

## Sustainability-related disclosures for

### Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Smart Materials

This document provides you with information about this product in relation to the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the sustainability characteristics and/or objectives and risks of this product. You are advised to read it in conjunction with other relevant documentation on this product so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

#### (b) No significant harm to the sustainable investment objective

**Are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, including the principles and rights set out in the eight fundamental conventions identified in the Declaration of the International Labour Organisation on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the International Bill of Human Rights?**

Mandatory principal adverse impact indicators are considered through Robeco's SDG Framework, either directly or indirectly, when identifying sustainable investments for the Sub-fund. In addition, voluntary environmental and social indicators are taken into account, depending on their relevance for measuring impacts on the SDGs and the availability of data.

A detailed description of the incorporation of principal adverse impacts is available via Robeco's Principal Adverse Impact Statement published on the Robeco website (<https://www.robeco.com/files/docm/docu-principal-adverse-impact-statement-summary-entity-level.pdf>). In this statement, Robeco sets out its approach to identifying and prioritizing principal adverse impacts, and how principal adverse impacts are considered as part of Robeco's investment due diligence process and procedures relating to research and analysis, exclusions and restrictions and/or voting and engagement. This description also explains how principal adverse impact indicators are considered by the SDG Framework.

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The sustainable investments are aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights via both Robeco's Exclusion Policy and Robeco's SDG Framework

#### (c) Sustainable investment objective of the financial product

**What is the sustainable investment objective of the financial product?**

The sustainable investment objective of the Sub-fund is to help mitigate the resource scarcity challenge within industries while supporting economic growth.

The Sub-fund targets investing in innovative materials and process technologies that use less or substitute resources, are more scalable, deliver efficiency gains and enable more circular systems including recycling and reuse of materials. These activities are linked to the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which the Sub-fund targets: Affordable and clean energy goal (SDG 7), Decent work and economic growth (SDG 8), Industry, innovation and infrastructure (SDG 9), Sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11), and Responsible consumption and production (SDG 12) as well as Climate action (SDG 13).

A part of the investments made by the Sub-fund intends to contribute to the environmental objective of climate change mitigation under the Taxonomy regulation.

There is no reference benchmark designated for the sustainable investment objective promoted by the Sub-fund. The Sub-fund has the following sustainability indicators:

1. The number of companies with a positive or allowed neutral SDG score. Allowed neutral SDG score companies can be companies that perform relatively well in the sector that the Sub-fund may invest in. It is only for such thematic funds that there is possibility to consider neutral (zero) SDG score holdings as sustainable investments.
2. The % of companies to attain the Sub-fund's theme as described within the binding elements.

3. The % of investments in securities that are on Robeco's Exclusion list as result of the application of Robeco's Exclusion Policy.
4. The number of holdings and agenda items voted.
5. The % of investments in securities that are excluded as result of the application of Article 12(1)(a) to (g) of the Regulation on EU Climate Benchmarks.

## (d) Investment strategy

### What is the investment strategy used to meet the sustainable investment objective of the financial product?

Robeco Smart Materials is an actively managed fund that invests globally in companies that provide innovative materials and process technologies. The selection of these stocks is based on fundamental analysis as described in the Investment policy strategy paragraph in Appendix I of this Prospectus. The strategy integrates sustainability indicators on a continuous basis as part of the stock selection process. Amongst others, the Sub-fund applies norms-based and activity-based exclusions, Robeco's good governance policy, Robeco's SDG framework and considers Principal Adverse Impacts in the investment process. More product-specific information can be found on our website and the links provided in the final question of this disclosure.

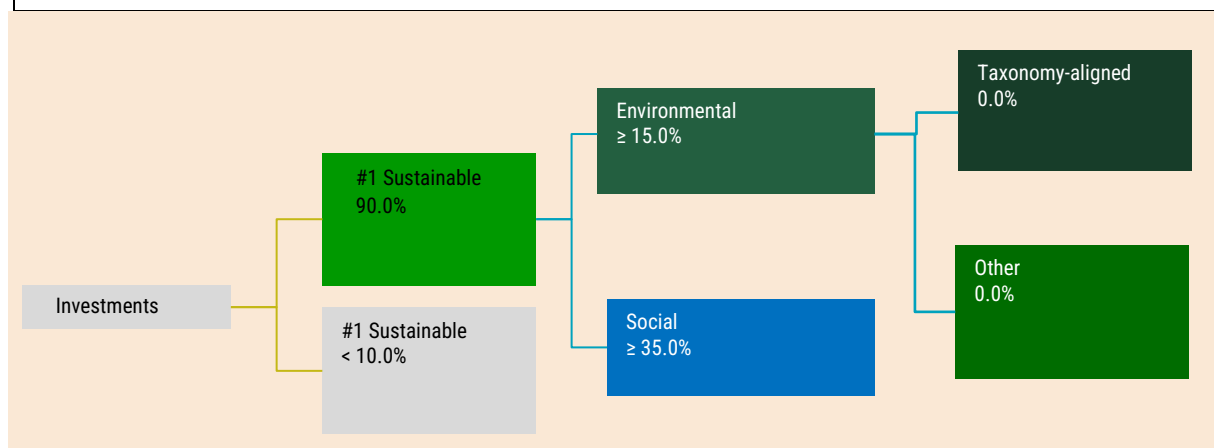
### What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies, including with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance?

Robeco has a Good Governance policy to assess governance practices of companies. The policy describes how Robeco determines if and when a company does not follow good governance practices and is therefore excluded from the initial investment universe for the Sub-fund. Robeco's Good Governance policy applies tests on a set of governance criteria that reflect widely recognized industry established norms and include topics as employee relations, management structure, tax compliance and remuneration.

The Good Governance test consists of criteria on such topics that are examined for investee companies and further explained in Robeco's Good Governance policy <https://www.robeco.com/files/docm/docu-robeco-good-governance-policy.pdf>. Additionally, the companies that do not pass the good governance test are reflected in the exclusion list that can be accessed here - <https://www.robeco.com/files/docm/docu-exclusion-list.pdf>.

## (e) Proportion of investments

Minimum Sustainable Investment: 90.0%



## (f) Monitoring of sustainable investment objective

### How are the sustainable investment objective and the sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective monitored throughout the lifecycle of the financial product and what are the related internal or external control mechanisms?

1. The second line of defense (Investment Restrictions) excludes all companies with a SDG score less than 0 and facilitates pre-trade compliance.
2. The second line of defense (Investment Restrictions) monitors the portfolio and facilitates pre-trade.

3. All exclusions are coded in the Trading & Compliance module, through which investing in an excluded asset is not possible. In addition, post-trade checks take place.
4. The proxy voting process uses data derived from internal processes, aided by content from Glass Lewis and ISS (International Shareholders Services).
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## (g) Methodologies

### **What are the methodologies to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objectives and how are the sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of that sustainable investment objective?**

Robeco maintains comprehensive methodology documents of our proprietary analytical frameworks on our website. These whitepapers go into greater depth, provide further insight into data sources and processes applied within their respective domains. More information in relation to these methodologies can be found at [Robeco's Sustainability Reports Policies](#).

In addition, for some social and environmental characteristics, Robeco relies on externally sourced content for which we aim to select the best of breed vendor for each of our target characteristics. Each vendor will have its own approach and set of internal processes, over which we have only limited influence as an end consumer. More information with regards to these methodologies can be found at [SFDR Data Disclosures document](#).

## (h) Data sources and processing

- (a) How are data sources used to attain the sustainable investment objective of the financial product?**
- (b) What measures are taken to ensure data quality?**
- (c) How is data processed?**
- (d) What is the proportion of data that are estimated?**

The following data sources are used:

1. The SDG Framework uses data derived from the internal process.
2. The theme reference uses data derived from the internal process.
3. The exclusion process uses several data sources such as Sustainalytics, RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil), World Bank, and Freedom House, Fund for Peace and International Sanctions.
4. The proxy voting process uses data derived from internal processes, aided by content from Glass Lewis and ISS.
5. The exclusion process uses several data sources such as Sustainalytics, RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil), World Bank, and Freedom House, Fund for Peace and International Sanctions.

Robeco scrutinises the data quality of each provider during due diligence assessments, that includes reviewing the data model, performing statistical checks and evaluating coverage. Data processing takes places in different forms, the preference is always to have data acquisition as automated as possible to avoid any operational risks or unnecessary human intervention.

It is currently complex to report sufficiently accurate yet broad numbers on the proportion of data that is estimated. Robeco has calculated the weighted proportion of assets covered per PAI within our standard equity and fixed income benchmarks. These figures have been calculated per provider and, where relevant, we used this coverage figure as a determining factor in our choice of vendor for that PAI since, ceteris paribus, we prefer higher coverage for our investible universe.

Robeco intends to investigate a methodology for determining the proportion of data that has been internally enriched to support wider applications, e.g., by cascading to the broader corporate structure or using sector averages as proxies. Evaluating the proportion of vendor sourced data that is estimated remains a challenge due to insufficient metadata.

More information in relation to data quality and processing can be found in the SFDR data disclosures available at [Robeco's SFDR Data Disclosures](#).

## (i) Limitations to methodologies and data

### What are potential limitations to the methodologies or data sources and how do such limitations not affect how the sustainable investment objective of the financial product is attained?

The main limitation in terms of methodologies and data relates to the relative immaturity of corporate sustainability disclosure. In recent years, we have seen a marked increase in the availability of environmental and social data, largely driven by regulations such as the EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and the Taxonomy Regulation. It remains to be seen whether this trend will continue at the pace previously anticipated given the highly politicized nature of the topic.

To address data gaps, we rely on a selection of external data providers. This introduces additional risks, as we must account for variations between providers. These include discrepancies in estimation methodologies, update frequency, and more foundational issues such as the treatment of corporate actions, security identifiers, and group structures.

From a methodological perspective, we consistently observe divergence in how vendors approach specific environmental topics. For example, regarding GHG emissions, some providers combine corporate-reported data with modelled estimates, while others use different methodological bases. It is common to find significant differences in 'reported' values across providers, stemming from varying policies, quality assurance processes, and case-by-case judgements. This is a widely acknowledged concern, as noted in publications by industry associations and regulators, including EuroSIF and IOSCO, regarding the quality and transparency of ESG data.

Carbon emissions are one of our primary environmental objectives, as this represents the most mature sustainability data theme, offering the most comprehensive coverage across our investment universe, despite the limitations noted above. To mitigate these data challenges, we conduct a thorough annual review of the Robeco-default carbon dataset, at the time of writing S&P Trucost, including a detailed impact assessment each time we transition to a new fiscal year's dataset. This rigorous verification process helps us identify and address anomalies, improving our confidence in the analyses we perform. Nonetheless, we acknowledge that significant data quality challenges persist even in this relatively more developed area of sustainability reporting.

Further information on data and methodologies is available in our [SFDR Data Disclosures document](#).

## (j) Due diligence

### What due diligence is carried out on the underlying assets of the financial product (including the internal and external controls)?

Robeco has incorporated the sustainability aspects of the investment strategies into adequate investment due diligence processes and procedures for the selection and monitoring of investments, amongst others taking into account Robeco's risk appetite and sustainability risk management policies.

Specific details on investment due diligence are available in Robeco's Investment Due Diligence Policy as described at [Robeco's Sustainability Risk Policy](#).

## (k) Engagement policies

### What is the engagement policy applied, in the case that engagement is part of the sustainable investment objective (including any management procedures applicable to sustainability-related controversies in investee companies)?

The holdings of the fund are subject to the selection process of Robeco's value engagement program, that consists of a constructive dialogue between investors and investee companies to discuss how they manage ESG risks and opportunities, as well as stakeholder impact. Although this type of engagement is not directly related to the sustainable investment objective of the fund, it can be that adverse sustainability impacts are addressed via the value engagement program.

More information can be found in [Robeco's Stewardship Policy](#).

## (I) Attainment of the sustainable investment objective

**For the financial product, has an index been designated as a reference benchmark? If yes, how is that index aligned with the sustainable investment objective of the financial product, and where can one find information with regards to input data, methodologies used to select those data, rebalancing methodologies and index calculations?**

- The fund follows the {{Narratives.SustainableBenchmarkName}} as a reference index to meet the carbon footprint reduction objective of the fund and thereby keeping the maximum global temperature rise well-below 2°C.
- The reference index is aligned with the carbon reduction objective of the fund by applying a methodology with clearly defined rules for evaluating securities on their carbon footprint. The methodology of the reference index is designed in accordance with the requirements of point (d) of Article 13 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 (the "Benchmarks Regulation") and of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1817. This means that amongst others, the reference index complies with those criteria set out in Article 12 of the EU Climate Transition Benchmarks, EU Paris-Aligned Benchmarks and sustainability-related disclosures for benchmarks. The fund also applies the aforementioned exclusion criteria, and the Fund's weighted carbon footprint is always better than the Solactive Paris Aligned Global Corporate Index.
- The methodology of the reference index follows rebalancing rules on a monthly basis which ensures alignment with the investment strategy and objective of the fund. The data used is sourced externally from Institutional Shareholder Services Inc.
- The benchmark differs from a broad general market index in that the latter does not take into account in its methodology any criteria for alignment with the Paris Agreement on greenhouse gas emission reduction and related exclusions.
- The index methodology can be found on the relevant webpages by the index provider:  
<https://www.solactive.com/indices>.