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# Agenda

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# 01 | Investment Case

## Investment case Sustainable solutions to water scarcity

Limited water resources face challenge of keeping up with rising demand

- Global demand for water already exceeds water supply
- The water deficit will become even more acute in the future

Demand of major water consumers continues to grow

- Population growth, urbanization and water-intensive dietary changes
- Industry is the second-largest consumer, especially in emerging markets

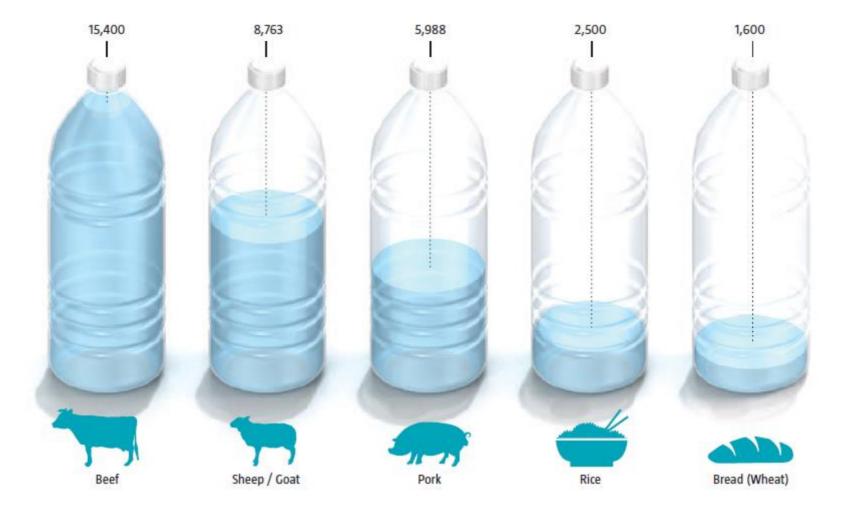
Solutions are critical to survival

- Efficiency gains for more economical water use
- Wastewater treatment: water recycling, water reuse and avoidance of pollution
- Infrastructure investments: leakage reduction, desalination, analytics

# Investment opportunities

# Water demand is driven by life style changes

## Liters of water used per kilogram of food produced



Source: www.waterfootprint.org

Investment opportunities

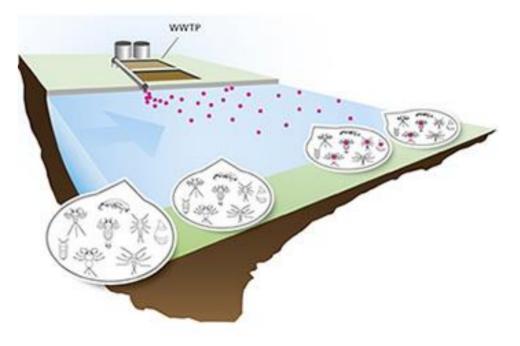
# Challenges in Developed countries – Micro pollution in lakes and rivers

## Challenges

- Pharmaceutials; pain killers, anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial substances
- Antibiotic resistant bacteria
- Pesticides
- Narcotics

### Actions

• Switzerland plans to invest 1.2 bio. CHF in 20 years to upgrade 100 waste water plants



# Investment scope Trend selection and investment scope

## Capital Goods & Chemicals



- Valves & Pumps
- Treatment Systems
- Treatment Chemicals
- Irrigation Systems



Utilities

- Water Utilities
- Multi Utilities

## **Construction & Materials**



- Engineering & Construction
- Building Materials & Fixtures
- Water Meters

## **Quality & Analytics**



- Water Analytics
- Point of Use Treatment
- Maintenance Services
- Resources Protection

### Investment case

# Xylem – Capital Goods & Chemicals



Smartball leak detection



Ultraviolet disinfection



Robotic crawler pipeline inspection



Water meters



Reverse osmosis



Water analytics

Source: Xylem's website; Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfoBAW2FwG8

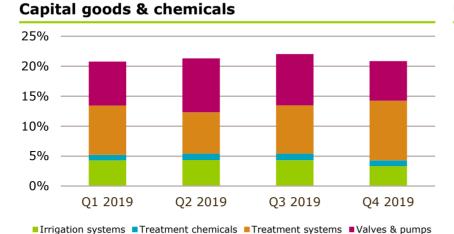
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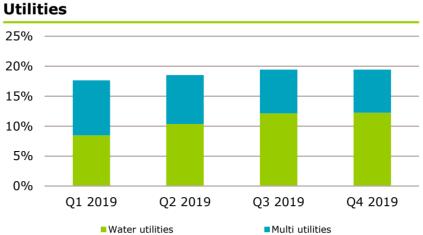


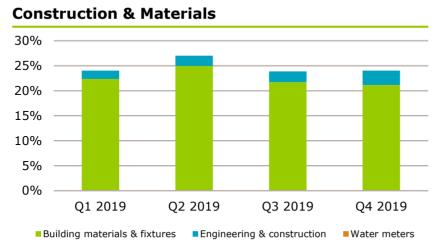


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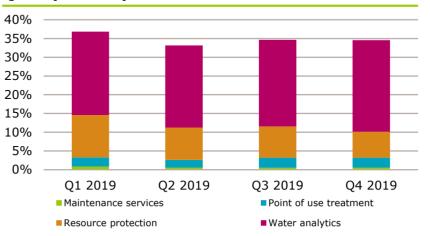
## Portfolio characteristics – cluster weight changes







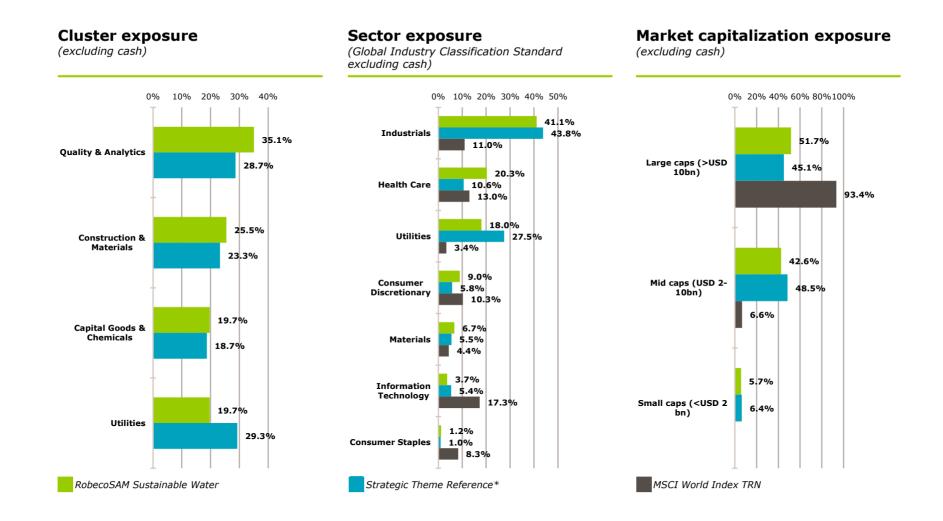




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Source: RobecoSAM. Data as of 31.12.2019

# Portfolio exposure (1/2)



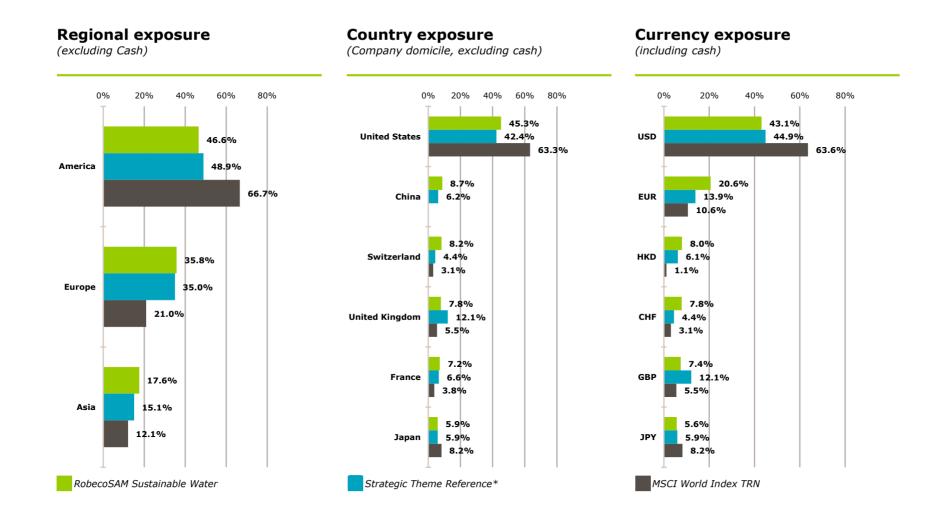
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# Portfolio exposure (2/2)



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# Portfolio characteristics

## **RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Fund** (31.12.2019)

	RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Fund	MSCI World Index TRN
Average Weighted Market Cap USD (m)	21'628	200'230
Dividend Yield 1 year	2.02	2.35
Ex-ante Beta versus MSCI World Index TRN	0.86	1.00
PEG	2.27	1.87
Price Earnings Ratio (next 12 months)	20.74	20.83
EV/EBITDA (next 12 months)	13.34	13.75
EPS Growth (next 12 months)	9.12%	11.11%
Ex-ante Volatility	11.01%	12.17%
Active Share	98.52%	-

Source: RobecoSAM. Data as of 31.12.2019

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# Current portfolio focus areas

Cluster	Current focus	Currently less attractive	
Capital Goods & Chemicals	<ul> <li>Water treatment systems         <ul> <li>(attractive growth             opportunities)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Construction & Materials	Water heaters (replacement business)		
Quality & Analytics	<ul> <li>Water analytics (solid growth)</li> </ul>	Waste management (valuation)	
Utilities	<ul> <li>French utilities (cost savings)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>U.S. water utilities (valuation)</li><li>Brazilian water utilities (risks)</li></ul>	

# Portfolio top 10 holdings

### **RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Fund** (31.12.2019)

Company	Country*	Company Focus	Weight
Agilent Technologies Inc	United States	Analytical instruments & software	5.14%
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	United States	Leading quality analytics provider	4.32%
Suez	France	Well diversified multi-utility	4.03%
Danaher Corp	United States	Leading provider of testing & analytics	3.56%
Guangdong Investment Ltd	China	bulk water supplier to Hong Kong	3.33%
Ecolab Inc	United States	Global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services	3.28%
Haier Electronics Group Co Ltd	China	Leading Chinese supplier of water heater & water purifier	3.07%
PerkinElmer Inc	United States	Diagnostics and laboratory services	2.92%
Veolia Environnement SA	France	Well diversified multi-utility	2.82%
Masco Corp	United States	Leading supplier of plumbing	2.80%
Total			35.28%

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# 03 | Performance

# Portfolio performance and risk characteristics

### RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Fund (31.12.2019, Gross of fees, EUR)

Key Data	
Inception Date	September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2001
Total Fund Volume in EUR (in m)	1,387
Number of Holdings	65

### Performance and Risk Characteristics\*

Absolute Risk	11.51%
Absolute Risk MSCI World Index TRN	10.79%
Tracking Error	4.67%
Jensen's Alpha	2.71%
Information Ratio	0.52
Sharpe Ratio	1.14
Sharpe Ratio MSCI World Index TRN	0.99
*Last 3 Years	· · · · ·

### **Calendar Year Performance**

	YTD	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Since Inception* p.a.
RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Fund	34.45%	34.45%	-6.65%	14.08%	11.94%	12.92%	17.58%	9.60%
MSCI World Index TRN	30.02%	30.02%	-4.11%	7.51%	10.73%	10.42%	19.50%	6.08%
Excess Return	4.43%	4.43%	-2.54%	6.57%	1.21%	2.50%	-1.92%	3.52%
								*28.09.2001

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## Performance contribution, 4Q2019

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

## **Cluster performance**

Source: Bloomberg performance contribution, in EUR

	Avg % Wgt	Total Return (%)	Contr. to Return (%)	CTR (LCL)	CTR (Crncy)	Start % Wgt	End % Wgt
tobecoSAM Sustainable Water	100.0	8.0	8.0	9.4	-1.4	100.0	100.0
Capital Goods & Chemicals	20.4	8.4	1.8	2.1	-0.3	21.0	19.8
Irrigation Systems	3.6	3.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	4.1	3.2
Treatment Chemicals	1.0	-1.8	0.0	0.0		1.0	0.9
Treatment Systems	8.2	6.2	0.5	0.7	-0.2	7.7	9.5
Valves & Pumps	7.6	14.9	1.2	1.2	0.0	8.2	6.3
Construction & Materials	22.9	14.5	3.2	3.6	-0.4	22.7	23.9
Building Materials & Fixtures	20.0	13.9	2.8	3.2	-0.4	20.7	20.1
Engineering & Construction	2.3	20.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	2.1	2.7
Water Meters	0.6	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0		1.1
Quality & Analytics	33.0	7.4	2.5	3.1	-0.7	33.0	32.9
Maintenance Services	0.5	11.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5
Point of Use Treatment	2.7	10.5	0.3	0.3	0.0	2.6	2.6
Resource Protection	6.9	3.6	0.3	0.4	-0.1	8.0	6.6
Water Analytics	22.9	7.8	1.9	2.4	-0.6	22.0	23.2
Utilities	19.0	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.0	18.5	18.5
China	5.7	3.5	0.2	0.4	-0.1	5.8	5.2
Global	6.8	-3.2	-0.2	-0.2		7.0	6.9
Latin America	1.1	-24.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	1.0	1.0
North America	1.3	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.4
South East Asia	0.3	-47.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.4	0.2
United Kingdom	3.9	25.7	0.9	0.8	0.2	3.0	3.9
Cash	4.6	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	4.9

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- All four clusters were showing a positive performance contribution for 4Q2019.
- A particularly strong performance contribution came from the "building materials & fixtures", and "water analytics" sub-clusters.

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## Performance contribution, 4Q2019

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

### **Stock selection**

Source: Bloomberg performance contribution, in EUR

Top 10 Contribution to Return	Avg % Wgt	Total Return (%)	Contr. to Return (%)	CTR (LCL)	CTR (Crncy)	Start % Wgt	End % Wgt
SPX FLOW INC	2.2	20.3	0.5	0.5	-0.1	2.2	1.9
PENNON GROUP PLC	1.7	29.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.4	1.9
HAIER ELECTRONICS GROUP CO	2.8	16.4	0.4	0.5	-0.1	2.7	3.0
AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES INC	5.1	8.4	0.4	0.6	-0.2	4.9	5.1
ARCADIS NV	2.1	21.2	0.4	0.4		2.1	2.2
THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	4.0	8.4	0.4	0.5	-0.1	3.6	4.3
SEVERN TRENT PLC	1.6	23.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	1.7	1.1
REXNORD CORP	2.1	17.1	0.4	0.4	-0.1	2.0	2.1
NORMA GROUP SE	1.8	19.4	0.3	0.3		1.7	1.8
PERKINELMER INC	3.1	10.8	0.3	0.4	-0.1	3.0	2.9
Pottom 10 Contribution to Poturn	Avg	Total Return	Contr. to		CTD (Crncv)	Start	End
Bottom 10 Contribution to Return	Avg % Wgt	Total Return (%)	Contr. to Return (%)	CTR (LCL)	CTR (Crncy)	Start % Wgt	End % Wgt
Bottom 10 Contribution to Return AGUAS ANDINAS SA-A				<b>CTR (LCL)</b> -0.2	<b>CTR (Crncy)</b> -0.1		
	% Wgt	(%)	Return (%)		,	% Wgt	% Wgt
AGUAS ANDINAS SA-A	% Wgt 1.1	<b>(%)</b> -24.8	<b>Return (%)</b> -0.3	-0.2	,	<b>% Wgt</b> 1.0	% Wgt 1.0
AGUAS ANDINAS SA-A SUEZ	% Wgt 1.1 4.1	<b>(%)</b> -24.8 -6.5	<b>Return (%)</b> -0.3 -0.3	-0.2 -0.3	-0.1	% Wgt 1.0 4.1	% Wgt 1.0 4.0
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AGUAS ANDINAS SA-A SUEZ MANILA WATER COMPANY ECOLAB INC XYLEM INC	% Wgt 1.1 4.1 0.3 2.9 2.3	(%) -24.8 -6.5 -47.9 -5.1 -3.6	Return (%) -0.3 -0.3 -0.2 -0.1 -0.1	-0.2 -0.3 -0.2 0.0 0.0	-0.1 0.0 -0.1 -0.1	% Wgt 1.0 4.1 0.4 3.2 2.0	% Wgt 1.0 4.0 0.2 3.3
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## Portfolio attribution – YTD

		Portfolio		eturn			
Sector attribution	Weight	Active weight	Portfolio	Index	Selection	Allocation	<b>Total Active</b>
Consumer Discretionary	8.1%	-2.3%	33.8%	29.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%
Consumer Staples	2.0%	-6.6%	-1.3%	25.9%	-0.6%	0.4%	-0.4%
Energy	0.0%	-5.5%	0.0%	14.5%	0.0%	1.0%	0.8%
Financials	0.0%	-15.8%	0.0%	28.7%	0.0%	0.4%	-0.1%
Health Care	17.7%	5.0%	40.2%	26.1%	3.0%	-0.2%	2.8%
Industrials	39.3%	28.1%	37.7%	30.9%	2.6%	0.1%	3.6%
Information Technology	4.1%	-12.1%	45.3%	50.9%	-0.2%	-2.3%	-2.7%
Materials	7.8%	3.3%	32.2%	27.4%	0.6%	-0.1%	0.5%
Real Estate	0.0%	-3.3%	0.0%	26.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
Communication Services	0.0%	-8.4%	0.0%	30.3%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%
Utilities	16.7%	13.3%	30.2%	25.8%	0.9%	-0.6%	0.6%
Cash	4.4%	4.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.3%	-1.3%
Total			34.9%	30.8%	6.8%	-2.3%	4.0%

### Portfolio vs. MSCI World Index TRN (EUR)

### Top 5 contributors & detractors vs. MSCI World Index TRN (EUR)

			Average	weight		
Name	Sector	Country	Portfolio	Index	Total return	Contribution
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	Health Care	UNITED STATES	4.08%	0.27%	48.23%	1.89%
Danaher Corp	Industrials	UNITED STATES	3.21%	0.21%	52.31%	1.63%
Ecolab Inc	Materials	UNITED STATES	3.84%	0.12%	34.72%	1.61%
Agilent Technologies Inc	Health Care	UNITED STATES	4.83%	0.06%	29.88%	1.56%
Fortune Brands Home & Securi	Industrials	UNITED STATES	2.11%	0.02%	78.10%	1.48%
Apple Inc	Information Technology	UNITED STATES	0.00%	2.38%	92.44%	-1.82%
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	UNITED STATES	0.00%	2.32%	60.47%	-1.23%
Facebook Inc-Class A	Information Technology	UNITED STATES	0.00%	1.07%	59.45%	-0.54%
Amazon.Com Inc	Consumer Discretionary	UNITED STATES	0.00%	1.83%	25.29%	-0.46%
Jpmorgan Chase & Co	Financials	UNITED STATES	0.00%	0.92%	49.98%	-0.43%

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## Portfolio attribution – YTD

### **Portfolio vs. Strategic Theme Reference (EUR)**

		Portfolio		eturn				
Cluster attribution	Weight	Active weight	Portfolio	Index	Selection	Allocation	Total Active	
Capital Goods & Chemicals	20.2%	1.7%	32.2%	32.4%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	
Construction & Materials	23.8%	1.7%	45.6%	44.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	
Quality & Analytics	33.4%	3.6%	37.4%	40.1%	-0.6%	0.1%	-0.6%	
Utilities	18.3%	-11.4%	27.8%	28.1%	0.0%	0.9%	0.5%	
Cash	4.4%	4.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.5%	-1.5%	
Total			34.9%	36.0%	-0.2%	-0.4%	-1.1%	

### Top 5 contributors & detractors vs. Strategic Theme Reference (EUR)

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Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	Health Care	UNITED STATES	4.08%	1.30%	48.23%	1.39%
Arcadis Nv	Industrials	NETHERLANDS	1.91%	0.11%	100.36%	1.37%
Agilent Technologies Inc	Health Care	UNITED STATES	4.83%	1.27%	29.88%	1.18%
Ecolab Inc	Materials	UNITED STATES	3.84%	1.30%	34.72%	1.16%
Danaher Corp	Industrials	UNITED STATES	3.21%	1.31%	52.31%	1.05%
Cia Saneamento Basico De-Adr	Utilities	BRAZIL	0.00%	1.97%	94.73%	-1.45%
Cintas Corp	Industrials	UNITED STATES	0.00%	1.39%	64.71%	-0.82%
Sartorius Ag-Vorzug	Health Care	GERMANY	0.00%	1.13%	75.92%	-0.76%
American Water Works Co Inc	Utilities	UNITED STATES	0.79%	2.56%	40.32%	-0.70%
Hera Spa	Utilities	ITALY	0.00%	1.21%	50.84%	-0.57%

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# Sustainable Water - the "eternal" trend

- Solutions to water scarcity are crucial to growing population & economic growth
- Innovative technologies & products offer investment opportunities across the water value chain
- Strong support by demographic trends and urbanization





- Experienced investment team
- Long term successful investment track record with convincing risk-reward profile

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# Appendix

# Sustainable Water – Solutions with Impact

The SDGs listed have been prioritized based on strength of impact and are not exhaustive. A complete reporting of SDGs associated with the Sustainable Water strategy can be obtained from our Client Servicing Team: **clientservicing@robecosam.com** 

## Offering solutions to the world's most serious global challenges

Global Challenges to Water Resources

### Polluted drinking water & water-borne diseases

- Regional disease epidemics
- Leaky infrastructure

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- Climate change, flooding & drought
- Rapid urbanization & uncontrolled migrations
- Unequal water access for vulnerable populations
- Poverty and hunger
- Crop failure



SUSTAINABLE GOALS





## Sustainable Water Strategy

- Purification & disinfection
- Safety monitoring & measurement
- Quality assurance
- Replenishing aquifers, water tables
   & surface waters
- Responsible water sourcing & extraction
- Insulated buildings & infrastructure networks

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Efficient distribution & allocation

# Sustainable Water Fund Impact

The impact of this fund is considered with respect to the most relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals



Amount of clean water distributed Number of people supplied clean drinking water Amount of waste water treated



# 3 impact indicators aligned with the SDG 6 & SDG 14

The graphic displays the resulting impact of the Water Fund across the 3 impact indicators per 1 million EUR invested. The total investment is associated with the following ownership-adjusted impact over a 1-year period. Holdings as at June 30, 2019, assuming that stable proportion of the companies are held. Market value of the holding is normalized by the company's enterprise value. Based on production numbers from the latest reporting (FY 2018).



Source: RobecoSAM \* Equivalent water used per European is based on 47.5 m3 . Source: <u>www.eea.Europa.eu</u> \*\* Average household size 2018 is based on 2.3 members <u>www.ec.Europa.eu</u>

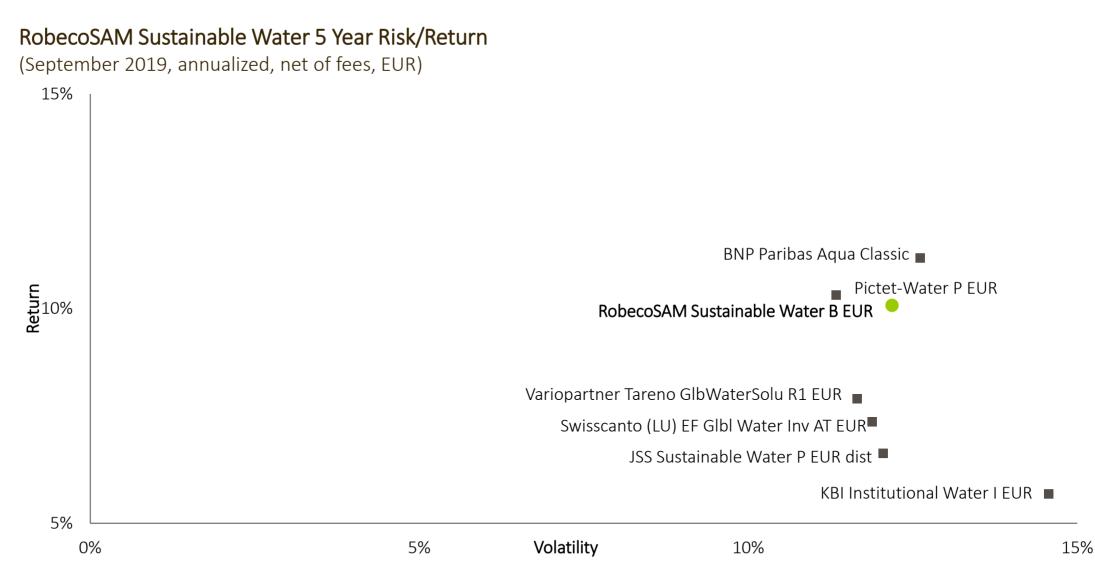
## Investment process – thematic universe

Cluster	Eligible no. of stocks	% of STR* Universe	Beta vs. MSCI World Index TRN*	Investment Areas
Capital Goods & Chemicals	44	19%	1.08	<ul> <li>Valves &amp; Pumps</li> <li>Treatment Systems</li> <li>Treatment Chemicals</li> <li>Irrigation Systems</li> </ul>
Construction & Materials	51	23%	0.96	<ul> <li>Engineering &amp; Construction</li> <li>Building Materials &amp; Fixtures</li> <li>Water Meters</li> </ul>
Quality & Analytics	38	29%	0.91	<ul> <li>Water Analytics</li> <li>Point of Use Treatment</li> <li>Maintenance Services</li> <li>Resources Protection</li> </ul>
Utilities	34	29%	0.5	<ul><li>Water Utilities</li><li>Multi Utilities (water &amp; other service)</li></ul>
Total	167	100%	0.83	*Ex-ante Beta: Bloomberg

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# Peer comparison 5 Year Peer Group risk-return-comparison



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Source: Morningstar, data as of 30.09.2019. All figures in EUR, after cost and annualized, not considering any possible subscription fees.

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\*Revenue thresholds vary by exclusion criteria to mitigate against unintended outcomes. Revenue thresholds are specified in the exclusion policy. Source: RobecoSAM

# Water Sustainability Investment Criteria

	What is the issue?	Where do we invest instead?
Bottled water	Negative environment	<ul><li>Water treatment solutions</li><li>Point of use</li></ul>
Hydro power	<ul> <li>Negative environment</li> <li>Business driver to hydrelectricity prices and not solutions that address</li> </ul>	opower is ot related to
Water rights	Governance risks on wate	<ul> <li>Water reuse</li> <li>Resource protection</li> <li>Water efficiency solutions</li> </ul>
Coal power	<ul> <li>GHG Emissions</li> <li>Stranded assets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Water utilities with no significant exposure to coal power generation</li> </ul>

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