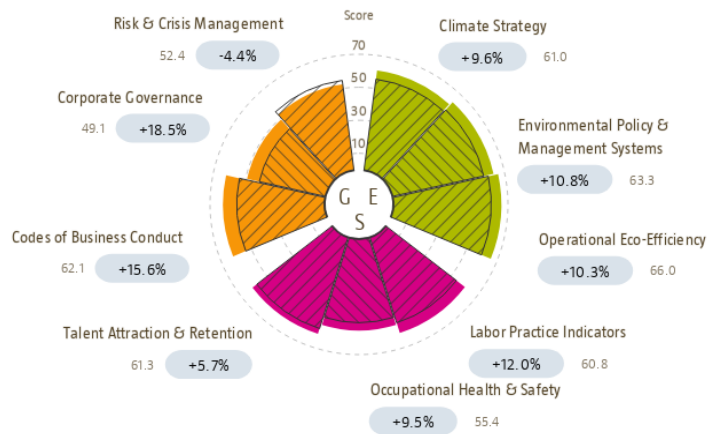
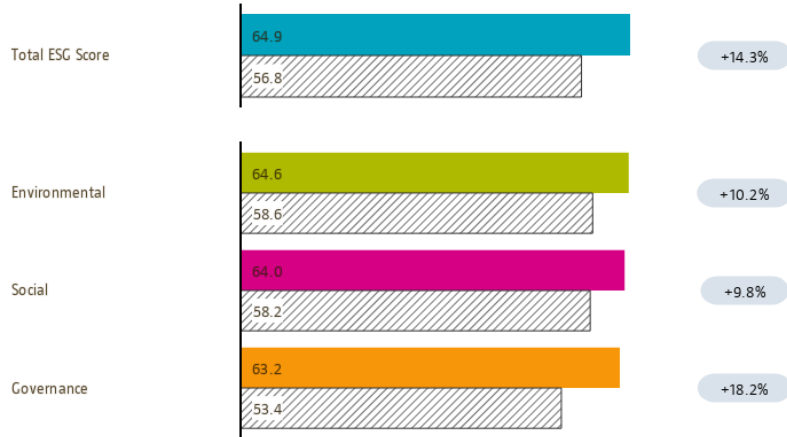
ESG integration policy

Robeco Sustainable European Stars Equities integrates ESG at every stage of the investment process. We use sustainability performance rankings as a first indication of a company's sustainability profile. In addition we use it to exclude the worst 20% scoring stocks from the investable universe. We then analyze the impact of financially material ESG factors to a company's competitive position and value drivers. We believe that this enhances our ability to understand existing and potential risks and opportunities of a company. If ESG risks and opportunities are significant, the ESG analysis may impact a stock's fair value and the portfolio allocation decision. Throughout the investment process, we strive for a low environmental impact, as measured by GHG emissions, water use and waste generation, with the aim of realizing at least 20% better levels than the index. In addition to ESG integration, Robeco's dedicated active ownership team conducts proxy voting and engagement activities focused on specific themes, such as climate change, aiming to improve a company's sustainability profile. Furthermore, the fund will not invest in companies exposed to the following controversial sectors or business practices: military contracting, controversial weapons, fire arms, UN Global Compact breaches, tobacco, palm oil, nuclear power, thermal coal, arctic drilling and oil sands, according to strict revenue thresholds.

ESG Score

The portfolio ESG score (and E,S and G score) is calculated by multiplying the RobecoSAM Smart ESG Score of each holding by its respective portfolio or index weight. The same methodology is applied in calculating the key ESG Criterion scores. The scores of the portfolio are provided alongside the scores of the index, highlighting the portfolio's relative sustainability. The colors indicate the score of the portfolio, whilst the shading shows the index.

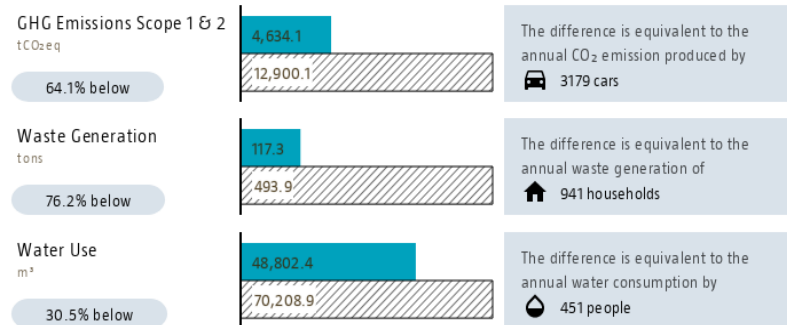
ESG Score



Environmental Footprint

The RobecoSAM footprint ownership of the portfolio expresses the total resource consumption the portfolio finances. Each company's footprint is calculated by normalizing resources consumed by the company's enterprise value. Multiplying these values by the dollar amount invested in each company yields the aggregate footprint ownership figures. The selected index's footprint (for an equivalent \$ amount invested in corporates) is provided alongside. The portfolios score is shown in blue and the index in grey.

Environmental Footprint



Asset Allocation

Asset allocation	
Equity	97.5%
Cash	2.5%

Sector allocation

The fund aims at generating extra performance through stock selection. Deviations in sector allocation relative to the benchmark are thus fairly small and limited by internal investment guidelines.

Sector allocation		Deviation index
Financials	19.3%	3.0%
Health Care	18.3%	4.7%
Industrials	17.7%	3.0%
Consumer Staples	12.3%	-0.4%
Consumer Discretionary	9.2%	-2.8%
Materials	9.1%	0.7%
Information Technology	7.1%	-1.1%
Energy	3.4%	-0.9%
Real Estate	1.8%	0.5%
Communication Services	1.7%	-2.3%
Utilities	0.0%	-4.5%
Other	0.1%	0.1%

Country allocation

The country allocation of the fund is purely the result of the bottom-up stock selection process. Internal investment guidelines limit country deviations compared to the benchmark.

Country allocation		Deviation index
United Kingdom	28.6%	5.9%
Germany	22.6%	7.7%
Switzerland	12.3%	-2.2%
Sweden	10.2%	4.5%
France	7.4%	-10.6%
Netherlands	5.5%	-1.3%
Spain	5.4%	1.5%
Denmark	4.8%	0.9%
Norway	2.1%	1.1%
United States	1.1%	1.1%
Austria	0.0%	-0.3%
Belgium	0.0%	-1.5%
Other	0.0%	-6.8%

Currency allocation

The currency allocation of the fund is purely a result of the bottom-up stock selection process. Any resulting significant currency exposure is limited by forward currency contracts. Internal investment guidelines limit currency deviations compared to the benchmark.

Currency allocation		Deviation index
European Euro	44.5%	-7.6%
United Kingdom Pound Sterling	25.7%	3.0%
Swiss Franc	12.0%	-2.5%
Swedish Krona	10.0%	4.3%
Danish Kroner	4.7%	0.8%
Norwegian Krone	2.1%	1.1%
US Dollar	1.1%	1.0%
Other	-0.1%	-0.1%

Investment policy

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Fund manager's CV

Mathias Büeler is the Senior Portfolio Manager responsible for the RobecoSAM Sustainable European Equities Strategy as well as serving as a Senior Equity Analyst covering the Financials and Consumer Discretionary Sector. Prior to joining, Mathias Büeler worked as a sell-side equity analyst at Kepler Capital Markets for more than four years, covering Swiss banks and diversified financials. Previously, he was Head of Product Management Structured Products at Man Investments for two and a half years. Mathias Büeler holds a Master of Arts majoring in Business Administration from the University of Zurich and is a CFA charterholder. He joined RobecoSAM in 2011. Oliver Girakhou is a Portfolio Manager responsible for managing the Robeco Sustainable European Stars Equities Strategy. He covers and leads the research in the Materials, Industrials and Energy industries within the Team. Prior to joining RobecoSAM, he spent 6 years at Credit Agricole – Cheuvreux (later KeplerCheuvreux) as a sell-side equity analyst covering European industrial companies. He also gained first-hand business experience as an business analyst at the BMW Group where he worked in the China Strategy Department. Oliver earned his Master's degree in Social and Economic Science from Vienna University's School of Economics and Business Administration, and his MBA from ESCP Europe. He joined RobecoSAM in 2014.

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