

## Robeco Global Consumer Trends F EUR

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Jack Neele, Richard Speetjens  
Fund manager since 01-07-2007

### Performance

	Fund	Index
1 m	-10.04%	-7.52%
3 m	-5.86%	-5.41%
Ytd	-5.86%	-5.41%
1 Year	1.25%	7.13%
2 Years	12.48%	15.23%
3 Years	4.68%	7.97%
5 Years	10.03%	15.54%
10 Years	9.42%	8.78%
Since 06-1998	8.45%	

Annualized (for periods longer than one year)

Note: due to a difference in measurement period between the fund and the index, performance differences may arise. For further info, see last page.

### Rolling 12 month returns

	Fund
04-2024 - 03-2025	1.25%
04-2023 - 03-2024	24.95%
04-2022 - 03-2023	-9.33%
04-2021 - 03-2022	-7.90%
04-2020 - 03-2021	52.67%

Initial charges or eventual custody charges which intermediaries might apply are not included.

### Index

MSCI All Country World Index (Net Return, EUR)

### General facts

Morningstar	★★★
Type of fund	Equities
Currency	EUR
Total size of fund	EUR 3,466,864,226
Size of share class	EUR 502,473,446
Outstanding shares	1,153,795
1st quotation date	21-01-2013
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.96%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	-
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

### Sustainability profile

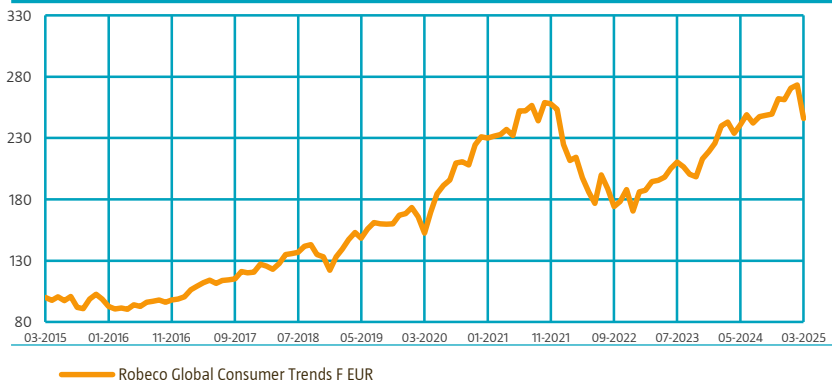
- Exclusions
- ESG Integration
- Voting & Engagement
- Target Universe



For more information on exclusions see <https://www.robeco.com/exclusions/>

### Performance

Indexed value (until 31-03-2025) - Source: Robeco



### Performance

Based on transaction prices, the fund's return was -10.04%.

Our Health & Wellbeing theme performed in line with the overall market last month, while the Rise of the Middle Class and Digital Transformation of Consumption themes underperformed due to their above average exposure to the United States and technology sectors. Digital Transformation underperformed due to large-cap tech losses: Meta Platforms (-14%), Amazon (-10%), NVIDIA(-13%), Alphabet (-9%), and Microsoft (-5%) all declined, while Adyen (-19%) and payment peers like PayPal and Square also struggled. Klarna's valuation drop (from USD 45 bln in 2021 to ~USD 15 bln) highlighted broader pressure in FinTech. Health & Wellbeing performed in line with markets. Defensive names like Unilever (+1%) and Lindt & Sprüngli (+5%) benefited from investor rotation. However, Novo Nordisk (-27%) dropped due to weak guidance, competition from Eli Lilly, and geopolitical tensions. The Rise of the Middle Class theme was dragged down by Marriott (-17%) and Richemont (-15%), hit by a slowdown in consumer spending. O'Reilly Automotive (+4%) outperformed on strong fundamentals. Tencent also boosted performance, with Q4 sales up 11% and earnings up 33% amid growing AI momentum.

### Portfolio changes

We cut US exposure by 4%, selling Intuit and reducing Fiserv, Airbnb, Lowe's, Procter & Gamble, and Eli Lilly. Proceeds went to Galderma, L'Oréal, Danone, Spotify, and Sea. Spotify grew to 675 mln users; Sea benefits from strong e-commerce and FinTech growth in Southeast Asia and Brazil. Finally, we exited our small remaining position in Coloplast.

### Market development

Since mid-February, US stocks have lost nearly USD 5 trillion in value, largely due to President Trump's tariff announcements and the escalating trade war. This uncertainty has shaken investor confidence and raised fears among consumers, potentially triggering a recession. American consumers fear inflation and job market weakness, while the US Economic Policy Uncertainty Index has surged past pandemic levels. Abroad, the tariff-driven shift is spurring domestic focus: the 'Buy Canadian' movement reflects growing consumer preference for local products. In Europe, countries have increased defense budgets, with Germany pledging EUR 1 trillion in spending over the next decade. European markets outperformed US markets by the widest margin in a decade. The euro rose over 4% against the dollar, while German bond yields jumped and US Treasury yields hit yearly lows. US indices fell sharply in March: the Nasdaq Composite dropped 8.2% (-10.4% YTD), S&P 500 lost 5.8%. In contrast, the Euro Stoxx is up 7.4% YTD. The MSCI EM Index rose 0.4% in March, +2.4% YTD.

### Expectation of fund manager

Softer macroeconomic data has given central banks ammunition to start cutting interest rates. The European Central Bank started cutting rates earlier in the first half and in the United States, investors expect multiple rate cuts. Our quality growth style seems well suited for the current investment climate. Our balanced approach should provide downside protection, while also offering the structural growth to participate in the upside. Valuations have normalized, although we believe premium valuations for these businesses are justified given the quality of their business models, the high levels of earnings growth and the sustainability of their franchises. We continue to have a positive long-term outlook for our investments.

### Top 10 largest positions

The top five largest positions for the month are Amazon, Netflix, NVIDIA, Meta Platforms, and Microsoft.

### Fund price

31-03-25	EUR	435.50
High Ytd (19-02-25)	EUR	494.34
Low Ytd (13-03-25)	EUR	432.04

### Fees

Management fee	0.75%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.16%

### Legal status

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

### Registered in

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

### Currency policy

The fund can engage in currency hedging transactions. Typically currency hedging is not applied.

### Risk management

Risk management is fully integrated into the investment process to ensure that positions always meet predefined guidelines.

### Dividend policy

The fund does not distribute dividend. Any income earned is retained, and so the fund's entire performance is reflected in its share price.

### Fund codes

ISIN	LU0871827464
Bloomberg	RGCTEF LX
Sedol	BJOWZF8
WKN	A1161F
Valoren	20354205

### Top 10 largest positions

#### Holdings

Amazon.com Inc  
 Netflix Inc  
 NVIDIA Corp  
 Meta Platforms Inc  
 Microsoft Corp  
 Mastercard Inc  
 Apple Inc  
 Alphabet Inc (Class A)  
 EssilorLuxottica SA  
 Visa Inc  
**Total**

Sector	%
Consumer Discretionary	6.65
Communication Services	5.61
Information Technology	5.55
Communication Services	4.67
Information Technology	3.86
Financials	3.83
Information Technology	3.56
Communication Services	3.49
Health Care	2.89
Financials	2.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.90</b>

### Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	42.90%
TOP 20	65.26%
TOP 30	81.79%

### Statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Tracking error ex-post (%)	7.21	8.49
Information ratio	-0.32	-0.53
Sharpe ratio	0.17	0.55
Alpha (%)	-2.65	-5.52
Beta	1.18	1.16
Standard deviation	17.74	17.65
Max. monthly gain (%)	13.00	13.00
Max. monthly loss (%)	-9.96	-11.31

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns

### Hit ratio

	3 Years	5 Years
Months outperformance	19	30
Hit ratio (%)	52.8	50.0
Months Bull market	21	39
Months outperformance Bull	13	22
Hit ratio Bull (%)	61.9	56.4
Months Bear market	15	21
Months Outperformance Bear	6	8
Hit ratio Bear (%)	40.0	38.1

Above mentioned ratios are based on gross of fees returns.

### Changes

Performance prior to the launch date is based on the performance of a comparable share class with higher cost base.

## Asset Allocation

Asset allocation		
Equity		95.5%
Cash		4.5%

## Sector allocation

The fund invests in companies exposed to structural growth trends in consumer spending. As a result, the portfolio is invested mostly in the consumer discretionary, consumer staples, technology and communication services sectors. The fund may also invest in sectors that may appear to be not directly linked to consumption.

Sector allocation		Deviation index	
Consumer Discretionary	<div><div></div></div> 20.0%	<div><div></div></div> 9.4%	
Communication Services	<div><div></div></div> 19.8%	<div><div></div></div> 11.6%	
Consumer Staples	<div><div></div></div> 16.1%	<div><div></div></div> 9.8%	
Health Care	<div><div></div></div> 16.0%	<div><div></div></div> 5.7%	
Information Technology	<div><div></div></div> 13.0%	<div><div></div></div> -10.4%	
Financials	<div><div></div></div> 11.2%	<div><div></div></div> -6.9%	
Industrials	<div><div></div></div> 2.4%	<div><div></div></div> -8.2%	
Materials	<div><div></div></div> 1.6%	<div><div></div></div> -2.0%	
Real Estate	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div> -2.1%	
Energy	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div> -4.2%	
Utilities	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div> -2.7%	

## Regional allocation

The portfolio has direct exposure to emerging markets and Asia-Pacific, mostly towards Japan, China, India, and Latin America. The fund's investments in Europe comprise approx. 33% of the fund, with the remainder invested in the US market.

Regional allocation		Deviation index	
America	<div><div></div></div> 68.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.1%
Europe	<div><div></div></div> 28.4%	<div><div></div></div>	13.2%
Asia	<div><div></div></div> 3.6%	<div><div></div></div>	-11.9%
Middle East	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.9%
Africa	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.3%

## Currency allocation

The portfolio itself does not use currency hedges. This means that for an unhedged share class, the currency allocation is a reflection of the investments of the portfolio. For a hedged share class, the currency allocation is the result of the currency hedge.

Currency allocation		Deviation index	
U.S. Dollar	<div><div></div></div> 70.5%	<div><div></div></div> 5.5%	
Euro	<div><div></div></div> 14.5%	<div><div></div></div> 6.7%	
Swiss Franc	<div><div></div></div> 8.1%	<div><div></div></div> 5.9%	
Hong Kong Dollar	<div><div></div></div> 2.4%	<div><div></div></div> -0.7%	
Pound Sterling	<div><div></div></div> 2.2%	<div><div></div></div> -1.2%	
Danish Kroner	<div><div></div></div> 1.4%	<div><div></div></div> 0.9%	
Singapore Dollar	<div><div></div></div> 1.0%	<div><div></div></div> 0.6%	
Swedish Kroner	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div> -0.7%	
South African Rand	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div> -0.3%	
Japanese Yen	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div> -4.9%	
Taiwan Dollar	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div> -1.7%	
Chinese Renminbi (Yuan)	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div> -0.4%	
Other	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div> -9.5%	

ESG Important information

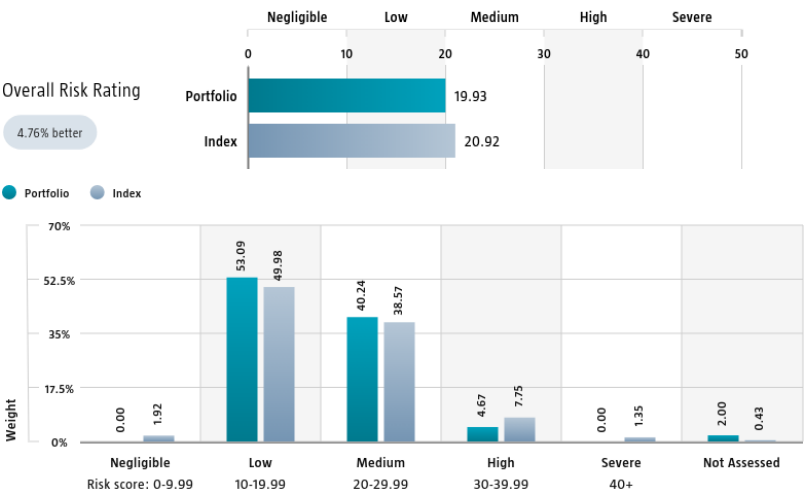
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Sustainability

The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process through exclusions, ESG integration, engagement and voting. The fund does not invest in issuers that are in breach of international norms or where activities have been deemed detrimental to society following Robeco's exclusion policy. Financially material ESG factors are integrated in the bottom-up investment analysis to assess existing and potential ESG risks and opportunities. In the stock selection the fund limits exposure to elevated sustainability risks. The fund targets at least 20% lower carbon footprint compared to the reference index. In addition, where a stock issuer is flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to engagement. Lastly, the fund makes use of shareholder rights and applies proxy voting in accordance with Robeco's proxy voting policy. For more information please visit the sustainability-related disclosures. The index used for all sustainability visuals is based on MSCI All Country World Index (Net Return, EUR).

Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating

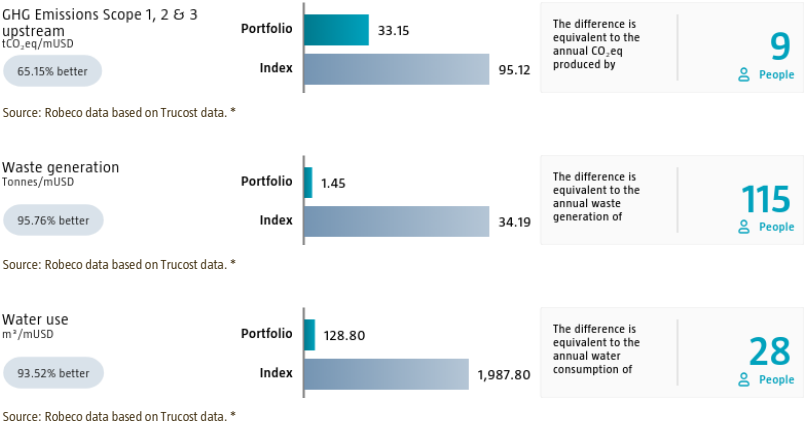
The Portfolio Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating chart displays the portfolio's ESG Risk Rating. This is calculated by multiplying each portfolio component's Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating by its respective portfolio weight. The Distribution across Sustainalytics ESG Risk levels chart shows the portfolio 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. Index scores are provided alongside the portfolio scores, highlighting the portfolio's ESG risk level compared to the index. Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.



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Environmental Footprint

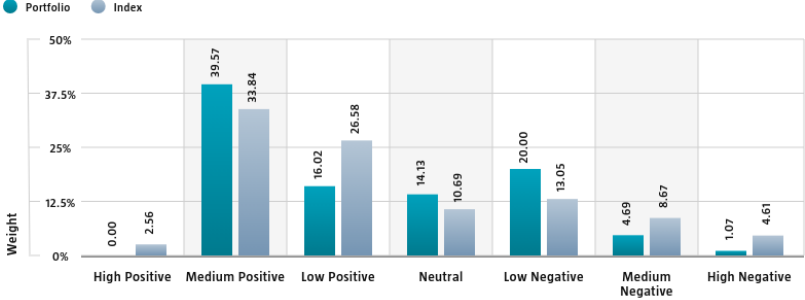
Environmental footprint expresses the total resource consumption of the portfolio per mUSD invested. Each assessed company's footprint is calculated by normalizing resources consumed by the company's enterprise value including cash (EVIC). We aggregate these figures to portfolio level using a weighted average, multiplying each assessed portfolio constituent's footprint by its respective position weight. For comparison, index footprints are shown besides that of the portfolio. The equivalent factors that are used for comparison between the portfolio and index 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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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. This results in a 7-step scale from -3 to +3. For comparison, index figures are provided alongside that of the portfolio. Only holdings mapped as corporates are included in the figures.



Source: Robeco. Data derived from internal processes.

Engagement

Robeco distinguishes between three types of engagement.

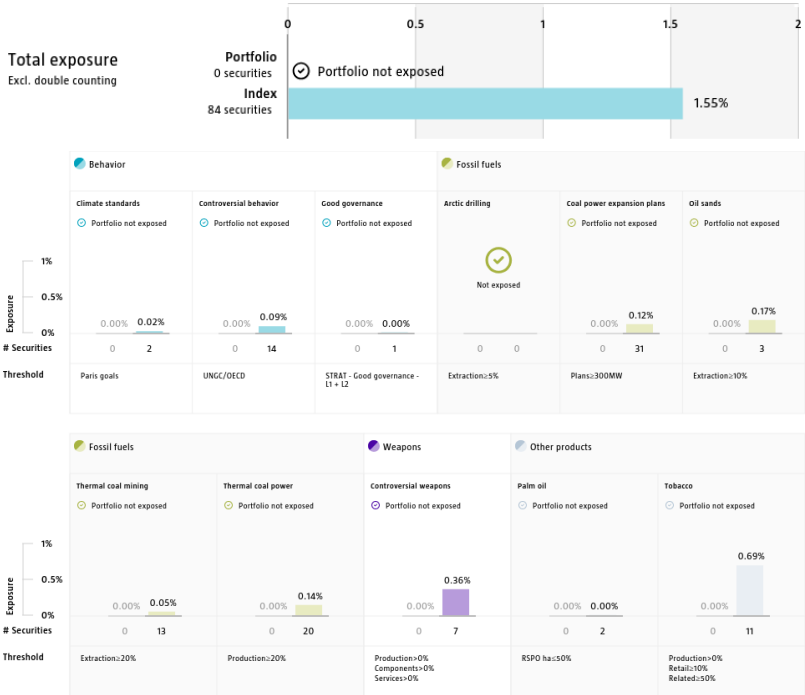
Value Engagement focuses on long-term issues that are financially material and/or are causing adverse sustainability impacts. The themes can be broken into Environmental, Social, Governance, or Voting-related. SDG Engagement aims to drive a clear and measurable improvement in a company’s SDG contribution. Enhanced engagement is triggered by misconduct and focuses on companies severely breaching international 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.

	Portfolio exposure	# companies engaged with	# activities with companies engaged with
Total (* excluding double counting)	58.81%	24	104
Environmental	4.98%	3	17
Social	15.46%	6	19
Governance	12.35%	5	23
Sustainable Development Goals	36.44%	14	45
Voting Related	0.00%	0	0
Enhanced	0.00%	0	0

Source: Robeco. Data derived from internal processes.

Exclusions

The Exclusions charts display the degree of adherence to exclusion applied by Robeco. For reference, index exposures are shown beside that of the portfolio. Thresholds are based on revenues unless otherwise indicated. For more information about the exclusion policy and which level applies, please refer to the Exclusion Policy and Exclusion List available on Robeco.com.



Source: We use several data sources such as Sustainalytics, RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil), World Bank, Freedom House, Fund for Peace and International Sanctions; further policy document available [Exclusion Policy](#)

### Investment policy

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The fund promotes E&S (i.e. Environmental and Social) characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation, integrates sustainability risks in the investment process and applies Robeco's Good Governance policy. The fund applies sustainability indicators, including but not limited to normative, activity-based and region-based exclusions, proxy voting and engagement.

### Fund manager's CV

Jack Neele is Portfolio Manager of the Robeco Global Consumer Trends strategy and member of the Thematic Investing team. Jack started his career in the investment industry in 1999 and prior to joining Robeco, he was a Global Equity Portfolio Manager at Fortis MeesPierson. He holds a Master's in Econometrics from Erasmus University Rotterdam and is a Certified European Financial Analyst. Richard Speetjens is Portfolio Manager of Robeco Global Consumer Trends strategy and member of the Thematic Investing team. He is also Deputy Head of Thematic Investing. He has managed the strategy since December 2010. He joined Robeco as a Portfolio Manager European Equities in 2007. Previously, Richard was Portfolio Manager European Equities at Van Lanschot Asset Management and at Philips Investment Management. Richard holds a Master's in Business Economics and Finance from Maastricht University and is a CFA® Charterholder.

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