

European stocks continue their positive strong momentum in 2025

- Positive contributions coming from most sectors
- The Conservative approach keeps leading the market throughout this year
- Defensive portfolio with stable stocks at attractive valuation and yield levels

In August 2025, the European Conservative Equities strategy recorded a return of 0.60%, while the MSCI Europe Index increased by 1.15%. This resulted in an excess return of -0.55%.

Table 1 – Performance of Robeco QI European Conservative Equities B-share ("Fund") (inception September 2007 – gross of fees)

Performance (EUR)	Aug/25	YTD	1 year	3 year	Since inception (September 2007)	Volatility since inception	Return/volatility since inception
European Conservative Equities	0.60%	13.46%	10.58%	10.49%	6.43%	11.15%	0.58
MSCI Europe Index	1.15%	10.60%	7.12%	12.61%	4.84%	14.80%	0.33
MSCI Europe Minimum Volatility Index (EUR optimized)	0.37%	8.70%	6.57%	10.18%	5.34%	11.35%	0.47

Source: Robeco Performance Measurement. All figures are gross of fees. In reality, costs such as management fees and other costs are charged. These have a negative effect on the returns shown. These figures are preliminary based on the most recent month's performance results. These numbers may deviate from the final performance figures. The value of your investment may fluctuate. Results obtained in the past are no guarantee of future performance.

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1. Market developments

Table 2 – Market dashboard

Market dashboard	1M	12M	Local return	1M	12M	EUR sector returns	1M	12M	Factors (EUR)	1M	12M
MSCI Europe USD	3.4%	13.3%	Denmark	4.8%	-43.4%	Health Care	4.0%	-16.9%	Growth	2.5%	2.8%
MSCI World Equal USD	3.4%	14.3%	Spain	4.4%	39.8%	Consumer Staples	3.2%	0.2%	Value	2.0%	17.7%
MSCI World USD	2.6%	15.7%	Belgium	4.1%	13.5%	Energy	2.8%	0.3%	High Dividend	1.5%	10.4%
MSCI World local	2.1%	14.8%	Italy	3.0%	27.2%	Consumer Discretionary	2.0%	-6.9%	Quality	1.4%	-6.3%
S&P 500 USD	2.0%	15.9%	Switzerland	2.8%	0.8%	Materials	1.9%	-2.6%	Market	1.1%	7.1%
MSCI EM Local	1.4%	17.1%	Sweden	2.7%	5.7%	Financials	1.6%	37.1%	Equal-weighted	0.7%	10.1%
MSCI EM USD	1.3%	16.8%	Finland	2.3%	10.5%	Communication Services	1.5%	16.9%	MinVol	0.4%	6.6%
MSCI Europe EUR	1.1%	7.1%	United Kingdom	1.5%	13.3%	Real Estate	-0.9%	-3.6%	Momentum	0.0%	19.2%
MSCI World EUR	0.3%	9.4%	Netherlands	0.9%	-4.4%	Industrials	-1.6%	20.0%	Small caps	-0.7%	8.4%
S&P 500 EUR	-0.3%	9.2%	France	-0.8%	3.8%	Utilities	-1.7%	13.1%			
MSCI EM EUR	-1.0%	10.5%	Germany	-1.0%	23.5%	Information Technology	-1.9%	-6.4%			

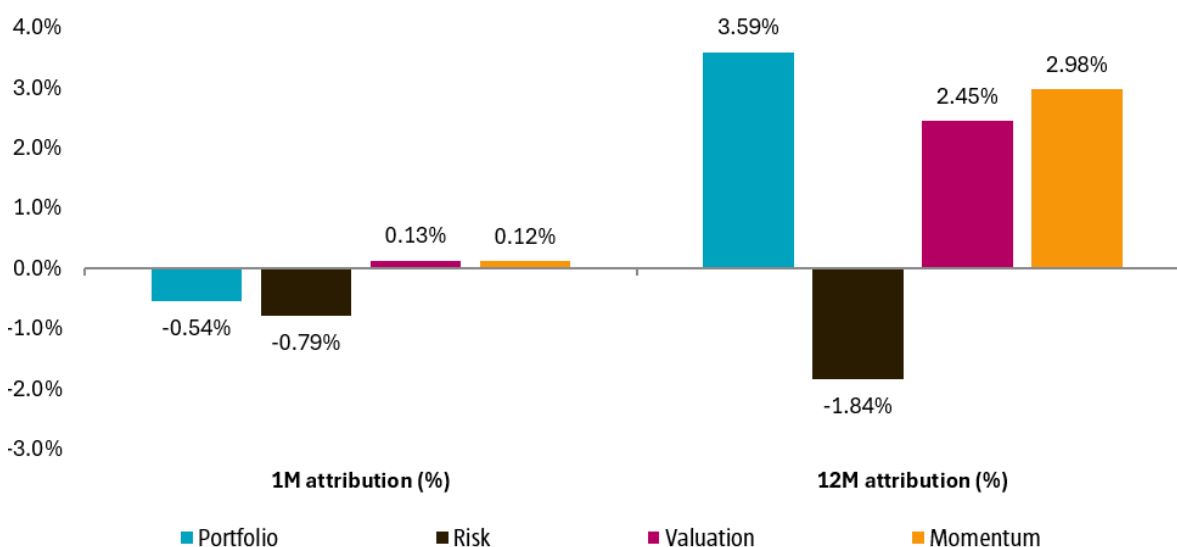
Source: Robeco, MSCI, Bloomberg.

2. Performance attribution

Last month, our portfolio slightly underperformed the benchmark. The primary contributors to performance were valuation and momentum, while low-risk acted as a detractor.

Over the past 12 months, the strategy demonstrated strong outperformance. Momentum was the largest contributor, followed closely by valuation. Although low-risk was a detractor during this period, the overall positive contributions from momentum and valuation highlight the strength of the strategy.

Figure 1 – Factor attribution



Source: Robeco Performance Measurement. The figures show relative portfolio returns versus the index. The relative portfolio return is gross of fees and net of transaction costs and is the sum of the allocation effect and stock selection contribution, excluding cash & other. The relative portfolio return is entirely attributed to underlying Robeco factors. All stocks in the portfolio and index are ranked on Robeco factors and grouped into five market value-weighted quintiles. The portfolio factor exposures are averages over the previous month. The returns are over the whole period.

Table 3 – Top contributors – Top detractors

Name	Effect	Country	Sector	Active Weight	Return	Index Return
Schneider Electric	0.11%	France	Industrials	-1.10%	0.00%	-7.97%
Siemens Energy	0.08%	Germany	Industrials	-0.61%	0.00%	-11.06%
Tele2	0.08%	Sweden	Communication Services	0.82%	11.01%	11.01%
Henkel AG Co KGaA Pref	0.07%	Germany	Consumer Staples	1.27%	6.63%	6.63%
Novartis	0.07%	Switzerland	Health Care	1.19%	6.73%	6.73%

Name	Effect	Country	Sector	Active Weight	Return	Index Return
Plus500	-0.10%	United Kingdom	Financials	0.99%	-8.35%	-8.35%
QIAGEN	-0.12%	Germany	Health Care	1.07%	-9.34%	-9.34%
RELX PLC	-0.14%	United Kingdom	Industrials	0.97%	-12.13%	-12.13%
Novo Nordisk A/S	-0.17%	Denmark	Health Care	-1.33%	0.00%	15.01%
Wolters Kluwer	-0.24%	Netherlands	Industrials	0.56%	-19.48%	-20.73%

Source: Robeco Performance Measurement and MSCI.

3. Positioning

Robeco QI European Conservative Equities selects from an investable universe of around 1,200 European stocks, buying securities with low-risk characteristics, such as low volatility, low market sensitivity, and low distress risk. Simultaneously, these low-risk stocks are characterized by attractive valuations, a high and stable dividend, positive price momentum, and favorable analyst revisions.

Figure 2 – Sector and country positioning matrix

	Norway	Switzerland	Portugal	Finland	Austria	Germany	Sweden	Netherlands	Spain	United Kingdom	France	Total
Communication Services	1.2	0.8	0.8		0.7	2.9		1.1		-0.6	1.4	8.7
Financials	1.9	-0.3		4.0	0.9	3.3	0.9		-2.1	-2.5	-0.6	5.8
Consumer Staples	1.0		1.0			1.5		0.9	0.8		-0.9	3.8
Real Estate		4.1										3.4
Health Care		1.3							0.4	0.3		0.3
Utilities			0.9			-0.5				-1.0	-0.5	-0.7
Energy										-0.6		-0.8
Information Technology								-2.6		0.5	-0.5	-2.5
Materials		-1.2	0.7			-0.8				-1.3	-1.1	-4.6
Consumer Discretionary		-0.8				-1.2	0.8	-0.6	-0.7	-1.1	-2.4	-5.8
Industrials	1.3	0.5		-0.3	1.0	-2.5	-2.4	0.3		-0.9	-3.9	-7.3
Total	5.0	4.0	3.4	3.1	2.4	2.4	-0.8	-1.1	-2.2	-7.2	-8.3	

Source: Robeco. Figures show relative portfolio positioning versus the index. Only the largest countries are shown. Sector totals include all countries. Only relative positions of >0.25%/<-0.25% are highlighted. Excludes cash positions.

Table 4 – Portfolio exposures

Relatively large portfolio weight		Relatively small portfolio weight	
Real Estate (Switzerland)	Strong low-risk profile with low beta. The sector also demonstrates good momentum. A notable overweighted security in this portfolio is Intershop.	Industrials (France)	Underweighted in the Industrials sector in France, with a neutral Price/Earnings rating. Notable underweighted securities include Safran and VINCI.
Financials (Finland)	Strong low-risk profile with low volatility, complemented by good value characterized by low price/earnings ratios. The sector also exhibits good momentum, driven by high price momentum.	Information Technology (Netherlands)	Weak low-risk profile, indicated by high beta, and weak value due to high price/earnings ratios. An underweighted security in this sector is ASM International.
Financials (Germany)	Strong momentum in the financials sector, highlighted by high price momentum.	Industrials (Germany)	Underweighted in the Industrials sector in Germany, primarily due to low dividend yield. Notable underweighted securities include Rheinmetall and Siemens Energy.

Source: Robeco.

The fund is characterized by a portfolio of low-risk stocks, offering high and stable dividends and a price-to-earnings ratio lower than the market. A comparison of various characteristics of the portfolio versus those of its benchmark – the MSCI Europe – shows a consistent picture, where the strategy remains well-positioned towards the model factors.

Given these characteristics, we firmly believe the strategy is well-positioned to continue harvesting the model factor premiums in European Markets.

Table 5 – Portfolio characteristics

June 2025	Portfolio	MSCI Europe	MSCI Minvol		Portfolio	MSCI Europe	MSCI Minvol
Risk: Statistical & Distress				Active Positioning			
Volatility (holdings-based 3y)	19.3%	25.8%	20.4%	Number of securities	119	402	173
Beta (holdings-based 3y)	0.6	1	0.7	Active share	72.9%	-	57.2%
Distance-to-default	7.2	5.3	6.9	Off benchmark	28.3%	-	-
				Expected Turnover	25.0%	-	20.0%
				Realized Turnover	10.0%	4.0%	18.0%
Income & Sentiment							
Dividend yield	4.0%	3.1%	3.3%				
Net payout yield	5.0%	3.9%	4.0%	Sustainability			
Price/Earnings	14.6	15.4	17.5	Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating	17.7	19.0	18.7
Price momentum (12-1M)	27.4%	21.7%	20.0%	GhG emissions (t CO2-eq/mUSD)	72.4	101.8	96.2
Earnings revisions (3M, % net positive)	40.3%	27.9%	30.7%	Positive SDG exposure	76.8%	72.5%	76.0%
Market capitalization				Summary			
>10 bn USD	72.4%	96.5%	96.1%	Lower risk than market, similar to minvol index			
2-10 bn USD	25.4%	3.5%	3.9%	Attractive income/sentiment. Increased opportunity set with small/mid caps			
<2 bn USD	2.2%	0	0	Active and 3D portfolio with low turnover			

Source: Robeco, FactSet. The fund aims for a better sustainability profile compared to the benchmark by promoting certain sustainability characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and integrating sustainability in the investment process. More specifically, the binding elements as per the prospectus and sustainability disclosure (SFDR disclosure) pertain to applying the Robeco Level 1 exclusion list, targeting a Sustainalytics ESG risk rating that is better than the benchmark, and pursuing better carbon, waste and water footprints than the benchmark.

Table 6 below shows the current main over- and underweights as a result of our bottom-up stock-selection process.

The portfolio's largest overweight positions were in Nordea Bank Abp at 1.62% and Orange at 1.61%. Conversely, the most underweighted securities included ASML with an active weight of -2.29% and Siemens Aktiengesellschaft at -1.62%.

Table 6 – Main active over and underweights of the funds

Name	Sector	Country	Active Weight
Nordea Bank Abp	Financials	Finland	1.62%
Orange	Communication Services	France	1.61%
Sampo Oyj	Financials	Finland	1.60%
Zurich Insurance	Financials	Switzerland	1.44%
Allianz	Financials	Germany	1.43%
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize	Consumer Staples	Netherlands	1.41%
GSK plc	Health Care	United Kingdom	1.36%
Royal KPN	Communication Services	Netherlands	1.35%
Munchener Ruckversicherungs Gesellschaft	Financials	Germany	1.33%
GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft	Industrials	Germany	1.32%

Name	Sector	Country	Active Weight
ASML	Information Technology	Netherlands	-2.29%
Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	Industrials	Germany	-1.62%
Novo Nordisk A/S	Health Care	Denmark	-1.33%
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	Consumer Discretionary	France	-1.20%
Banco Santander	Financials	Spain	-1.12%
Schneider Electric	Industrials	France	-1.10%
UBS	Financials	Switzerland	-1.02%
Airbus	Industrials	France	-0.98%
Rolls Royce Holdings plc	Industrials	United Kingdom	-0.97%
Safran	Industrials	France	-0.97%

Source: Robeco.

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