

# AXA World Funds **Robotech**



Continued advancements in technology means that the use of robotics in society will increase efficiency, precision and safety. We are just in the early stages of this long-term disruptive trend, with the worldwide annual supply of industrial robots expected to grow an average of 12% per year to 2025.<sup>1</sup>

AXA World Funds Robotech invests in companies that are involved in the creation and application of technologies to improve or optimise processes, spanning the industrial, transportation and healthcare sector. The Fund also invests in companies which act as 'enablers' in powering and controlling the robotics - i.e. the sensors, connectivity and intelligence used to gather and analyse information.



## WHO IS IT FOR? INVESTORS:

- › Seeking long-term growth potential
- › Looking for exposure to innovative companies
- › Searching for portfolio diversification



## WHY AXA INVESTMENT MANAGERS?

- › Established history in long-term thematic investment
- › One of the first active thematic robotics investors
- › 25+ years' of asset management experience to help our clients reach their goals.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 2010-2025E. AXA IM, IFR World Robotics 2022

<sup>2</sup> AXA IM as at March 2023

## Why invest in robotics?

The demand for industrial robots has accelerated in recent years due to the ongoing trend towards automation and innovative technological advancements. Advances in technology have made robots capable of performing highly sophisticated and delicate work as well as working alongside humans to drive productivity and efficiency.

## Where are robotics being used?



### Labour shortage

Younger generations have little interest in repetitive work. China, for example, has become the world's leading buyer of robots to replace such jobs in recent years.



### Hazardous work

In the mining and oil industries, automated drilling and goods transportation can reduce the risk of accidents.



### Critical applications

Tasks requiring precision beyond human ability, such as robot-assisted surgical procedures.



### Large-scale complex tasks

The acquisition of robot manufacturers by online retailers has helped to optimise the preparation of orders and speed up delivery times.<sup>3</sup>

## The rapidly changing robotics industry

As the pace of technological innovation quickens, robots have grown more intelligent and less expensive in a world where the working population is shrinking (for example in China and Japan) and where younger generations are abandoning jobs involving little added value or creative insight.

In this emerging investment universe, not every company will be a winner of tomorrow. It is therefore critical to really understand the sectors where robotics has the potential to create long-term value – as well as the quality of individual companies operating in this field.

<sup>3</sup> Profitability back in focus: the online challenge as 'normality' resumes, Capgemini Research Institute, Feb 2023



Tom Riley, CFA  
Portfolio Manager

“We believe that innovation in robotics is a significant growth opportunity, and we are just in the early stages of this multi-decade investment theme.”

## Why invest in AXA WF Robotech?

### 1 Access the long-term growth potential of the rapidly expanding robotics market.

Supported by shifting demographics and improving technologies, more industries can now use robotics offering greater sophistication, precision for repetitive or hazardous tasks, and alternative labour solutions.

### 2 Exposure to companies with growth potential across multiple industries.

We focus on the investable areas of the robotics market, such as: industrial automation, robotic-assisted surgery, driverless vehicles and the underlying intelligence which supports robotic technologies.

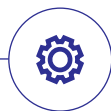
### 3 Benefit from an actively managed, unconstrained approach.

Including more than 400 meetings with robotics and technology executives each year, our detailed coverage of the investment universe helps us identify companies with above-average growth prospects in this emerging theme.



12%

Worldwide expected average annual growth until 2025<sup>4</sup>



40-60

stocks

Global multi-cap strategy investing in a concentrated portfolio<sup>5</sup>



>70

typically held in stocks with high and medium theme exposure<sup>6</sup>

<sup>4</sup> 2010-2025E. AXA IM, IFR World Robotics 2022

<sup>5,6</sup> Illustrative purposes only. These are internal guidelines which are subject to change without notice. Please refer to the prospectus for the fund's full investment guidelines and risks.

## How is the Fund different from AXA WF Digital Economy?

### Robotech

Focuses more on the industrial applications of technology such as manufacturing, healthcare or automotive

### Digital Economy

Focuses more on the overall online consumer experience, as well as sectors like media, fintech and logistics. The strategy also has little, if any, exposure to semiconductors, offering low overlap with traditional technology benchmarks.

## AXA WF Robotech

### Key risks

The strategy is invested in financial markets and uses techniques and instruments which may be subject to sudden and significant variation, which may result in substantial gains or losses.

**Counterparty Risk:** Risk of bankruptcy, insolvency, or payment or delivery failure of any of the Sub-Fund's counterparties, leading to a payment or delivery default.

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