

Robeco Circular Economy Z USD

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Natalie Falkman
Fund manager since 01-04-2022

Reference index

MSCI World Index TRN

General facts

Morningstar	★★★★★
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	USD
Total size of fund	USD 543,738,506
Size of share class	USD 178,024
Outstanding shares	1,048
1st quotation date	26-07-2022
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.01%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
ex-ante RatioVaR limit	-
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

Market development

August was a weak month for many tech-driven stocks, as volatile AI sentiment led to concerns across both software and infrastructure segments. We share the concern that AI may pose challenges for some off-the-shelf software. However, we believe that AI will also accelerate growth and serve as a competitive differentiator for select companies. The prevailing market view – treating nearly all software as under existential threat – has weighed on the share prices of even those we see as potential AI beneficiaries. A less expected bright spot in August came from residential stocks. While the overall housing market remains soft, there are signs of bottoming, with a few early green shoots. The rising likelihood of lower interest rates has also supported sentiment. In Europe, France attracted attention for the wrong reasons. The risk of another election weighed on the country's stock market.

Expectation of fund manager

Ahead of the Q2 results, there were hopes that industrial sectors would start to show signs of demand recovery. However, many company management teams – perhaps still shell-shocked by the wave of changes following the presidential elections – seemed to adopt a wait-and-see approach. Investment decisions were still coming slowly and early signs of improvements were interpreted conservatively. As a result, any expectations for green shoots to appear in H2 guidance were premature. Looking ahead, if cyclical demand does pick up, the YoY base effects will help. On a relative basis, some cyclical sectors could even rival structural growth areas in terms of momentum. Given that current investor positioning is heavily skewed toward safer, secular growth, any credible recovery in cyclical areas could benefit from supportive re-positioning flows. Furthermore, looking further into the remainder of 2025, equity strategist sentiment remains cautious, with consensus year-end index targets still below current levels. This disconnect has historically been a contrarian signal – often bullish for equity markets.

Sustainability profile

- Exclusions++
- ESG Integration
- Voting
- ESG Target

For more information on exclusions see <https://www.robeco.com/exclusions/>
For more information on target universe methodology see <https://www.robeco.com/si>

Fees

Management fee	0.00%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.00%

Legal status

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

Registered in

Luxembourg, Singapore, Switzerland

Currency policy

The fund is allowed to pursue an active currency policy to generate extra returns.
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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	LU2501123272
Bloomberg	RBVNLZ LX
Valoren	120752066

Statistics

Information ratio	3 Years	0.06
Sharpe ratio		0.92
Alpha (%)		0.76
Beta		0.98
Standard deviation		15.26
Max. monthly gain (%)		9.31
Max. monthly loss (%)		-7.00
Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns		

Hit ratio

Months outperformance	17
Hit ratio (%)	47.2
Months Bull market	24
Months outperformance Bull	11
Hit ratio Bull (%)	45.8
Months Bear market	12
Months Outperformance Bear	6
Hit ratio Bear (%)	50.0
Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns	

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's sustainable investment objective is to finance solutions that support the transition from traditional production and consumption patterns toward a circular economy. Circular economy and sustainability considerations are incorporated in the investment process by the means of a target universe definition, exclusions, ESG integration, and voting. The fund only invests in companies that have a significant thematic fit as per Robeco's thematic universe methodology. Through screening on both Robeco's internally developed SDG Framework and Robeco's exclusion policy, the fund does not invest in issuers that have a negative impact on the SDGs, are in breach of international norms or where products have been deemed controversial. Financially material ESG factors are integrated in the bottom-up fundamental investment analysis to assess existing and potential ESG risks and opportunities. 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.

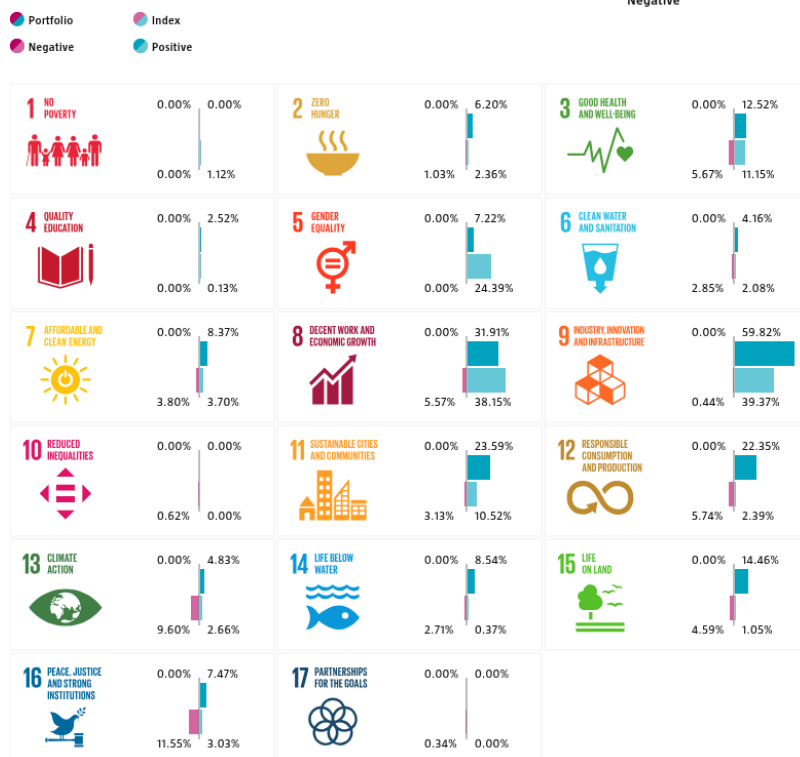
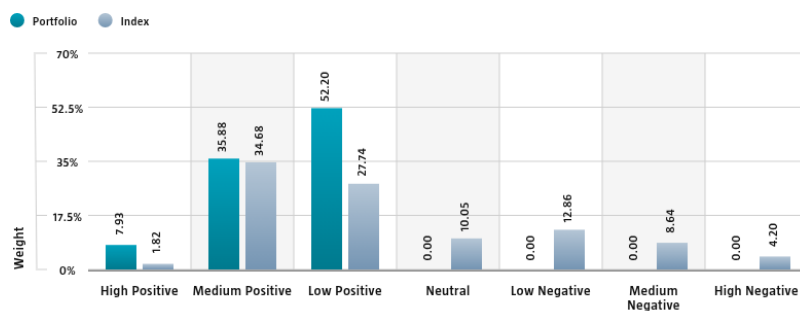
For more information please visit the sustainability-related disclosures.

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

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.

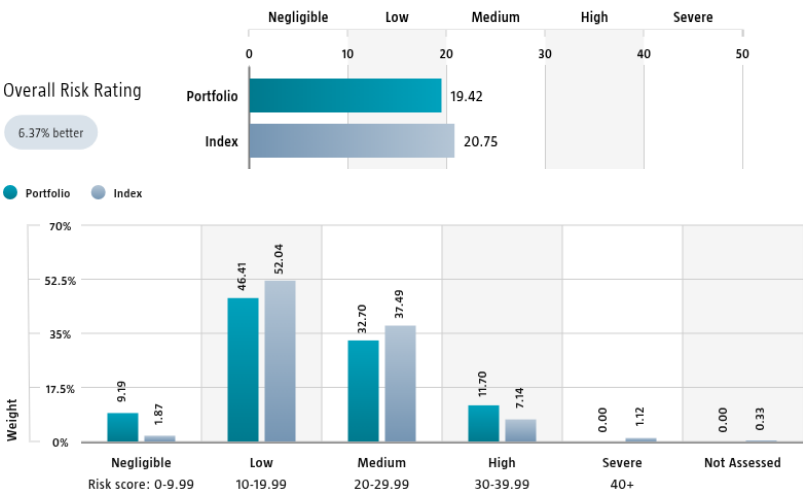
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Source: Robeco. Data derived from internal processes.

Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating

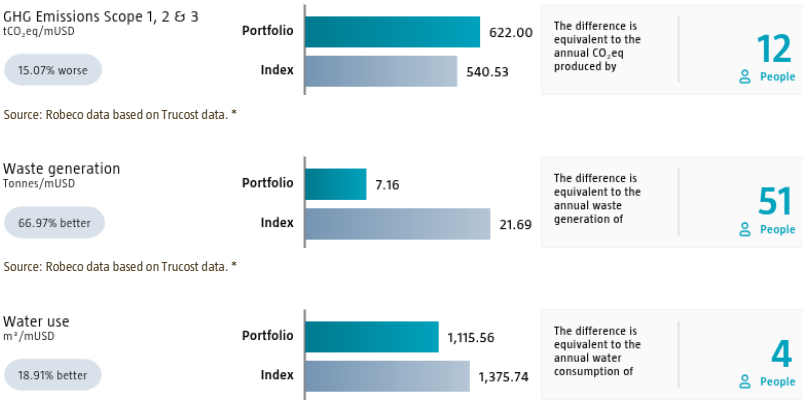
The Portfolio Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating chart displays the portfolio's ESG Risk Rating. This is calculated by multiplying each portfolio component's Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating by its respective portfolio weight. The Distribution across Sustainalytics ESG Risk levels chart shows the portfolio 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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Engagement

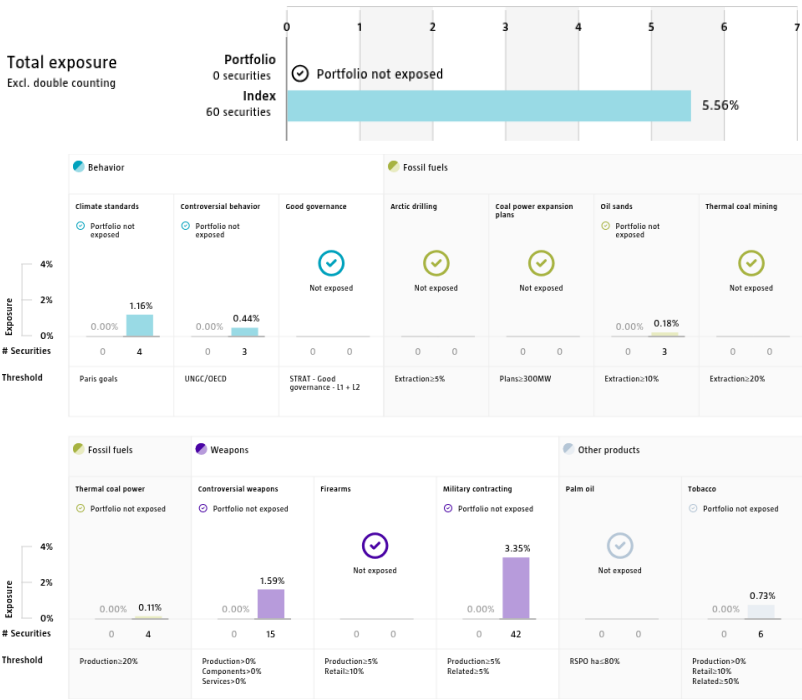
Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement. Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear 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)	10.06%	7	19
Environmental	0.00%	0	0
Social	0.00%	0	0
Governance	2.50%	1	3
Sustainable Development Goals	7.77%	5	14
Voting Related	2.30%	2	2
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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Fund manager's CV

Natalie Falkman is Portfolio Manager of the Robeco Circular Economy strategy and member of the Thematic Investing team. Before joining Robeco in 2022, she was a portfolio manager for Kapitalinvest, a global equity, 5-star rated by Morningstar and AAA-rated by Citywire (Global blend-category) fund at Swedbank Robur in Stockholm. Prior to that, she worked at Carnegie (largest independent investment bank in the Nordics), first as the Head of Emerging Markets Research and thereafter with Nordic Capital Goods Equity Research. She started her career in 2002 as an equity research analyst at Deutsche Bank in Moscow covering utility and shipping sectors. Natalie holds a Master's in Finance from Stockholm School of Economics.

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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