

Major indices reach record highs amid easing signals

- Apple and SoftBank drive significant gains in key sectors
- High-dividend and value stocks outperform in muted market dispersion
- Defensive portfolio with stable stocks at attractive valuation and yield levels

In August 2025, the Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities strategy recorded a return of 0.25%, slightly surpassing the MSCI AC World Index, which returned 0.20%. This resulted in an excess return of 0.05%.

Table 1 - Performance of Robeco QI Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities I-share ("Fund") (inception January 2017 - gross of fees)

Performance (EUR)	Aug/25	YTD	1 year	3 year	Since inception (January 2017)	Volatility since inception	Return/volatility since inception
Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities	0.25%	1.42%	6.63%	9.18%	8.40%	11.43%	0.73
MSCI AC World Index	0.20%	1.11%	9.50%	11.85%	10.44%	13.43%	0.78
MSCI AC World Minimum Volatility Index (EUR optimized)	0.54%	-0.99%	2.67%	5.53%	6.82%	9.87%	0.69
MSCI All Country World EU PAB Overlay Index	0.24%	1.03%	9.43%	11.68%	7.81%	12.10%	0.65

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.

1. Market developments

Most major indices—including the S&P 500, MSCI World, and MSCI World ex-US—hit new record highs in August, fueled by hints from the Federal Reserve of a possible shift toward monetary easing. Apple soared 12% on strong quarterly earnings and a tariff exemption, after announcing a \$100 billion boost to domestic investments, taking the total to \$600 billion. UnitedHealth Group bounced back 24%, though it's still down 38% for the year. In Japan, the market got a lift from SoftBank, which jumped 37% after snapping up a \$2 billion stake in the struggling chip giant Intel. Factor-wise, return dispersion was muted: high-dividend and value stocks outperformed, while growth and momentum lagged.

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Table 2 – Market dashboard

Market dashboard	1M	12M	USD return	1M	12M	USD sector returns	1M	12M	Factors (USD)	1M	12M
MSCI Europe USD	3.4%	13.3%	Japan	7.0%	12.9%	Materials	7.2%	6.5%	Small caps	4.8%	13.0%
MSCI World Equal USD	3.4%	14.3%	Canada	5.5%	23.1%	Health Care	4.9%	-10.9%	High Dividend Equal-weighted	4.2%	9.6%
MSCI World USD	2.6%	15.7%	China	4.9%	47.6%	Communication Services	4.3%	34.5%	Value	4.1%	18.1%
MSCI World local	2.1%	14.8%	Switzerland	4.5%	7.0%	Consumer Discretionary	4.0%	19.7%	Market	3.2%	12.0%
S&P 500 USD	2.0%	15.9%	Australia	3.7%	8.4%	Energy	3.3%	2.8%	Quality	2.5%	15.8%
MSCI EM Local	1.4%	17.1%	United Kingdom	3.7%	16.5%	Financials	3.1%	26.5%	MinVol USD opt	2.4%	6.7%
MSCI EM USD	1.3%	16.8%	United States	1.9%	16.0%	Consumer Staples	2.6%	3.1%	Growth	2.3%	7.2%
MSCI Europe EUR	1.1%	7.1%	France	1.4%	9.8%	Real Estate	2.4%	3.0%	Momentum	1.8%	19.5%
MSCI World EUR	0.3%	9.4%	Germany	1.2%	30.6%	Industrials	0.5%	18.1%		1.8%	17.2%
S&P 500 EUR	-0.3%	9.2%	Taiwan	-0.8%	20.8%	Information Technology	0.4%	21.1%			
MSCI EM EUR	-1.0%	10.5%	South Korea	-1.9%	11.3%	Utilities	-0.4%	12.3%			

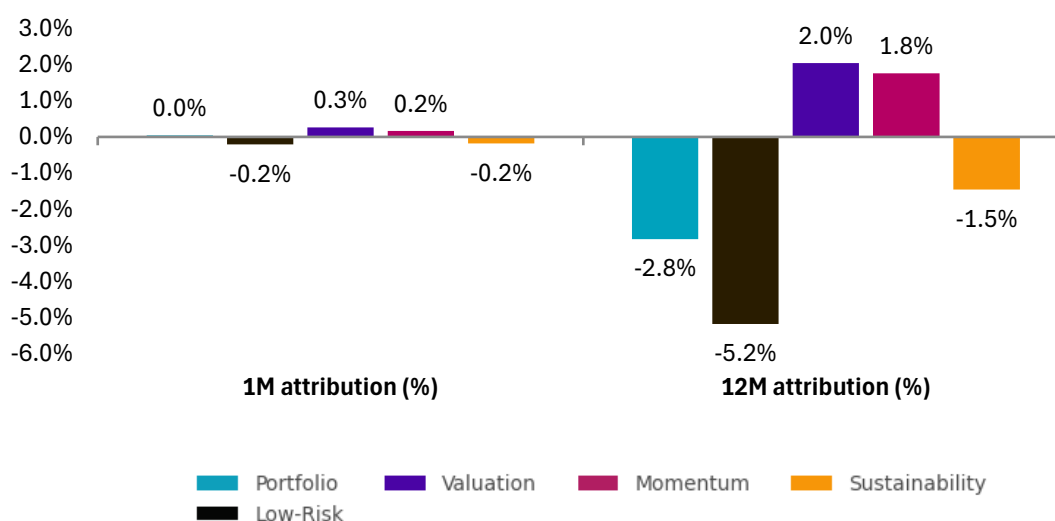
Source: Robeco, MSCI, Bloomberg.

2. Performance attribution

Last month, our portfolio outperformed the benchmark, with all contributing factors positively impacting performance. Valuation was the largest contributor, followed closely by momentum and low-risk, while sustainability had a neutral effect.

Over the past 12 months, the portfolio experienced an overall underperformance. Valuation and momentum were the primary contributors, helping to mitigate the impact of the detractors. Low-risk and sustainability acted as detractors during this period, but the positive contributions from valuation and momentum highlight the strengths 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
NVIDIA	0.22%	United States	Information Technology	-5.07%	0.00%	-4.25%
Meta Platforms	0.13%	United States	Communication Services	-1.93%	0.00%	-6.61%
Amazon	0.12%	United States	Consumer Discretionary	-2.49%	0.00%	-4.35%
Microsoft	0.10%	United States	Information Technology	-1.37%	-7.02%	-7.02%
New York Times Company	0.09%	United States	Communication Services	0.80%	12.76%	12.76%

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SAP	-0.07%	Germany	Information Technology	0.91%	-7.62%	-7.62%
CME	-0.08%	United States	Financials	1.15%	-6.35%	-6.35%
Thomson Reuters	-0.08%	Canada	Industrials	0.51%	-13.41%	-13.41%
Alphabet	-0.20%	United States	Communication Services	-2.51%	0.00%	8.49%
Intuit	-0.22%	United States	Information Technology	1.17%	-16.93%	-16.93%

Source: Robeco Performance Measurement and MSCI.

3. Positioning

Robeco QI Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities selects from an investable universe of around 4,000 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

Positioning	Switzerland	Germany	Finland	Singapore	Japan	Norway	Canada	Hong Kong	Netherlands	Australia	United States	Total
Financials		2.0	2.7	1.9		1.1	0.4	0.7		-0.4	3.6	9.5
Communication Services		1.1			1.3	0.8		0.8	0.7	0.7	-1.0	6.6
Real Estate	1.1				2.4						-0.3	2.8
Health Care	2.9										1.3	2.4
Consumer Staples	-0.3						0.7		0.7		1.7	1.5
Utilities							0.3				-1.5	-1.5
Industrials	0.5				-1.1		0.7			0.3		-2.2
Materials							-0.4			-0.3	-1.0	-3.2
Energy							-0.5				-1.9	-3.5
Information Technology		0.8			0.4			0.3	-0.4		-4.9	-5.0
Consumer Discretionary					-0.9						-4.0	-7.3
Total	4.0	3.2	2.7	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6	0.8		-8.2	

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.

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 All Country World – 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 Global Markets.

Table 5 – Portfolio characteristics

June 2025	Portfolio	MSCI AC World	MSCI AC Paris Aligned	MSCI AC Minvol		Portfolio	MSCI AC World	MSCI AC Paris Aligned	MSCI AC Minvol
Risk: Statistical & Distress					Active Positioning				
Volatility (holdings-based 3y)	22.0%	30.8%	30.8%	22.8%	Number of securities	184	2528	1388	435
Beta (holdings-based 3y)	0.7	1	1.1	0.5	Active share	79.3%	-	-	75.6%
Distance-to-default	6.6	4.9	4.9	6.4	Off benchmark	13.6%	-	-	-
					Expected Turnover	25.0%	-	-	20.0%
Income & Sentiment					Realized Turnover	20.0%	5.0%	22.0%	22.0%
Dividend yield	2.5%	1.8%	1.8%	2.3%	Sustainability				
Net payout yield	3.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.9%	Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating	17.4	20.9	19.6	20.7
Price/Earnings	20.0	21.1	21.6	19.1	GhG emissions (t CO2-eq/mUSD)	98.9	376.5	119.7	291.1
Price momentum (12-1M)	27.3%	19.3%	18.9%	16.8%	Positive SDG exposure	90.4%	63.8%	69.4%	67.9%
Earnings revisions (3M, % net positive)	58.6%	43.1%	44.5%	44.9%	Summary				
Market capitalization					Lower risk than market, similar to minvol index				
>10 bn USD	85.5%	97.1%	95.5%	94.6%	Attractive income/sentiment. Increased opportunity set with small/mid caps				
2-10 bn USD	11.6%	2.9%	4.5%	5.4%	Active and 3D portfolio with low turnover				
<2 bn USD	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0					

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 9 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 2 exclusion list, excluding stocks that have non-positive SDG scores according to our Robeco SDG Framework (companies with SDG scores of 0 are only excluded if they are not part of the MSCI EU PAB Overlay benchmark), targeting a Sustainalytics ESG risk rating that is 10% better than the benchmark, and pursuing a better carbon footprint than the MSCI EU PAB Overlay benchmark as well as 20% better waste and water footprints than the benchmark.

Table 5 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 Allianz at 1.39% and Cisco Systems at 1.33%. Conversely, the most underweighted securities were NVIDIA at -5.07% and Alphabet at -2.51%.

Table 5 – Main active over and underweights of the fund

Name	Sector	Country	Active Weight
Allianz	Financials	Germany	1.39%
Cisco Systems	Information Technology	United States	1.33%
Novartis	Health Care	Switzerland	1.30%
Boston Scientific	Health Care	United States	1.29%
Gilead Sciences	Health Care	United States	1.24%
Automatic Data Processing	Industrials	United States	1.23%
Walmart	Consumer Staples	United States	1.22%
Salesforce	Information Technology	United States	1.18%
Intuit	Information Technology	United States	1.17%
CME	Financials	United States	1.15%
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Amazoncom	Consumer Discretionary	United States	-2.49%
Meta Platforms	Communication Services	United States	-1.93%
Broadcom	Information Technology	United States	-1.55%
Microsoft	Information Technology	United States	-1.37%
Tesla	Consumer Discretionary	United States	-1.10%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Information Technology	Taiwan	-0.94%
Berkshire Hathaway	Financials	United States	-0.74%
Apple	Information Technology	United States	-0.69%

Source: Robeco.

4. Sustainability profile

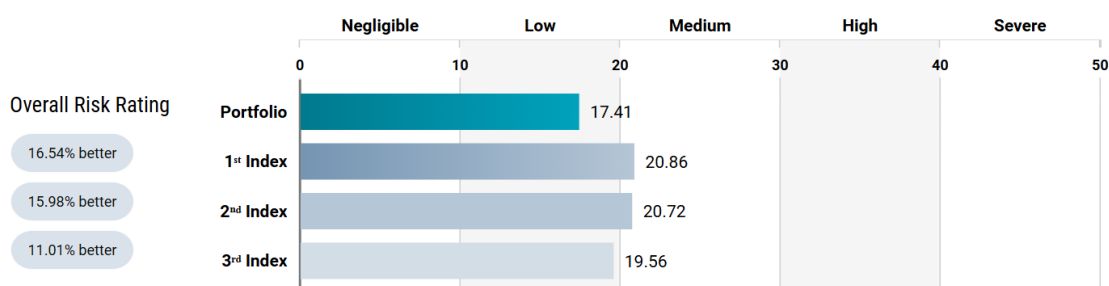
The strategy aims to achieve a long-term full-cycle performance equal to or greater than the equity market with substantially lower downside risk and simultaneously deliver a superior sustainability profile. We integrate sustainability on three dimensions, namely through ESG Integration, Impact Investing, and broad ethical Values-based Exclusions:

a. ESG integration – a superior risk profile

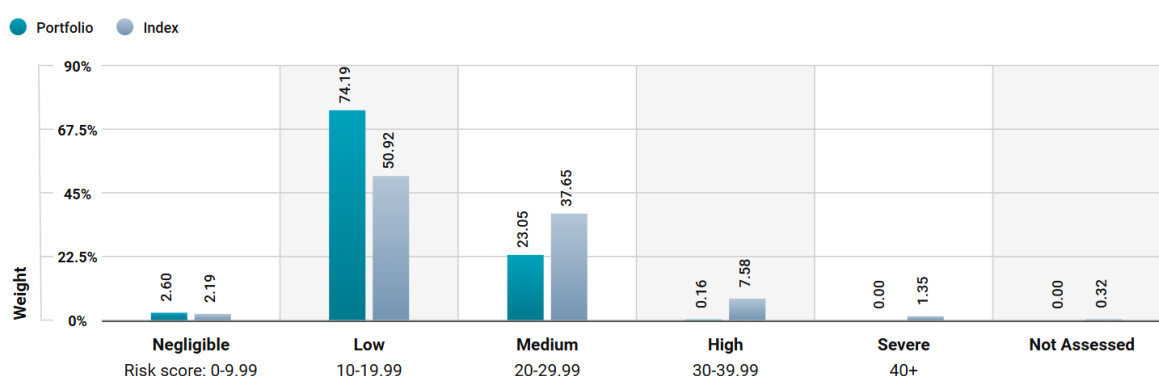
The Sustainalytics ESG risk rating of the portfolio is aimed to be at least 10% better than that of the index. The graph below shows how the portfolio and benchmark score on various levels of ESG risk. The sustainability integration applied in the investment process significantly improves the sustainability profile of the portfolio versus the index.

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Figure 3 – ESG risk rating



Distribution across Sustainalytics ESG Risk levels

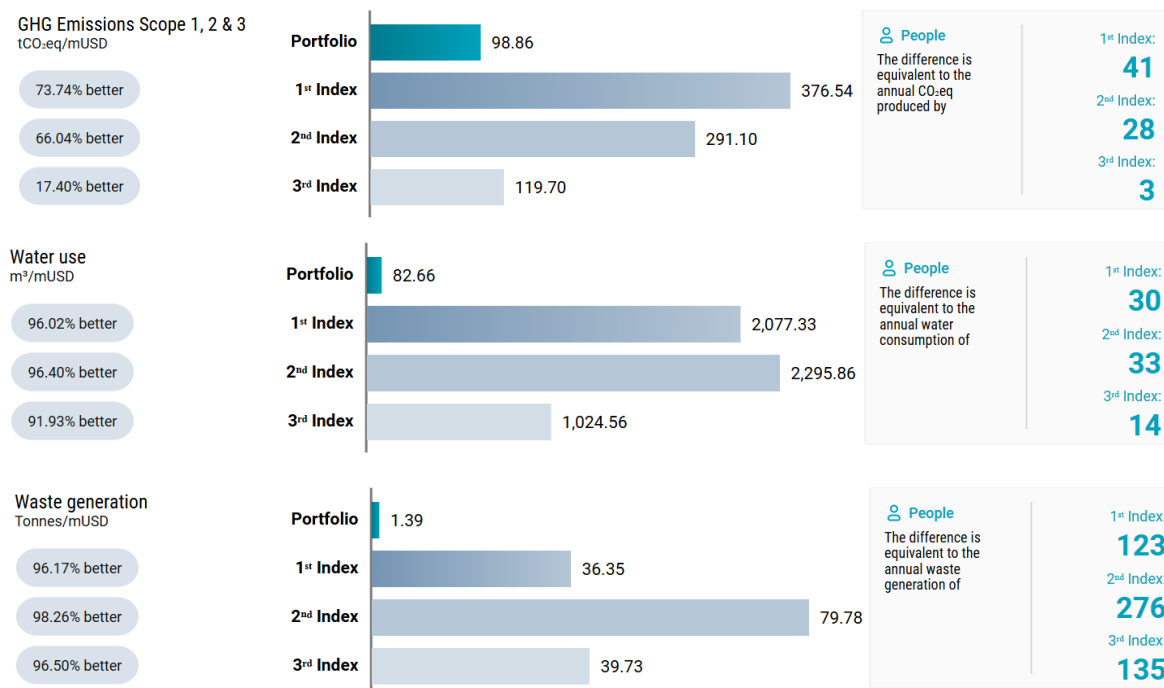


Source: Robeco data based on Sustainalytics data.

b. ESG integration – environmental footprint reduction

The investment strategy targets an environmental footprint reduction. The portfolio footprint for greenhouse gas emissions, water use, and waste generation aims to be at least 20% lower than the index. Depicted below are the portfolio's environmental footprint on each of these three measures and that of the benchmark. Taking greenhouse gas emissions as an example, we observe a footprint reduction of more than 50%.

Figure 4 – Environmental footprint



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c. ESG integration – active ownership: engagement and voting

In addition to environmental footprint reduction, the fund participates in Robeco's voting and engagement programs. Last year, Robeco's Active Ownership team actively voted in 7,472 shareholder meetings. Engagement is exercising our shareholder's rights to improve company behavior for the companies we invest in. The fund currently contains 9 stocks that are being engaged in Robeco's active ownership efforts, accounting for 8.1% of the portfolio. Most of these stocks are under values-based engagement, focusing on financially material sustainability themes to improve their risk-return profile.

d. ESG integration – avoiding controversial practices

An extensive values-based exclusions list is implemented according to broad ethical norms. Criteria for exclusion are (controversial) weapons, military contracting, firearms, thermal coal, Arctic drilling, oil sands, palm oil, tobacco, breaches with international standards on responsible conduct, including International Labor Organization (ILO) standards, United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGPs), United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises as well as failure to pass Robeco tests on climate standards, good governance, and money laundering and terrorism financing. 105 stocks in the index are excluded representing 6.2% of the MSCI World Index.

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