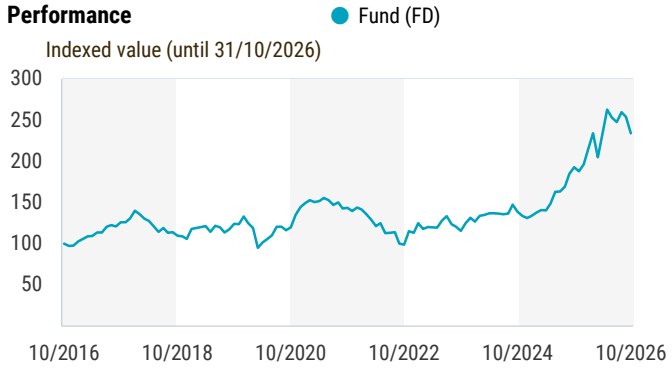
Robeco Emerging Stars Equities ML USD

Investing in emerging economies based on top-down country analysis and bottom-up stock selection

ASSET CLASS	ISIN	BENCHMARK (BM)
Equities	LU1025004828	MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, USD)

Performance



Period	Fund %	BM %
1 M	-7.78	-8.05
3 M	-5.49	-5.49
YTD	19.28	13.45
1 Year	21.41	14.05
2 Years	29.84	20.79
3 Years	26.61	22.28
5 Years	10.31	6.92
10 Years	8.88	8.15
Since 03/02/2014	7.43	6.71

Calendar year	Fund %	BM %
2025	49.64	33.57
2024	-0.24	7.50
2023	16.36	9.83
2022	-21.37	-20.09
2021	-0.36	-2.54

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TOTAL SIZE OF FUND	SIZE OF SHARE CLASS	SHARE CLASS CURRENCY	CLOSE FINANCIAL YEAR
USD 4,403,119,993	USD 5,572,885	USD	31/12
DAILY TRADABLE	**DIVIDEND PAYING**	**INCEPTION DATE**	**MANAGEMENT COMPANY**
Yes	No	04/02/2014	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

About the fund

Robeco Emerging Stars Equities is an actively managed fund that invests in emerging countries equities all over world. The selection of these shares is based on a fundamental analysis. The fund's objective is to achieve a better return than the index. The fund selects investments based on a combination of top-down country analysis and bottom-up stock selection. We focus on companies that have both a healthy and solid business model growth prospects as a reasonable valuation. The fund has a focused, concentrated portfolio with a small number of larger bets.

Fund management

Jaap van der Hart, Karnail Sangha

Fund price

31/10/2026	USD	249.32
High YTD (02/06/2026)	USD	284.53
Low YTD (30/03/2026)	USD	211.06

Fund codes

ISIN	LU1025004828
Bloomberg	RESEMLU LX
Sedol	BNZB428
Valoren	23585805

Fees

	%
Management fee	2.00
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.20
Ongoing charges	2.26

Legal status

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

Key risks

- The value of shares is sensitive to market fluctuations, instrument prices, and changes in political, economic, or market conditions. Emerging and frontier markets are usually characterised by less stable political and economic environment. This may result in larger price movements, increased volatility and potentially lower liquidity compared to developed markets.
- The fund may use financial derivatives.
- A (derivative) counterparty may fail to fulfil its obligations. Counterparty risk is reduced by exchanging collateral.
- The fund invests in assets that could become less liquid in certain market conditions, which may affect their value.
- This fund promotes ESG characteristics, but does not have sustainable investing as its objective. Sustainability risks are integrated in the investment decisions and may impact returns.

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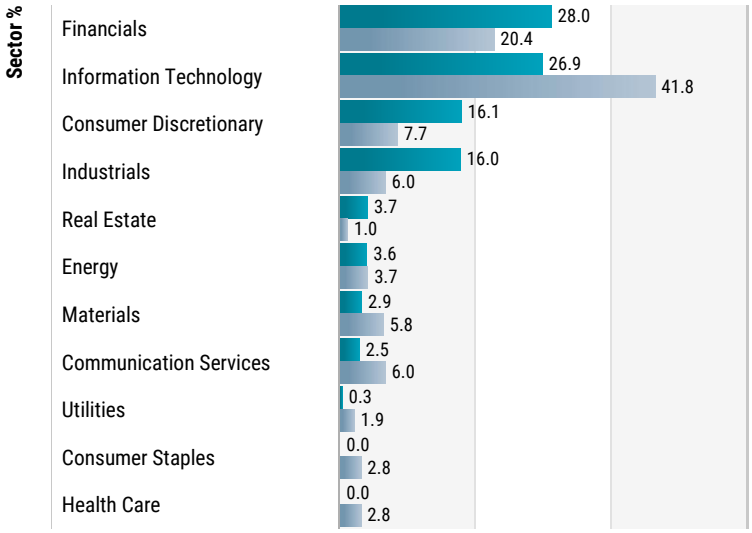
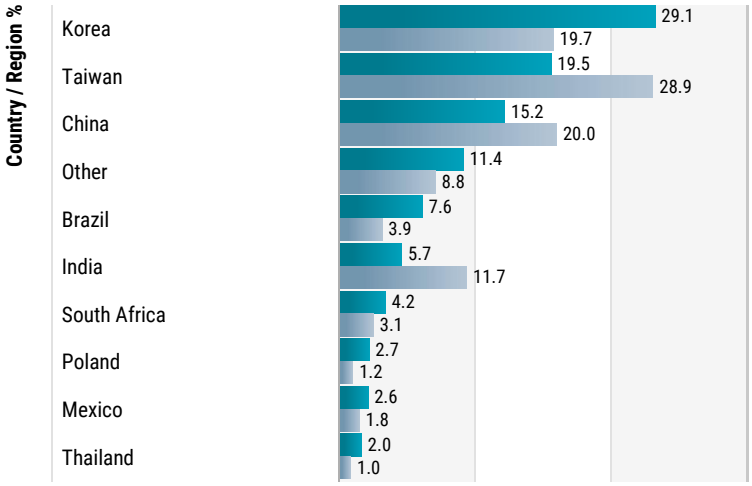
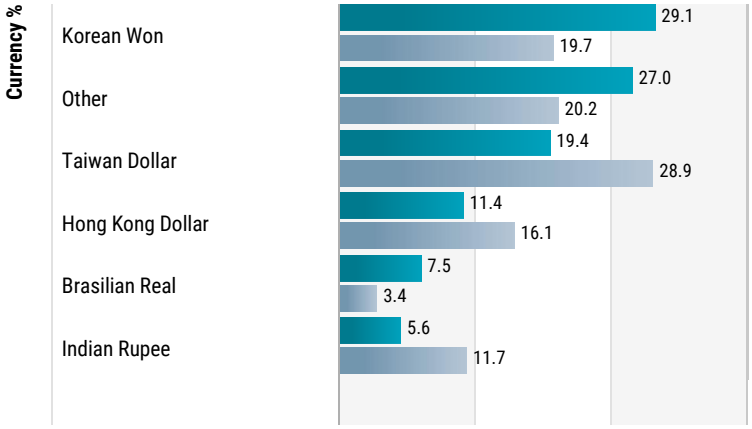
- **Benchmark (BM)**: MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net Return, USD)







Top 10 largest holdings	Sector	%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Lt	Information Technology	10.00
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	Information Technology	6.02
SK Square Co Ltd	Industrials	5.96
Asustek Computer Inc	Information Technology	3.95
Petroleo Brasileiro SA - Petro ADR	Energy	3.58
Wiwynn Corp	Information Technology	3.26
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Pref	Information Technology	3.12
ICICI Bank Ltd ADR	Financials	2.89
Naspers Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	2.86
SK Inc	Industrials	2.76
Total		**44.40**

Top 10/20/30 weights	%
Top 10	44.40
Top 20	68.32
Top 30	84.06

Asset allocation	%
Equity	99.3
Cash	0.7

Characteristics	Fund	BM
Number of Holdings	54	1,165
Outstanding Shares	22,352	-

Key risk figures	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
Alpha (%)	3.81	5.38
Beta	1.14	1.14
Information ratio	1.44	1.13
Max. monthly gain (%)	17.46	17.46
Max. monthly loss (%)	-15.10	-15.10
Sharpe ratio	1.19	0.40
Tracking error ex-post (%)	4.87	5.12
Standard deviation (%)	20.81	21.88

Ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

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Sectors classified according to the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS")

Performance commentary
Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -7.78%.

In October, the fund outperformed its reference index, driven by strong stock selection, while country allocation was negative. Positive country allocation came from Mexico, Poland and South Africa (all overweight). Negative country allocation was driven by South Korea, Brazil (both overweight) and India (underweight). Positive stock selection came from Brazil, where Petrobras (oil & gas exploration and production) and TIM (telecom) outperformed. In China, Haier Smart Home (home appliances) and several internet companies performed well, including JD.com (e-commerce), Trip.com (online travel) and Vipshop (online retail). Selected banks also contributed positively: including ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank (India), CTBC (Taiwan), Grupo Banorte (Mexico) and Kasikorn Bank (Thailand). Not owning Taiwanese technology companies Delta Electronics and MediaTek also contributed positively to relative performance. Similarly, the positive contribution from not owning SK hynix (semiconductors) was largely offset by the negative contribution by owning SK Square (holding company of SK hynix). Additional detractors included Itaú Unibanco (Brazil), CATL (EV batteries) and Wiwynn (Taiwanese servers).

Market development
In October, emerging markets declined 6.4% (EUR), thereby underperforming versus developed markets which rose 1% (EUR). Global AI concerns weighed heavily on technology stocks with investors increasingly questioning returns on substantial AI infrastructure investments, particularly among hyperscalers generating negative free cash flow. Despite strong earnings, robust HBM demand and a constructive memory outlook, South Korean and Taiwanese semiconductor stocks suffered significant foreign investor outflows. Geopolitical tensions in the Middle East pushed oil prices sharply higher, raising inflation concerns and complicating the monetary policy outlook. Brazilian equities corrected sharply following President Lula's unexpected re-election, disappointing investors anticipating a more market-friendly government. Renewed fiscal concerns dampened expectations for further monetary easing. India and Mexico demonstrated relative resilience, outperforming broader emerging markets. Indonesia faced additional pressure amid concerns about a potential MSCI market reclassification and associated foreign investor outflows.

Expectation of fund manager
The conflict in the Middle East is a significant shock with a big impact on the region and on global oil and gas prices. Even though the most likely scenario is that the conflict will be relatively short, risks do remain for a longer conflict and larger impact. Also economically, the US has become a source of more uncertainty on interest rate policy, important tariffs and policy making. Emerging markets are having to rely more on their own domestic policies and growth opportunities. We still expect higher structural economic growth compared to developed markets, while macroeconomic stability has significantly improved. Emerging equity markets' valuations have become attractive relative to developed markets, with discounts of more than 40% based on earnings multiples. Expected earnings growth is 76% for 2026 and 27% for 2027, both above developed markets.

Top 10 largest holdings
TSMC and Samsung Electronics are two globally leading technology companies that combine good growth prospects with relatively attractive valuations. The fund also has a significant position in holding company SK Square, which provides exposure to SK hynix, another leading semiconductor company, and trades at a large discount to its holdings. We also see good opportunities in banks in various emerging countries, as they provide domestic growth exposure at attractive valuations, often with high dividend payouts. Also, from various other industries, we see attractive valuations combined with high or better-than-expected growth opportunities, such as for Chinese battery company CATL and for South African holdings company Naspers, which has Chinese internet company Tencent as its key holding.

Sector allocation
Financials, consumer discretionary and information technology remain the largest sectors in the fund. In these sectors we find the best opportunities for companies that combine good growth prospects and attractive valuations. The underweight in information technology appears large, but good to note is that the fund owns a large position in SK Square, which is classified as industrial, but is basically a holding company for memory chips company SK hynix. Taking that into account would lower the effective underweight in technology stocks.

Country / Region allocation
In October, portfolio weights in China, India and Mexico increased, while the weight in South Korea decreased. At the individual stock level, no significant portfolio changes were made. South Korea, China and Taiwan are the largest countries in the fund. In China, the fund invests in various sectors, having a relatively high weight in consumer goods and insurance, and a relatively low weight in banks, materials and energy. The fund also has a diversified position in South Korea, with the largest exposure being to the auto sector, banks, and technology companies Samsung Electronics and SK Square. In Taiwan, the fund invests mostly in technology companies. Brazil, South Africa and India are also larger positions in the fund with several holdings. Smaller country positions are Indonesia, Hungary, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Mexico, Vietnam, Greece, Poland, Turkey, Argentina and Peru.

Currency allocation
The fund has a relatively small short USD forward contract versus the EUR, in order to benefit from a weakening of the USD. Increasing political risks in the United States, along with a large current account deficit and a rising fiscal deficit driven by expansionary policies, are negative factors for the US dollar.

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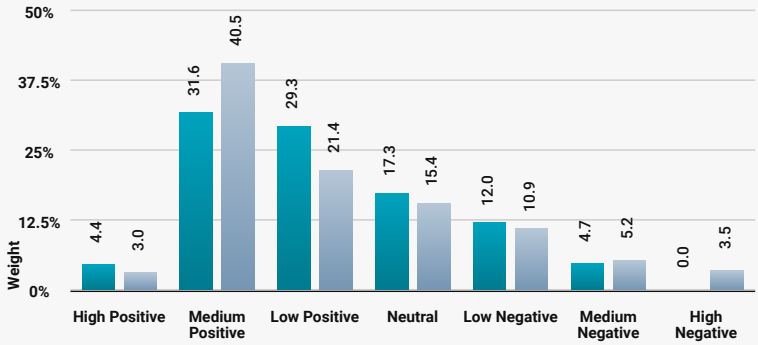
Portfolio: Robeco Emerging Stars Equities **Binding elements**

Index: MSCI Emerging Markets Index

SDG Impact Alignment [1]

Source: Robeco



Environmental Footprint [2]

Carbon source: Robeco data based on Trucost data
Waste & water source: Robeco data based on Trucost data

GHG Emissions Scope 1, 2 & 3 upstream
$tCO_2eq/mUSD$
31.0% better

Portfolio	122.1
Index	177.0

Waste generation
Tonnes/mUSD
20.2% better

Portfolio	149.0
Index	186.8

Water use
$m^3/mUSD$
10.0% better

Portfolio	8,469.1
Index	9,405.2

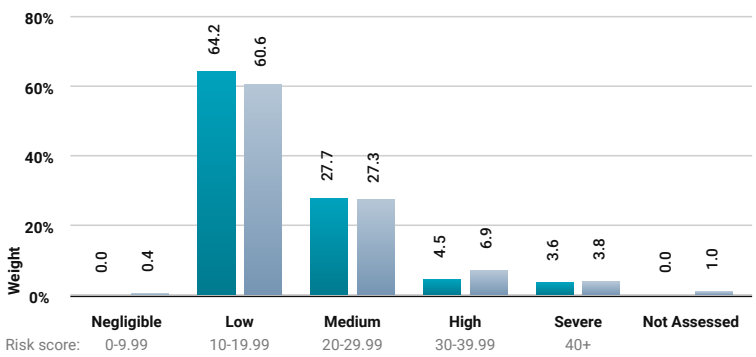
Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating [3]

Source: Sustainalytics

Overall Risk Rating

1.9% better

Portfolio	19.8
Index	20.1



Exclusions [4]

Source: Robeco

Total exposure

Portfolio	Not exposed
Index	2.8%

Index Exposure to

Behavior | Fossil fuels | Weapons | Other products

Engagement [5]

Source: Robeco

	Portfolio exposure	# companies engaged with
Environmental	15.1%	9
Social	5.3%	3
Governance	5.3%	3
SDGs	7.3%	2
Voting Related	2.7%	1
Enhanced	0.0%	0
Total	**30.0%**	**15**

ESG Important information

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Reference

1. **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. Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.

2. **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. The equivalent factors that are used for comparison between the portfolio and index (where applicable) 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.

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3. **Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating**
The chart displays the portfolio's Sustainalytics 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. Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.

4. **Exclusions**
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Source: Robeco. We use several data input sources such as Sustainalytics, RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil), World Bank, Freedom House, Fund for Peace and International Sanctions. Policy document available: Exclusion Policy

5. **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 internationals 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.

Risk management
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Dividend policy
In principle, the fund does not intend to distribute dividend and so both the income earned by the fund and its overall performance are reflected in its share price.

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