

## Robeco Sustainable Global Stars Equities F EUR

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Fund manager since 10-11-2008

### Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	-8.70%	-8.01%
3 m	-7.14%	-5.86%
Ytd	-7.14%	-5.86%
1 Year	7.56%	7.02%
2 Years	16.61%	16.06%
3 Years	8.59%	8.65%
5 Years	16.34%	16.49%
10 Years	10.26%	9.43%
Since 11-2008	12.06%	11.81%

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 last page.

### Calendar year performance

	Fund	Index
2024	29.06%	26.60%
2023	20.76%	19.60%
2022	-14.92%	-12.78%
2021	29.25%	31.07%
2020	15.14%	6.33%
2022-2024	9.86%	9.71%
2020-2024	14.56%	12.98%

Annualized (years)

### Index

MSCI World Index (Net Return, EUR)

### General facts

Morningstar	★★★★★
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	EUR
Total size of fund	EUR 2,150,746,195
Size of share class	EUR 306,563,820
Outstanding shares	782,158
1st quotation date	04-09-2013
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.84%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	-
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

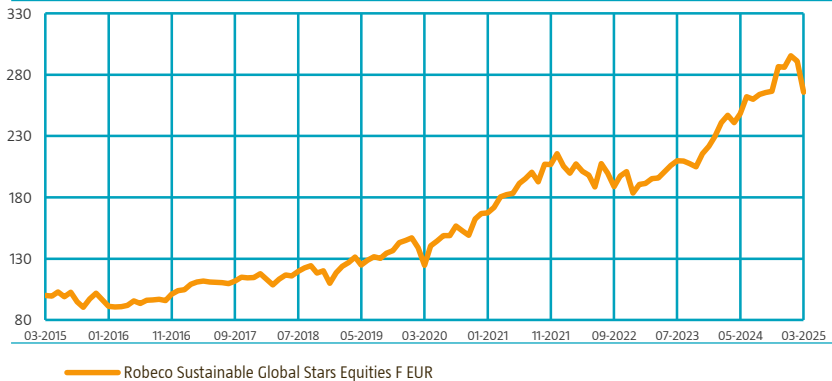
### Sustainability profile

- Exclusions+
- ESG Integration
- Voting
- ESG Target

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

### Performance

Indexed value (until 31-03-2025) - Source: Robeco



### Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -8.70%.

In March, the portfolio had a negative absolute return, also lagging the benchmark. Sector-wise, our positioning in consumer discretionary helped performance most, while consumer staples and financials lagged. In terms of stock selection, AutoZone contributed most to performance. With new car sales still subdued given high prices, consumers continue to spend more on old-car maintenance instead, helping AutoZone stock to move higher. The company is also well on track to reach 300 mega hubs at full build-out, as well as opening new distribution centers with new technology to deepen SKU availability. TotalEnergies also made a positive contribution. Defying lower oil and gas prices year-to-date, the high-dividend-paying energy sector is acting as a traditional safe haven in the current macro backdrop. TotalEnergies' large exposure to LNG also helps, as Europe needs to significantly refill its gas storage in the coming months to already prepare for next winter.

### Market development

The market seems caught in a hall of mirrors with every tremor distorting the view of what comes next, triggering global equity markets into sell-off mode (-8.0% in EUR; -4.5% in USD). The foundation for further US exceptionalism was built on hopes that the new Trump administration would be pro-business and deregulatory, resulting in a continuation of supercharged growth. However, reality has been different so far, with rising concerns about US economic growth actually turning negative. Constant drumbeats around DOGE job cuts and tariff war messaging come at the cost of delayed corporate spending decisions, and waning consumer confidence. Meanwhile, investors are quickly redeploying funds elsewhere, most notably to Europe and China. At the moment, the myriad of questions around US policy remains unanswered, resulting in stalling flow momentum for global equities, shifting to relative safe havens such as cash, gold and treasuries instead. Consequently, our strategy has tilted to the more defensive end of the spectrum as well for now, as well as allocating more to cash.

### Expectation of fund manager

As the Trump administration adamantly tries to reshape the global world order, markets are witnessing a regional and factor rotation away from US growth. In unpicking the consequences of this regime change, the current volatility might last longer than many hope for, as the dangerous mix of high inflation and recession fears is no longer unthinkable. It's too early to properly assess the exact consequences and potential side effects of US policy making, most notably those of 'Liberation Day' (related to tariffs) on 2 April. That's why we don't expect this to show up yet in the 'hard' data during the upcoming earnings season, although we are keen to learn more from management commentary on their full-year outlook. Across the pond, the allocation shift toward Europe and China might look extended on some metrics, but a good case can be made that this repatriation has more runway as the bulk of equity buying has predominantly come from domestic investors so far. Although we were surprised by how easily Germany shifted to fiscal stimulus and release of the 'debt brake', such actions might also open the door to the implementation of the 'Draghi report' on increasing Europe's competitiveness.

### Top 10 largest positions

Our top active position is Deutsche Telekom, a well-run German telecom operator with stable cash flows domestically, and enjoying growth potential in the US through its holding in T-Mobile USA. As T-Mobile continues to gain market share and is past peak capex, the cash return story toward Deutsche Telekom is very attractive. Our second-largest active position is RELX, an information and data analytics company that owns a huge portfolio of high-quality medical, legal and scientific journals. We also believe that RELX can be an important beneficiary of AI as the demand for accurate and trustworthy data only increases, a key tenet of RELX's business that seems underestimated by the market. AutoZone, a large US car parts retailer, completes our top three active positions. The company benefits from an increase in miles driven and an aging car park, with consumers holding on to their existing cars for longer. Runway for further growth comes from its international expansion, its move into the pro segment as well as more online sales.

### Fund price

31-03-25	EUR	391.95
High Ytd (10-02-25)	EUR	442.52
Low Ytd (11-03-25)	EUR	385.08

### Fees

Management fee	0.63%
Performance fee	15.00%
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	F EUR

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

### Registered in

Austria, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland

### Currency policy

The fund is allowed to pursue an active currency policy to generate extra returns and can engage in currency hedging 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. The fund retains any income that is earned and so its entire performance is reflected in its share price.

### Fund codes

ISIN	LU0940004913
Bloomberg	ROBGSFE LX
WKN	A2P70B
Valoren	21528114

### Top 10 largest positions

#### Holdings

Apple Inc
NVIDIA Corp
Microsoft Corp
Visa Inc
Amazon.com Inc
AbbVie Inc
Deutsche Telekom AG
RELX PLC
Marsh & McLennan Cos Inc
AutoZone Inc
<b>Total</b>

Sector	%
Information Technology	4.43
Information Technology	4.31
Information Technology	3.41
Financials	3.21
Consumer Discretionary	3.08
Health Care	3.00
Communication Services	2.89
Industrials	2.84
Financials	2.83
Consumer Discretionary	2.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>32.67</b>

### Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	32.67%
TOP 20	56.50%
TOP 30	74.61%

### Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	3.29	3.29
Information ratio	0.25	0.29
Sharpe ratio	0.49	1.13
Alpha (%)	1.13	1.07
Beta	0.94	0.99
Standard deviation	14.04	14.33
Max. monthly gain (%)	10.24	13.16
Max. monthly loss (%)	-8.58	-8.58

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns

### Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	19	31
Hit ratio (%)	52.8	51.7
Months Bull market	22	38
Months outperformance Bull	10	19
Hit ratio Bull (%)	45.5	50.0
Months Bear market	14	22
Months Outperformance Bear	9	12
Hit ratio Bear (%)	64.3	54.5

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

### Changes

Performance prior to the launch date is based on the performance of a comparable share class with higher cost base.

### Asset Allocation

Asset allocation		
Equity		96.9%
Cash		3.1%

### Sector allocation

The portfolio is overweight in sectors that have a high return on invested capital, a good FCF yield and a good sustainability profile. We are currently overweight in financials, information technology, consumer discretionary and healthcare. We are underweight in consumer staples, industrials, materials and utilities. High inflation continues to impact the market. We are also concerned about slowing growth in the global economy and the rising risk of a global recession, which will impact the cyclical sectors most negatively.

Sector allocation		Deviation index	
Information Technology	22.5%	-1.1%	
Financials	18.3%	1.0%	
Health Care	15.5%	4.4%	
Consumer Discretionary	12.3%	2.1%	
Industrials	10.8%	-0.3%	
Communication Services	9.4%	1.5%	
Energy	4.3%	0.2%	
Materials	2.9%	-0.5%	
Consumer Staples	2.0%	-4.5%	
Real Estate	2.0%	-0.2%	
Utilities	0.0%	-2.7%	

### Regional allocation

We have moved to an underweight position in North America and have increased our overweight position in Europe. We have a relative neutral weighting in Japan and are underweight in Southeast Asia.

Regional allocation		Deviation index	
America	71.2%	-3.9%	
Europe	19.0%	2.4%	
Asia	7.7%	-0.3%	
Middle East	2.2%	2.0%	

### Currency allocation

The fund pursues a moderately active currency allocation policy. We hedge most currencies back to a benchmark position.

Currency allocation		Deviation index	
U.S. Dollar	74.1%	1.8%	
Pound Sterling	8.8%	5.0%	
Euro	8.3%	-0.4%	
Japanese Yen	4.7%	-0.7%	
Hong Kong Dollar	1.5%	1.0%	
Taiwan Dollar	1.3%	1.3%	
Swiss Franc	1.3%	-1.2%	
Danish Kroner	0.0%	-0.6%	
Swedish Kroner	0.0%	-0.8%	
Australian Dollar	0.0%	-1.6%	
Singapore Dollar	0.0%	-0.4%	
Other	0.0%	-3.5%	

### 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 via exclusions, ESG integration, ESG and environmental footprint targets, 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 fundamental investment analysis to assess existing and potential ESG risks and opportunities. In the stock selection the fund limits exposure to elevated sustainability risks. The fund also targets a better ESG score and at least 20% lower carbon footprint compared to the reference index. In addition, where a stock issuer is flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to exclusion. Lastly, the fund makes use of shareholder rights and applies proxy voting in accordance with Robeco's proxy voting policy.

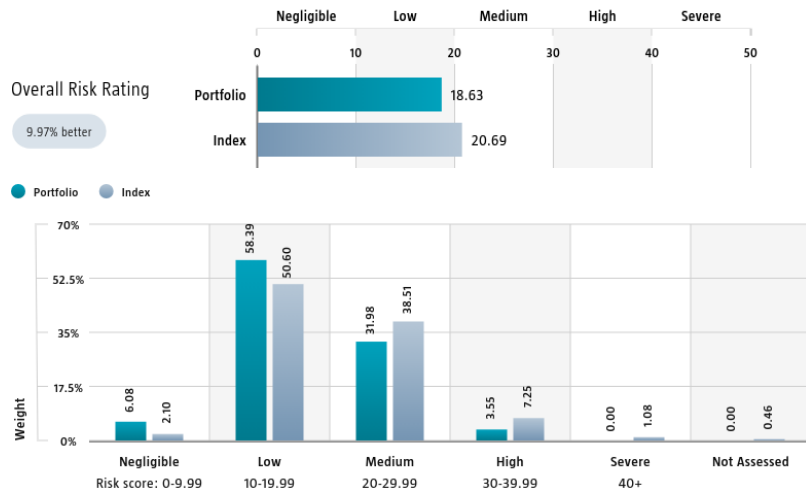
For more information please visit the sustainability-related disclosures.

The index used for all sustainability visuals is based on MSCI World 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.

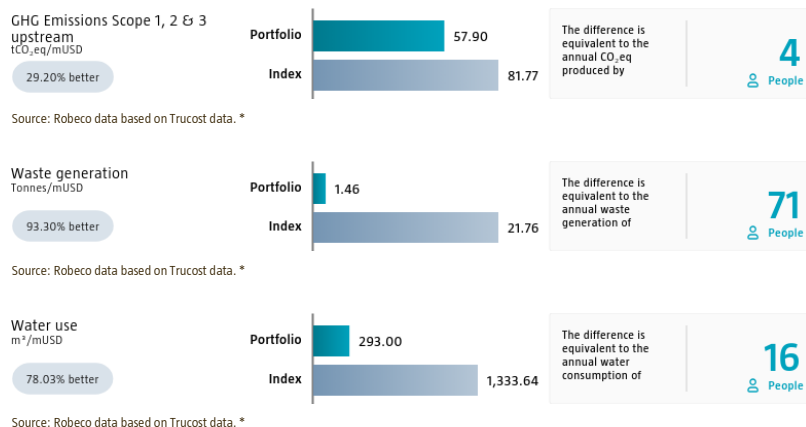
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### Environmental Footprint

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.

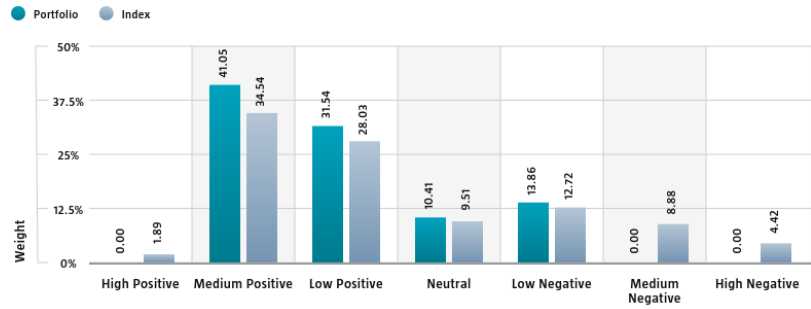


Source: Robeco data based on Trucost data. \*

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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.

### Engagement

Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement.

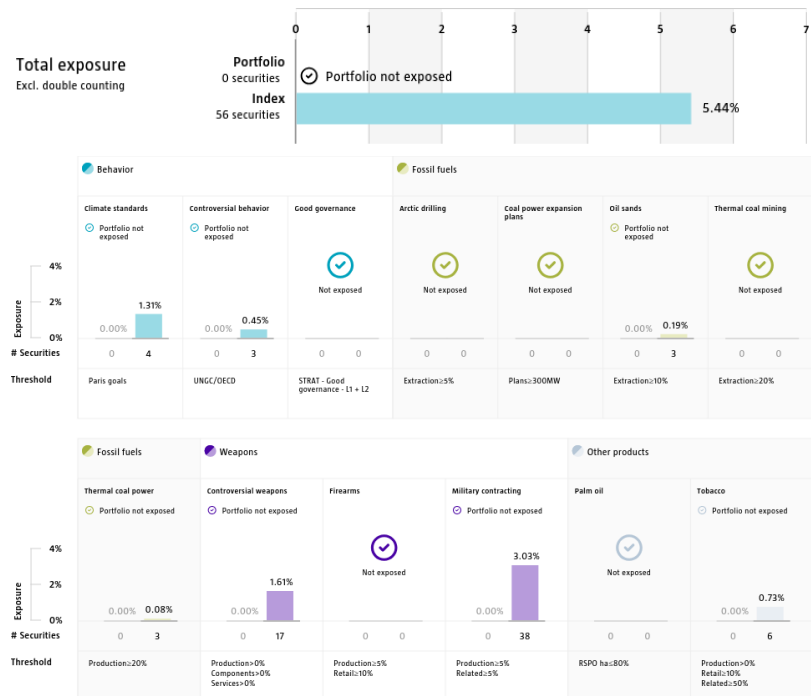
Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear and measurable improvement in a company's SDG contribution. 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)	58.16%	30	152
Environmental	7.94%	5	18
Social	6.17%	4	16
Governance	14.33%	5	21
Sustainable Development Goals	41.13%	20	96
Voting Related	0.98%	1	1
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, RSPD (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 fund aims for a better sustainability profile compared to the Benchmark by promoting certain E&S (i.e. Environmental and Social) characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and integrating ESG and 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 aims for an improved environmental footprint.

## Fund manager's CV

Michiel Plakman is Portfolio Manager and Co-Head of Robeco's Global Equity team. He is Lead Portfolio Manager Sustainable Global Stars Equities and Portfolio Manager Global SDG Engagement Equities. He is responsible for fundamental global equities with a focus on SDG investing and on companies in information technology, real estate, communication services and portfolio construction. He has been in this role since 2009. Previously, he was responsible for managing the Robeco IT Equities fund within the TMT team. Prior to joining Robeco in 1999, he worked as a Portfolio Manager Japan at Achmea Global Investors (PVF Pensioenen). From 1995 to 1996 he was Portfolio Manager European Equities at KPN Pension Fund. He holds a Master's in Econometrics from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and he is a CFA® Charterholder. Chris Berkouwer is Portfolio Manager with a focus on the low-carbon transition and on companies in the energy, materials and industrials sectors and member of the Global Equity team. He is also Deputy Lead Portfolio Manager. He is responsible for fundamental global equities, as well as portfolio construction. He joined Robeco in 2010. Prior to that, he worked as an analyst for the The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies. He conducted country, industry and company research for various equity teams prior to joining the Global Equity team. He holds Master's in Business Administration and International Public Management from the Erasmus University Rotterdam and is a CFA® Charterholder. Yanxin Liu is Portfolio Manager with a focus on information technology and member of the Global Equity team. She is also Deputy Lead Portfolio Manager. She is responsible for fundamental global equities as well as portfolio construction. Yanxin spent 11 years with our Emerging Markets Equity team, prior to joining the Global Equity team in 2022. Within the Emerging Markets team her focus was on all sectors in Greater China. Prior to that, Yanxin worked for DSM Pension Services in the Netherlands as an analyst focusing on US large-cap equities. Yanxin has a Master's in Finance from the Erasmus University Rotterdam and a Bachelor's in Financial Accounting from Nankai University in Tianjin, China. She became a CFA® Charterholder in 2015 and is a native Mandarin speaker.

## 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.

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