

Press release

Robeco launches Sustainable Asian Bonds fund

Rotterdam, 18 May 2022 — Robeco has launched Sustainable Asian Bonds, an SDG-aligned bond strategy investing in diversified Asian fixed income. The fund seeks to provide long-term capital growth and offers an attractive yield. The exposure is predominantly in companies that contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Robeco Sustainable Asian Bonds taps into a growing investment universe in some of the fastest growing economies. The Asian bond market has a liquid and mature universe of quality issuers whose debt is denominated in hard currency, representing attractive investment prospects. Additionally, the Asian bond market offers a rich and increasing supply of social, sustainable and green bonds as the region ramps up its ambitions in financing the transition to a more developed and more sustainable future.

The Robeco Sustainable Asian Bonds strategy follows an active approach with the flexibility to take off-benchmark positions. It invests in quality, hard-currency Asian corporate and sovereign bonds and targets a dividend yield of 4-6% per year throughout the cycle. The fund aims to outperform the JP Morgan Asia Credit Index. Sustainable Asian Bonds is part of Robeco's successful strategies managed using our proprietary SDG framework, with a total AuM of over EUR 10 billion.

The Sustainable Asian Bonds fund builds upon Robeco's successful track record as fixed income manager and industry leader within sustainable investing. This follows the expansion of the Singapore office to six investment professionals with additional hires planned for later this year, taking the number in the Asian region, including the Hong Kong and Shanghai offices, to 25. Thu Ha Chow, who was recently appointed Head of Fixed Income Asia, is the fund's lead Portfolio Manager. Reinout Schapers, who is responsible for the global credit funds and sustainable emerging credit strategy, is the fund's co-Portfolio Manager.

<u>Thu Ha Chow</u>, Head of Fixed Income Asia: "The Asian fixed income market has a crucial role to play in financing the transition to a sustainable future. I'm excited to be managing the Sustainable Asian Bonds fund and together with the team applying the SDGs in combination with superior credit selection, allowing our clients to benefit from the opportunities in the region and have a positive sustainable impact."

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Robeco is a pure-play international asset manager founded in 1929 with headquarters in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and 16 offices worldwide. A global leader in sustainable investing since 1995, its integration of sustainable as well as fundamental and quantitative research enables the company to offer institutional and private investors an extensive selection of active investment strategies, for a broad range of asset classes. As at 31 December 2021, Robeco had EUR 201 billion in assets under management, of which EUR 195 billion is committed to ESG integration. Robeco is a subsidiary of ORIX Corporation Europe N.V. More information is available at www.robeco.com.