



# Product Disclosure Statement



## Russell Investments Australian Bond ETFs

Russell Investments Australian Government Bond ETF – ARSN: 154 587 710  
Russell Investments Australian Semi-Government Bond ETF – ARSN: 154 588 048  
Russell Investments Australian Select Corporate Bond ETF – ARSN: 154 588 477

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### Important information

#### Eligibility

The offer in this product disclosure statement (PDS) is only available to stockbrokers acting as principal. That is, persons who have entered into a relevant Authorised Participant Agreement with RIM (Authorised Participants).

The minimum investment for Units in each Fund is specified in the Key Features section on page 3.

Investors who are not Authorised Participants looking to acquire Units in the Fund cannot invest through this PDS but may do so through the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). Please consult your stockbroker or financial adviser. Investors who are not Authorised Participants may use this PDS for information purposes only and may obtain further information in relation to the Fund by contacting the registrar (refer to page 25 for details of how to contact the registrar).

This PDS can only be used by persons receiving it (electronically or in hard copy) in Australia and does not constitute an offer or recommendation of securities in any jurisdiction, or to any person to whom it would be unlawful to make such an offer.

Please read this PDS to find out more about the features, costs and benefits, as well as the risks involved in investing in any of the Funds. It is important that you read this PDS before making any decision to invest in any of the Funds. An investor in a Fund could lose all or a substantial part of its investment in the Fund. In particular, the performance of a Fund will depend on the performance and market value of the assets held by the Fund as a result of tracking the performance of the Index.

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## About this PDS

This PDS describes the main features of the Funds outlined below:

- Russell Investments Australian Government Bond ETF
- Russell Investments Australian Semi-Government Bond ETF
- Russell Investments Australian Select Corporate Bond ETF

This PDS is dated 23 March 2022 and is issued by Russell Investment Management Ltd ABN 53 068 338 974, AFS Licence Number 247 185, (RIM) the responsible entity of each of the Funds. We are a member of Russell Investments.

A copy of this PDS has been lodged with both ASIC and the ASX. Neither ASIC nor the ASX take any responsibility for the contents of this PDS. The Units are quoted on the ASX.

In preparing this PDS, we did not take into account your particular investment objectives, financial situation or needs. As investors' needs and aspirations differ, you should consider whether investing in a Fund is appropriate for you in light of your particular needs, objectives and financial circumstances. You may also wish to obtain independent advice.

The information in this PDS is up to date at the time of preparation. However, some information and terms (see below) can change from time to time and you can obtain updated information as set out below. If a change is considered materially adverse we will issue a supplementary or replacement PDS.

For updated or other information about the Funds, please visit our website: [russellinvestments.com.au/etfs](https://russellinvestments.com.au/etfs). We will also send you a copy of the updated information free of charge upon request.

The offer or invitation to subscribe for Units in each Fund under this PDS is subject to the terms and conditions described in this PDS. We reserve the right to accept or decline applications in full or in part and reserve the right to change these terms and conditions. Notice would be provided before or as soon as practicable after the change occurs.

RIM has sufficient working capital to enable it to operate the Funds as outlined in this PDS.

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## 1. Key features

ABOUT THE FUND	
<b>Fund Names (ASX Code)</b>	Russell Investments Australian Government Bond ETF (RGB) Russell Investments Australian Semi-Government Bond ETF (RSM) Russell Investments Australian Select Corporate Bond ETF (RCB)
<b>Type of investment</b>	Each Fund is classified as an exchange traded fund (ETF) which is a registered managed investment scheme. This means investors have the opportunity to buy or sell a portfolio of assets in a single transaction. The portfolio is based upon an Index. ETFs have a number of benefits, including diversification, transparency and taxation efficiency.
<b>Quotation</b>	Each Fund is quoted under the AQUA Rules of the ASX. Units in a Fund may be traded like any other quoted security. For more details on the AQUA Rules, please see 'AQUA Rules' on page 10.
<b>Responsibility Entity</b>	Russell Investment Management Ltd ABN 59 068 338 974, AFS Licence Number 247 185

FEES	
<b>Entry/Contribution Fee</b>	Nil
<b>Withdrawal Fee</b>	Nil
<b>Switching Fee</b>	Nil
<b>Transaction Fee</b>	RGB – \$ 80 RSM – \$ 100 RCB – \$ 80  This fee is paid by an Authorised Participant on application for Units and on redemption of Units. We may waive the fee in certain circumstances.
<b>Management Costs</b>	RGB – 0.24% p.a. comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Management fee - 0.24% p.a.</li><li>• Indirect costs - 0.00% p.a.</li><li>• Expense recoveries - 0.00% p.a.</li></ul> RSM – 0.26% p.a. comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Management fee - 0.26% p.a.</li><li>• Indirect costs - 0.00% p.a.</li><li>• Expense recoveries - 0.00% p.a.</li></ul> RCB – 0.28% p.a. comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Management fee - 0.28% p.a.</li><li>• Indirect costs - 0.00% p.a.</li><li>• Expense recoveries - 0.00% p.a.</li></ul> For more details on fees and costs, please see 'Fees and Costs' on page 17.

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## TRANSACTIONING

<b>Creation unit</b>	<p>The offer in this PDS is only available to Authorised Participants. Units in a Fund can only be acquired in multiples of:</p> <p>RGB – 20,000 Units RSM – 20,000 Units RCB – 75,000 Units</p> <p>where each minimum number of Units represents one creation Unit (Creation Unit). The minimum investment under this PDS is one Creation Unit.</p>
<b>Creating</b>	<p>An Authorised Participant may make an application for a creation of Units by completing the Application for Creation/Redemption Form and transferring to the relevant Fund either a parcel of cash, or a specified parcel of securities (the Creation Basket) via Austraclear together with a cash amount (if applicable), in return for which we will issue the Authorised Participant with a Creation Unit.</p> <p>Creation Units will be transferred to the Authorised Participant via CHESSE.</p> <p>There are no cooling-off rights available.</p> <p>For further details of how to apply for a creation of Units in a Fund, please see 'Creating and Redeeming' on page 22.</p> <p>You may also purchase Units on the ASX. The purchase of Units on the ASX is not governed by the terms of this PDS. The minimum investment requirement does not apply to Units purchased on the ASX.</p>
<b>Redemption unit</b>	<p>Units in a Fund can only be redeemed by an Authorised Participant, and in multiples of:</p> <p>RGB – 20,000 Units RSM – 20,000 Units RCB – 75,000 Units</p> <p>where each minimum number of Units represents one redemption Unit (Redemption Unit).</p>
<b>Redeeming</b>	<p>An Authorised Participant may make an application for a redemption of Units by completing the Application for Creation/Redemption Form and transferring to the relevant Fund a Redemption Unit via CHESSE, in exchange for which we will transfer either cash, or a specified parcel of securities together with a cash amount (if applicable) (the Redemption Basket).</p> <p>The Redemption Basket will be transferred to the Authorised Participant via Austraclear.</p> <p>For further details of how to redeem from a Fund, please see 'Creating and Redeeming' on page 22.</p> <p>You may also sell your Units on the ASX. The sale of Units on the ASX is not governed by this PDS. The minimum redemption requirement does not apply to Units sold on the ASX.</p>
<b>Distributions</b>	<p>Distributions are calculated four times a year or at such other times as may be determined by us. The Funds have a mechanism in place to ensure that a Fund's yield is not diluted by applications for Creation Units for a Fund. You can find more information about this feature on page 23.</p> <p>You can request to reinvest your distributions as additional Units in the relevant Fund or have your distributions paid as cash into your nominated bank account.</p> <p>Information in relation to distributions will be disclosed to the ASX via the ASX Market Announcements Platform.</p>

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## REPORTING ON YOUR INVESTMENT

<b>Distributions</b>	<p>A distribution statement will be sent to you each time a distribution is made.</p>
<b>Website</b>	<p>The following information can be obtained from our website at <a href="http://russellinvestments.com.au/etfs">russellinvestments.com.au/etfs</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• each Fund's daily NAV (as at 5.00pm on the previous Business Day);</li><li>• each Fund's daily NAV per Unit (as at 5.00pm on the previous Business Day);</li><li>• the daily underlying investments held by each Fund (as at 5.00pm on the previous Business Day);</li><li>• copies of announcements made to the ASX via the ASX Market Announcements Platform (including continuous disclosure notices and distribution information);</li><li>• copies of the latest PDS (and any supplementary PDSs); and</li><li>• copies of annual reports and financial statements.</li></ul>

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## KEY RISKS

### Risks

There are a number of risks associated with investing in a Fund.

You should consider carefully the risks that may affect the financial performance of your investment in a Fund.

For further details on risks, please see 'The Risks of Investing' on page 11.

Some of the key risks of the Fund include:

**Market risk:** The performance of the Fund will depend on the performance and market value of the assets held as a result of tracking the Index. If the assets held by the Fund reduce in value, so will the value of the Fund.

**Settlement risk:** The Fund may be exposed to settlement risk as the Fund is reliant on the operation of CHES.

**Trading risk:** The Fund is quoted under the AQUA Rules on the ASX and there is a risk that the ASX may under certain circumstances suspend trading or even remove the Fund from quotation on the ASX. The underlying assets held by the Fund may also be suspended or delisted.

**Market making risk:** Under the AQUA Rules, RIM has certain market making obligations in respect of the Fund. In order to facilitate an orderly and liquid market in the Fund, we have appointed market maker(s) to provide alternate liquidity. Whilst we monitor our market maker(s)' ability to maintain continuous liquidity to the market, there is no guarantee that these requirements will always be met, particularly if there is a failure by a market maker.

**Tracking risk:** The Fund may not accurately track the Index and the actual underlying portfolio may differ to the Index. In addition, the Fund may hold cash from time to time. While we may manage the risk through the use of instruments such as futures, there may be instances when the Fund holds a larger than normal cash balance, until such a time that we invest that cash in line with the Index.

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## 2. Your guide to the fund

### RUSSELL INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BOND ETF (ARSN: 154 587 710)

<b>Investment objective</b>	The Fund aims to provide a total return before costs and tax, in line with the DBIQ 5-10 year Australian Government Bond Index over the long term.
<b>Investment strategy</b>	The Fund seeks to track the performance of the DBIQ 5-10 year Australian Government Bond Index by investing predominantly in Australian Government fixed income securities. The the DBIQ 5-10 year Australian Government Bond Index filters the largest and most liquid Commonwealth Government fixed income securities and weights them equally upon reconstitution. Derivatives may also be used to a limited extent to obtain or reduce exposure to such securities.
<b>Index</b>	<p>DBIQ 5-10 year Australian Government Bond Index.</p> <p>The DBIQ 5-10 year Australian Government Bond Index is a fixed income index provided by Deutsche Bank (Index Provider). It is designed to provide investors with diversified and investable exposure to Australian Government fixed income securities.</p> <p>The DBIQ 5-10 year Australian Government Bond Index starts with a universe of Australian fixed income securities. A number of filters are applied to the universe to ensure that the eligible fixed income securities are issued by Australian institutions, and have features (including but not limited to) of fixed rate, non-callable, fixed coupon paying terms.</p> <p>The DBIQ 5-10 year Australian Government Bond Index then specifically identifies fixed income securities that are Commonwealth Government fixed income securities, and that have a minimum issuance outstanding of over \$2 billion based on face value to ensure sufficient liquidity.</p> <p>The fixed income securities are then ranked by term to maturity (TTM), and a maximum of ten securities closest to approximately 10 years TTM are selected, with a minimum TTM rule of approximately 5 years.</p> <p>The fixed income securities are then equally weighted based on market value on the day of reconstitution. The DBIQ 5-10 year Australian Government Bond Index is reconstituted quarterly, with the above rules applied and equal weighting occurring on reconstitution. The weighting of the individual fixed income securities is likely to vary in between reconstitutions based on price movements.</p> <p>Coupons received from the constituents are to be reinvested back into the relevant security or securities.</p> <p>More details about the characteristics of the DBIQ 5-10 year Australian Government Bond Index are available at: <a href="https://index.db.com">https://index.db.com</a></p>
<b>Performance</b>	<p>Performance information for the Fund is available on our website at <a href="https://russellinvestments.com.au/etfs">https://russellinvestments.com.au/etfs</a>.</p> <p>The return of capital or performance of the Fund is not guaranteed. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.</p>

Source: Deutsche Bank

All data for any index prior to its launch date is an historical estimation using available data. Historical results should not and cannot be viewed as an indicator of future results. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly and do not incur management fees, costs or expenses. Important Note: The Funds in this PDS are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by Deutsche Bank or its affiliates. Neither Deutsche Bank nor its affiliates make any representations or warranties, express or implied, to the owners of the Russell Investments Australian Bond ETFs or any other person regarding the advisability of investing in the Russell Investments Australian Bond ETFs or as to the results obtained from the use of the DBIQ 5-10 year Australian Government Bond Index, the DBIQ 0-5 year Australian Semi-Government Bond Index and the DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index (the Indexes). Deutsche Bank and its affiliates have no obligation or liability in connection with the operation, marketing, trading or sale of the Russell Investments Australian Bond ETFs or use of the Indexes and/or the Methodology for the Indexes. Deutsche Bank and its affiliates shall not be liable (whether in negligence or otherwise) to any person for any error in the Indexes and/ or Methodology and shall not be under any obligation to advise any person of any error therein.

\*Index methodology was adjusted effective 1 December 2014 to become the DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index, as a result of the new term to maturity of approximately 4 years.

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**RUSSELL INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIAN SEMI-GOVERNMENT BOND ETF (ARSN: 154 588 048)**

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<b>Investment objective</b>	The Fund aims to provide a total return before costs and tax, in line with the DBIQ 0-5 year Australian Semi-Government Bond Index over the long term.
<b>Investment strategy</b>	The Fund seeks to track the performance of the DBIQ 0-5 year Australian Semi- Government Bond Index by investing predominantly in Australian Semi-Government fixed income securities. The DBIQ 0-5 year Australian Semi- Government Bond Index filters the largest and most liquid State Government securities and weights them equally upon reconstitution. Derivatives may also be used to a limited extent to obtain or reduce exposure to such securities.
<b>Index</b>	<p>DBIQ 0-5 year Australian Semi-Government Bond Index.</p> <p>The DBIQ 0-5 year Australian Semi-Government Bond Index is a fixed income index provided by Deutsche Bank (Index Provider). It is designed to provide investors with diversified and investable exposure to Australian Semi-Government fixed income securities.</p> <p>The DBIQ 0-5 year Australian Semi-Government Bond Index starts with a universe of Australian fixed income securities.</p> <p>A number of filters are applied to the universe to ensure that the eligible fixed income securities are issued by Australian institutions, and have features of (including but not limited to) fixed rate, non-callable, fixed coupon paying terms.</p> <p>The DBIQ 0-5 year Australian Semi-Government Bond Index then specifically identifies fixed income securities that are issued by approved State Government agencies as specified in the Index methodology, and that have a minimum issuance outstanding of over \$1 billion based on face value to ensure sufficient liquidity.</p> <p>The fixed income securities are then ranked by term to maturity (TTM), and a maximum of two fixed income securities per issuer are selected based on the TTM closest to approximately 5 years, with a minimum TTM rule of 1 year.</p> <p>The fixed income securities are then equally weighted based on market value on the day of reconstitution. The DBIQ 0-5 year Australian Semi-Government Bond Index is reconstituted quarterly, with the above rules applied and equal weighting occurring on reconstitution. The weighting of the individual fixed income securities is likely to vary in between reconstitutions based on price movements.</p> <p>Coupons received from the constituents are to be reinvested back into the relevant security or securities.</p> <p>More details about the characteristics of the DBIQ 0-5 year Australian Semi-Government Bond Index are available at: <a href="http://index.db.com">http://index.db.com</a>.</p>
<b>Performance</b>	<p>Performance information for the Fund is available on our website at <a href="http://russellinvestments.com.au/etfs">russellinvestments.com.au/etfs</a>.</p> <p>The return of capital or performance of the Fund is not guaranteed. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.</p>

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**RUSSELL INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIAN SELECT CORPORATE BOND ETF (ARSN: 154 588 477)**

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<b>Investment objective</b>	The Fund aims to provide a total return before costs and tax, in line with DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index over the long term.
<b>Investment strategy</b>	The Fund seeks to track the performance of DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index by investing predominantly in Australian corporate fixed income securities. The DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index filters the largest and most liquid corporate fixed income securities and weights them equally upon reconstitution. Derivatives may also be used to a limited extent to obtain or reduce exposure to such securities.
<b>Index</b>	<p><b>DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index.</b></p> <p>The DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index is a fixed income index provided by Deutsche Bank (Index Provider). It is designed to provide investors with an investable exposure to Australian corporate fixed income securities.</p> <p>The DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index starts with a universe of Australian fixed income securities.</p> <p>A number of filters are applied to the universe to ensure that the eligible fixed income securities are issued by Australian institutions, and have features of (including but not limited to) fixed rate, non-callable, fixed coupon paying terms.</p> <p>Eligible fixed income securities must achieve a minimum credit rating of A or above from the major rating agencies, in accordance with the Index methodology. Credit ratings for fixed income securities relate to a rating agency's assessment of the creditworthiness of a particular entity's (such as a corporation's) debt issue. A credit rating of investment grade indicates that the ratings agency's view an issuer as likely to meet payment obligations.</p> <p>The DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index then specifically identifies an initial universe of fixed income securities that are credit type securities issued by an entity (i) whose ultimate parent is domiciled in Australia, and (ii) which is listed or has issued a class of its securities that are quoted (or in the case of a fully guaranteed entity, the parent is listed or has issued a class of its securities that are quoted) on the ASX or any other Australian exchange which is a member of the World Federation of Exchanges. The fixed income securities must also have a principal amount outstanding greater than \$100 million to ensure sufficient liquidity and a term to maturity (TTM) of between a minimum of 1 year and approximately 4 years. A second universe is then derived to determine the 25th percentile issue size of the initial universe. Only securities greater than this 25th percentile remain. It is possible that only fixed income securities issued by the four largest issuers will be eligible for inclusion in the DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index.</p> <p>The fixed income securities are then equally weighted based on market value on the day of reconstitution. The DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index is reconstituted quarterly, with the above rules applied and equal weighting occurring on reconstitution. The weighting of the individual fixed income securities is likely to vary in between reconstitutions based on price movements.</p> <p>Coupons received from the constituents are to be reinvested back into the relevant security or securities.</p> <p>As at the date of this PDS, the DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index includes fixed income securities issued by the four largest banks in Australia and a non financial corporation. The underlying DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index constituents may change in the future in line with the Index methodology.</p> <p>More details about the characteristics of the DBIQ 0-4 year Investment Grade Australian Corporate Bond Index are available at: <a href="http://index.db.com">http://index.db.com</a>.</p>
<b>Performance</b>	<p>Performance information for the Fund is available on our website at <a href="http://russellinvestments.com.au/etfs">russellinvestments.com.au/etfs</a>.</p> <p>The return of capital or performance of the Fund is not guaranteed. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.</p>

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## 3. Benefits of using ETFs

### What are ETFs?

ETFs are quoted managed funds providing you with the opportunity to buy a diversified portfolio of assets in a single transaction.

### What are the benefits of ETFs in general?

#### Diversification

ETFs provide you with the ability to diversify your portfolio through holding a single security.

#### Liquidity and transparency

As a traded security, an ETF enables you to enter and exit your holding on the ASX. You can easily track performance and can even trade on the same day (subject to ASX rules).

#### Lower cost

Since ETFs are typically able to achieve lower operating costs, the management costs can be lower when compared to other forms of managed funds. However, brokerage or adviser fees may still apply when buying or selling an ETF.

#### Access

ETFs may also enable access to portfolios of underlying securities that are not readily accessible to non-institutional investors.

### What are the benefits specific to the Fund?

#### Targeted exposure

The Funds will predominantly invest in portfolios of different types of Australian fixed income securities, which may not generally be easily accessible to retail and small institutional investors.

#### Flexible approach

The availability of security based exposure ETFs enables investors a greater level of flexibility to customise their fixed income exposures to their own needs, including the level at which they wish to incorporate credit and interest rate risk in their portfolio construction. The flexible approach of term to maturity ranges also enables investors to more accurately tailor their duration exposure.

#### Equal weighting of fixed income securities

There are advantages associated with an equally weighted approach compared to market-cap weighted fixed income indexes. While market-cap fixed income benchmarks may create a closer reflection of the performance of that particular sector, they may not necessarily result in the optimum portfolio for an investor. A market-cap weighted fixed income portfolio will have its largest exposure to an issuer with the largest issuance of debt, whereas an equally weighted fixed income benchmark holds eligible fixed income securities at equal weight on reconstitution. This arguably provides more diversified exposure and can assist in spreading default risk more evenly amongst the portfolio.

#### Tradable and liquid

The Indexes have been specifically designed to be implemented and traded in an ETF structure. Therefore, each Index methodology includes specific rules to ensure that only the most liquid and tradable fixed income securities are included, which assists in providing a more efficient implementation of the Index.

## 4. AQUA rules

The Units in the Fund are admitted to trading status on the ASX under the AQUA Rules which form part of the ASX Operating Rules. The AQUA Rules have been designed to offer greater flexibility and are specifically designed for managed funds, ETFs and structured products. Units in the Fund are not listed on the ASX under the ASX Listing Rules.

As most investors are more familiar with the ASX Listing Rules, it is important to note the main differences between the AQUA Rules and the ASX Listing Rules which are set out below:

ASX LISTING RULES	ASX AQUA RULES
<b>Control</b>	
<p><b>Entities listed under the ASX Listing Rules:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>controls the value of its own securities and the business it runs;</li> <li>the value of those securities is directly influenced by the equity issuer's performance and conduct.</li> </ul> <p>e.g. the management and board generally control the fate of the business and, therefore, have direct influence over the share price.</p>	<p><b>Issuers of products quoted under the AQUA Rules:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>does not control the value of the assets underlying its products; but</li> <li>offers products that give investors exposure to the underlying assets – such as shares, indices, currencies or commodities.</li> </ul> <p>The value (price) of products quoted under the AQUA Rules is dependent upon the performance of the underlying assets rather than the financial performance of the issuer itself.</p> <p>e.g. An ETF does not control the value of the shares it invests in.</p>
<b>Continuous Disclosure</b>	
<p>Products under the ASX Listing Rules are subject to the continuous disclosure requirements under ASX Listing Rule 3.1 and section 674 of the Corporations Act 2001.</p>	<p>Issuers of products quoted under the AQUA Rules are not subject to the continuous disclosure requirements under ASX Listing Rule 3.1 and section 674 of the Corporations Act 2001 but must disclose information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the net tangible assets (NTA) or the NAV of the Fund;</li> <li>dividends, distributions and other disbursements; and</li> <li>any other information that is required to be disclosed to ASIC under section 675 of the Corporations Act 2001 must be disclosed to ASX via the ASX Market Announcements Platform at the same time it is disclosed to ASIC.</li> </ul> <p>The AQUA Rules require an issuer of a product quoted under the AQUA Rules to provide the ASX with information that the non-disclosure of which may lead to the establishment of a false market in its products or would materially affect the price of its products.</p>
<b>Corporate Control</b>	
<p>Requirements in the Corporations Act 2001 and the ASX Listing Rules in relation to matters such as takeover bids, share buy-backs, change of capital, new issuers, restricted securities, disclosure of directors' interests and substantial shareholdings apply to companies and schemes.</p>	<p>Certain requirements in the Corporations Act 2001 and the ASX Listing Rules in relation to matters such as takeover bids, buy-backs, change of capital, new issuers, restricted securities, disclosure of directors' interests and substantial shareholdings that apply to companies and listed schemes do not apply to products quoted under the AQUA Rules.</p> <p>Section 601FM of the Corporations Act 2001 continues to apply in relation to the removal of a responsible entity of a registered managed investment scheme by an extraordinary resolution of members.</p> <p>An extraordinary resolution is a resolution passed by a majority of the total votes that may be cast by members entitled to vote on the resolution.</p>

**ASX LISTING RULES****ASX AQUA RULES****Related party transactions**

Chapter 10 of the ASX Listing Rules, which relates to transactions between an entity and persons in a position to influence the entity, specifies controls over related party transactions.

Chapter 10 of the ASX Listing Rules does not apply to AQUA products.

However, because the Fund is a registered managed investment scheme, we are still required to comply with the related party requirements in Part 5C.7 and Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act 2001 relating to related party transactions.

**Auditor Rotation**

There are specific requirements in relation to auditor rotation under Part 2M.4 Division 5 of the Corporations Act 2001.

Issuers of products under the AQUA Rules are not subject to the requirements under Part 2M.4 Division 5 of the Corporations Act 2001.

Responsible entities of registered managed investment schemes will continue to be required to undertake an independent audit of its compliance with its scheme's compliance plan in accordance with section 601HG of the Corporations Act.

**Disclosure**

Entities admitted under the ASX Listing Rules are subject to the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the issue of a PDS.

Products quoted under the AQUA Rules will also be subject to the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

**Periodic Disclosure**

Issuers must disclose their half-yearly and annual financial information or their annual report to the ASX under Chapter 4 of the ASX Listing Rules.

AQUA product issuers are not required to disclose their half-yearly and annual financial information or annual report to the ASX. The Responsible Entity is required to lodge with ASIC and disclose to the ASX the Fund's financial reports (as required under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act 2001).

Source: ASX Rules Framework

## 5. How the Fund invests

### Investment Management

We will perform the investment management for the Fund. We may be assisted in this role by Russell Investments Implementation Services, LLC (a related company).

### Derivatives

The Fund may use derivatives to equitise cash holdings in order to achieve a desired investment position without buying or selling the underlying asset. Futures usage will generally be limited to a maximum of 5% of the Fund's value at any time. Derivatives will not be used speculatively or to leverage the Fund.

### Borrowings

It is not our intention to borrow money in relation to the Fund, other than to meet short-term liquidity requirements.

### ESG considerations

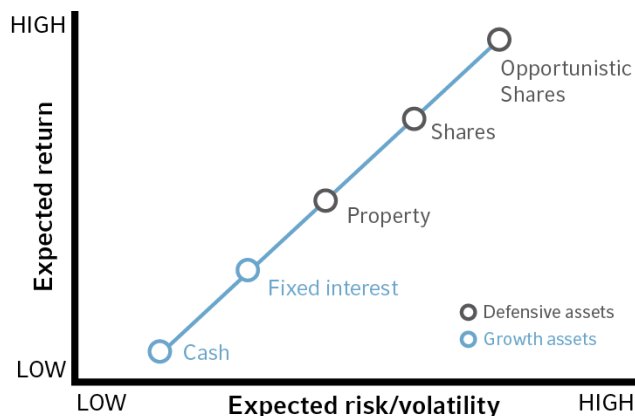
We do not take into account labour standards and/or environmental, social, governance or ethical considerations when making investment decisions.

## 6. The Risks of investing

### General risks

All investing involves risk. It is the trade-off for the return that investors seek. Generally, you only get higher expected return with higher risk.

Growth investments (such as shares and property) have relatively higher risk, and higher expected return, than defensive investments (such as fixed interest and cash). The relative risk of a Fund depends on its asset allocation to or between these groups of investments. The risk/return graph below indicates the relative position of each major asset class.



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Source: Russell Investment Management Ltd.

Note: The above risk/return graph indicates potential return volatility for different asset classes. Asset classes with higher volatility of returns are considered to have higher risk, but they are generally expected to produce a greater return over the long-term. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

As with most investing, it is not guaranteed that you will make money from investing in a Fund. The value of your investment can go up or down.

The risks may result in loss of income, loss of principal invested and possible delays in repayment. You could receive back less than you invested and there is no guarantee that you will receive any income.

The value of an investment in a Fund and the return on such investment will be influenced by many factors (including factors outside our control), such as market and economic conditions, government policy, political climate, interest rates, currency movements, inflation and the investment managers not performing to expectation.

In relation to the Funds, the significant risks you should be aware of are:

**Market risk:** The performance of a Fund will depend on the performance and market value of the assets held as a result of tracking the performance of the Index. If the assets held by a Fund reduce in value, so will the value of the Fund.

Investments in securities and other financial instruments and products that are subject to market forces, risk the permanent loss of capital as a result of adverse market developments, which can be unpredictable.

**Interest rate risk:** Where a Fund has a direct or indirect exposure to fixed income or interest earning investments, the Fund may be sensitive to movements in domestic and international interest rates. Generally, the value of fixed income securities will change inversely with changes in interest rates. As interest rates rise, the market value of fixed income securities tends to decrease. Conversely, as interest rates fall, the market value of fixed income securities tends to increase. The magnitude of these changes depends on the term to maturity of the security. In general, a security with a longer term to maturity is more affected by interest rate changes.

**Credit risk:** A Fund may be directly or indirectly exposed to credit risk. Credit risk refers to the issuer of a debt instrument, banks holding cash deposits or the counterparty to a derivatives contract failing to meet an obligation to pay periodic interest, to repay the principal sum at maturity or to otherwise honour its obligations.

**Inflation risk:** Inflation risk is generally associated with uncertainty around the future real value (after inflation) of an investment. Investors must be aware that while fixed income securities may deliver a nominal return when held to maturity, inflation may reduce the real return earned by investors.

**Counterparty risk:** A Fund may be directly or indirectly exposed to counterparty risk. Counterparty risk is the risk of loss due to counterparty default. Counterparties include option writers, brokers of exchange traded futures and options, clearing brokers for exchange traded futures and options and swap and structured deal counterparties.

**Concentration risk:** There is a risk that a Fund's underlying investments may be concentrated in a particular country, market, industry sector or asset class, which may result in a Fund being impacted by adverse events affecting a specific country, market, industry sector or asset class. For example, where a minimum credit rating is imposed as an eligibility criterion for inclusion in a Fund's Index, there is a risk that a Fund may need to liquidate all of the underlying holdings of a Fund should a simultaneous downgrade in credit ratings to below the minimum specified rating occur, thereby causing a potential capital loss.

**Liquidity risk:** A Fund may be directly or indirectly exposed to assets that have restricted or limited liquidity. This may result in delays in the settlement of withdrawals from a Fund due to its inability to liquidate these assets promptly. Furthermore, where a Fund is required to liquidate assets to settle withdrawals, there is a risk that liquidation may occur on unfavourable terms thereby potentially subjecting a Fund to losses. These risks will be amplified if there are substantial withdrawals during a concentrated period of time or if there is a downgrade of any fixed income security or securities held by a Fund. Under the terms of a Fund's constitution we may suspend the processing of redemptions in certain situations. Liquidity risk is partially mitigated through Index methodology as the Indexes have been specifically constructed with the intent of including highly liquid securities. For further information about Index construction please refer to pages 6, 7 and 8.

**Debt securities risk:** Where a Fund has a direct or indirect exposure to fixed interest securities, the Fund will be exposed to credit risk. Credit risk refers to the issuer of a debt instrument failing to meet an obligation to pay periodic interest or to repay the principal sum at maturity. In the case of fixed income securities which are of investment grade credit quality, the risk of default is considered to be lower than sub-investment grade securities. At the date of this PDS it is intended that the Funds will only invest in fixed income securities of investment grade quality. However, there is a risk that a Fund may hold non-investment grade bonds for a period of time as a result of any downgrading of fixed income securities already held by a Fund. In the event that a security ceases to hold an investment grade rating prior to the official Index reconstitution date, we may, where we believe it is in the best interests of a Fund, undertake the orderly liquidation of the position prior to any Index reconstitution.

Unrated or low grade debt securities are generally subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher-rated debt securities. Where a Fund has a direct or indirect exposure to fixed interest securities the Fund may also be directly or indirectly exposed to debt securities that rank junior to other outstanding securities and obligations of the issuer, and debt securities that are not protected by financial covenants or limitations on additional indebtedness.

**Sovereign risk:** Sovereign risk is the risk that the government of a country (or an agency backed by the government) will refuse to comply with the terms of a loan agreement during economically difficult or politically volatile times. Whilst sovereign nations do not generally become insolvent, they can assert their independence in any manner they choose and cannot be sued without their assent.

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**Investment grading risk:** There is a risk that information about the investment grading of debt securities provided by external rating agencies and included in this PDS may change, be withdrawn or suspended at any time. In addition, ratings are statements of opinion, not statements of fact or recommendations to buy, hold or sell any securities. Information included in this PDS with respect to ratings does not take into account your objectives, financial situation or needs.

**Reconstitution risk:** There is a risk that the liquidation of fixed income securities upon reconstitution of an Index may result in the crystallisation of a capital loss. This risk is of particular significance in instances where a debt security issuers' credit rating has been downgraded or interest rates and/or credit spreads have materially increased.

**Derivatives risk:** A Fund may be directly exposed to exchange traded futures. Derivatives usually derive their value from the value of a physical asset, interest rate, exchange rate or market index. They can be used to manage certain risks in investment portfolios.

However, they can also increase other risks in a portfolio or expose a portfolio to additional risks.

A risk, though not unique to derivatives, includes the possibility that a position may be difficult or costly to reverse or that there may be an adverse movement in the asset, interest rate, exchange rate or index underlying the derivative, as derivatives do not always perfectly or even highly correlate or track the value of the assets, rates or indices they are designed to track.

A derivative contract may involve leverage. That is, it may provide exposure to a potential gain or loss from a change in the level of the market price of a security, currency or basket index in a notional amount that exceeds the amount of cash or assets required to establish or maintain the derivatives contract. Consequently, an adverse change in the relevant price level can result in a loss of capital that is more exaggerated than what would have resulted from an investment that did not involve the use of leverage inherent in many derivatives contracts. Accordingly, derivative instruments can be highly volatile and expose investors to a high risk of loss.

**Settlement risk:** A Fund may be exposed to settlement risk as it is reliant on the operation of CHESS and Austraclear for unit creation and redemption. The operation of the CHESS and Austraclear platforms means that the issue of Units via CHESS proceeds independently of the transfer of the Creation Basket and residual cash payment via Austraclear. Therefore, there is a possibility that Units may be transferred to an Authorised Participant before it has complied with its obligation to deliver the Creation Basket and/or the residual cash payment. If an Authorised Participant fails to comply with its settlement obligations, this may adversely impact upon the Fund. The risk of Units being transferred prior to receipt of the Creation Basket and/or any cash amount is partly mitigated as Trading Participants using CHESS and Austraclear are subject to regulation, which includes sanctions if there is a failure to meet obligations. In addition, all transactions via CHESS and Austraclear will occur on a Delivery versus Payment (DvP) basis to further mitigate any settlement risk, unless otherwise agreed with the Authorised Participant,

Settlement risk with respect to the underlying securities may also be influenced by, amongst other things, market

practices (for example settlement and custody practices), and the creditworthiness of the parties a Fund is exposed to.

**Trading risk:** Each Fund is quoted under the AQUA Rules on the ASX and there is a risk that the ASX may, in certain circumstances, suspend trading, or even remove a Fund from quotation on the ASX. The underlying assets held by a Fund may also be suspended or delisted.

Under these circumstances, we may take measures, such as suspending the creation and redemption process or we may potentially terminate a Fund.

We will use best endeavours to meet all ASX requirements to ensure the Units in each Fund remain quoted, including putting in place compliance and monitoring procedures. However, there is no guarantee that these requirements will always be met.

Although Units in a Fund are quoted on the ASX, there can be no assurance that there will be a liquid market.

There is the risk that the issue price and redemption price applicable to a Unit may differ from the trading price of a Unit on the ASX. The trading price is dependent upon a number of factors, including demand for Units in a Fund. The risk is mitigated as the creation and redemption mechanism is designed to minimise the likelihood that the Units will trade on the ASX at a significantly different price to the issue price or redemption price.

**Market making risk:** Under the AQUA Rules, RIM has certain market making obligations in respect of each Fund. In order to facilitate an orderly and liquid market in each Fund, we have appointed market maker(s) to provide alternate liquidity. Whilst we monitor our market maker(s)' ability to maintain continuous liquidity to the market, there is no guarantee that these requirements will always be met, particularly if there is a failure by a market maker.

**Tracking risk:** It will not be always possible for a Fund to accurately track the performance of the Index and the actual underlying portfolio may differ to the Index. We aim to manage the portfolio in a manner consistent with the objectives of the relevant Fund, which includes appropriately managing any deviations that may arise between the portfolio and the underlying Index. No investment strategy, asset or financial instrument will guarantee automatic and continuous tracking of the performance of an Index. The performance of a Fund and its Index may vary due to fees, asset valuations and corporate actions. In such circumstances, the necessary actions will be taken to limit the impact of such deviations. In addition, a Fund may hold cash from time to time. While we will manage the risk through the use of instruments such as futures, there may be instances where a Fund may hold a larger than normal cash balance, until such time that we are able to invest that cash in line with the Index.

**Index risk:** Deutsche Bank is the provider of the Indexes. Deutsche Bank may alter, amend, terminate or change the Indexes subject to the terms of the Index license agreement. As such there is a risk that this may impact upon our ability to manage a Fund in accordance with its stated investment strategy, in which case we may change the Index for a Fund. In the event that a Fund or any Unitholder suffers a loss due to any error, omission, or interruption arising in relation to the Indexes, Deutsche

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Bank will not compensate a Fund or any Unitholder for such loss.

**Distributions risk:** There is no assurance that a Fund will pay a distribution. Each Fund is reliant on the receipt of coupons and income from its underlying holdings.

**Political risk:** A Fund's investments may be affected by uncertainties such as political developments or changes in government policies.

**Change in law:** There may be a change in law affecting the Funds (such as taxation) at any time which may affect your investment in a Fund.

**Fund risk:** As each of the Funds is a managed investment scheme, there are a number of risks. These include that a Fund may terminate under the terms of the constitution, the terms, fees and charges could change, the constitution could be amended and we could retire or be replaced as responsible entity.

**Operational risk:** Each Fund is subject to a number of operational risks including business interruptions arising through human error, technology or infrastructure failure, and possible external events beyond the reasonable control of Russell Investments such as strikes, industrial disputes, fires or other casualty, war, civil disturbance terrorist acts, governmental pre-emption in connection with an emergency of state and epidemics; additionally, a Fund may rely on a number of service providers to provide operational services. There is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems, or from external events. Adverse impacts may arise internally through human error, technology or infrastructure changes, or through external events, such as third-party failures or crisis events. Russell Investments has processes designed to manage these risks.

**Russell Investments risk:** Several members of Russell Investments provide services to the Funds. As discussed at page 24, these related parties are appointed subject to commercial terms. However, a change in the circumstances of Russell Investments (such as the sale of an entity) could have an adverse impact on the operation or performance of a Fund.

**An investment in any of the Funds, like any investment, is subject to risk. Before investing in any of the Funds, you should consider whether the investment is suitable for you and appropriate in light of your particular investment needs, objectives and financial circumstances. You are advised to take independent legal, tax and financial advice.**

## 7. Tax

The following summary of Australian taxation matters is a general guide in relation to the Australian taxation implications applicable to the Funds for Australian resident Unitholders (unless specified otherwise). It is intended as an outline of some of the Australian tax issues which may affect an investment in the Funds and should not be relied upon as a complete statement of all the potential tax considerations which may arise upon investing in the Funds.

The summary assumes that Unitholders will be either stockbrokers, who will acquire or dispose of Units by application or redemption, or other investors, who will acquire or dispose of Units by buying or selling them on the ASX AQUA market. In the case of stockbrokers, it is assumed that they act as a principal i.e., are authorised as trading participants under the ASX Operating Rules and, where required, have entered into an Authorised Participant Agreement.

It is assumed that stockbrokers hold their Units in the Funds as trading stock as part of a securities trading business, and that other Unitholders hold their Units on capital account.

The summary is based on the Australian tax laws as at the date of the PDS. The Australian tax laws are subject to continual change, and as the tax treatment applicable to Unitholders may differ, it is recommended that all Unitholders seek their own professional advice on the taxation implications before investing in the Funds.

Non-residents should seek specific advice from their tax advisers on the Australian tax implications of investing in the Funds.

### Taxation of the Fund

The tax position of the Funds and Unitholders will depend on whether the Fund qualifies as a Managed Investment Trust (MIT) and in turn, an Attributed Managed Investment Trust (AMIT) for the income year, as described below.

It is expected that each Fund will continue to qualify as a MIT and the Responsible Entity has made an election for each Fund to be treated as an AMIT. It is intended that each Fund be treated as 'flow through' for income tax purposes, where for each year of income, the Unitholders of the Fund are taxed on the taxable income of that Fund and not the Responsible Entity (RE).

If the Fund incurs a tax loss for an income year, the Fund cannot pass that loss to Unitholders. Instead, the Fund may carry the loss forward to offset taxable income of subsequent income years, subject to the Fund meeting certain conditions.

The Funds may attribute gains or income, arising on the sale of securities to meet a significant redemption, on a fair and reasonable basis to the redeeming Unitholder, as permitted by the AMIT regime. Furthermore, whereas decreases in the capital gains cost base of units may arise for trusts including MITs, cost base increases may also be available for units in AMITs.

Refer to 'Taxation of Australian Resident investors' below for more information.

If the Fund does not qualify or ceases to qualify as a MIT, and thereby as an AMIT, for a given income year, the tax position of the Fund and Unitholders may change for that year. If the Fund meets the eligibility requirements in a subsequent year, it may resume to being treated as a MIT or an AMIT as the case may be.

Even where the Fund does not qualify as an AMIT for a year of income, flow through tax treatment is intended to remain available, however certain features pertaining to MITs and AMITs will not apply (such as cost base increases described below under Taxation of Australian Resident investors).

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## Taxation of Australian Resident investors

### General

Australian Unitholders should not be taxed on the cash distributions they receive from the Fund but on the amount of income and capital gains of the Fund which has been attributed to them on a fair and reasonable basis. The tax character of income (e.g. interest, other income and revenue gains) will flow through the Fund to the Unitholder.

Based on the investment strategy of and the type of assets held by the Funds, gains derived by the Funds are likely to be treated as revenue gains and not as capital gains.

If Unitholders receive distributions of cash in excess of taxable components attributed to them, they may be required to reduce the cost base of their units. Should the cost base of a Unitholder's units be reduced below zero, the amounts in excess of the Unitholder's cost base are a capital gain that should be included in the Unitholder's calculation of their net capital gain or loss for the income year.

Conversely, if Unitholders are attributed taxable amounts from a distribution which they have not received in cash, Unitholders may be able to increase the cost base of their units in the Fund.

Unitholders will be provided with an Attribution Managed Investment Trust Member Annual (AMMA) statement each year setting out the amounts to which they have been attributed and any adjustments to be made to the cost base of their units.

As a result of the investment strategy of the Funds, it is not anticipated that the Funds will receive franked dividends. As such, no comments have been included on the treatment of franked dividends or franking credits in this document.

### Gains attributed by the Fund

It is expected that gains realised on the disposal of investments by the Funds will be treated as revenue gains and not as capital gains.

Each Fund may attribute gains to Unitholders on a fair and reasonable basis. In general, it is intended that realised gains (if any) arising from in-specie transfers of assets immediately prior to a redemption of Units will be attributed to the redeeming Unitholder (discussed below). Other gains will generally be attributed to Unitholders entitled to the final distribution on 30 June each year.

### Application for creation and redemption of Units by Authorised Participants (stockbrokers)

As the precise taxation implications will depend on each stockbroker's specific circumstances, it is recommended that stockbrokers seek their own independent professional taxation advice concerning the consequences of investing in the Funds. The comments below are general in nature only.

### In-specie applications

The consideration for an application for creation of Units will be made by an in-specie transfer of a specified basket of securities (the Creation Basket). The transfer will represent

a disposal of the securities by the stockbroker for an amount equal to the market value of the Units received, plus any negative, or minus any positive, purchase cash component (plus the transaction fee).

On the assumption that such Unitholders would hold the securities as trading stock in the course of their securities trading business, profits derived would generally be assessable as ordinary income and losses incurred would generally be allowable deductions. Specifically, the proceeds received on disposal of the Creation Basket (i.e. the value of the Units received plus or minus the purchase cash component) should be treated as assessable income and a deduction will effectively be allowed for the cost (or opening tax value) of the securities contributed.

The Units acquired should be treated as trading stock acquired for a cost equal to the value of the securities contributed plus any positive, or minus any negative, purchase cash component (plus the transaction fee).

### In-specie redemptions

In respect of a redemption of Units, the total proceeds received (or the Withdrawal Amount) will be made by way of an in-specie transfer of a specified basket of securities (the Redemption basket) plus any positive, or minus any negative, withdrawal cash component.

Where the Fund realises a net gain on the in-specie transfer of assets, the responsible entity may seek to allocate the net gain and other income amounts to the redeeming Unitholder.

The Withdrawal Amount may include a distribution of income (a 'Withdrawal Income Entitlement') to enable the allocation of income and gains to the redeeming Unitholder, and to reduce the disposal proceeds for the units redeemed.

Alternatively, under the AMIT regime, the responsible entity may attribute income and gains to the redeeming Unitholder on a fair and reasonable basis without declaring a part of the Withdrawal Amount to be a Withdrawal Income Entitlement, but advising a cost base increase of the units redeemed.

The final allocation of tax components will be advised to the Unitholder after 30 June, in the annual tax statement, once the final tax calculations for the Fund for that year have been completed.

### Acquisition and disposal of Units on the ASX AQUA market

For a Unitholder holding Units on capital account, the amount paid for the Units acquired on the ASX AQUA market (plus incidental acquisition costs) will be included in the capital gains cost base of the Units. The sale of Units on the ASX AQUA market, will give rise to a capital gains tax (CGT) event which may result in a capital gain or loss to the Unitholder. The capital gains discount concession may be available to individuals, trusts and complying superannuation entities where the Units have been held for at least 12 months. The capital gains discount is 50% for a resident individual or trust, and 33 1/3rd % for a unit holder that is a complying superannuation entity.

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Capital losses must be offset against gross discount capital gains before any CGT discount is applied.

## **Taxation of Financial Arrangements (TOFA) regime**

The TOFA rules may apply to 'financial arrangements' held by the Funds. In broad terms, in calculating the net (taxable) income of each Fund, returns on certain financial arrangements may be recognised on an accruals basis rather than a realisation basis, and on revenue account.

The Administrator will assist the responsible entity with compliance with the TOFA rules, as required by the tax legislation.

## **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) is US tax law that requires Foreign Financial Institutions (FFIs) to comply with a few additional compliance obligations to ensure that 30% FATCA withholding tax is not deducted from certain US sourced income.

### **Australian Inter-Governmental Agreement**

On 28 April 2014, an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) was signed between Australia and the US. The FATCA regime has been applicable in Australia since 1 July 2014.

Generally speaking, the Funds will fall within the definition of a FFI for FATCA purposes. Accordingly, the Responsible Entity may be required to request unitholders to provide additional information, and report annually to the ATO on US reportable accounts, to comply with its compliance obligations under the FATCA.

## **Common Reporting Standards (CRS)**

Australia has implemented the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) approach for the automatic exchange of information (the Common Reporting Standard or CRS) by 'financial institutions' (as defined for CRS purposes) on non-resident account holders or investors. The CRS is also known as 'global FATCA'.

The CRS applies to Australian financial institutions from 1 July 2017. Generally speaking, the Funds will fall within the definition of a 'financial institution' for CRS purposes.

Accordingly, the Responsible Entity may be required to request Unitholders to provide additional information, and report annually to the ATO on non-resident reportable accounts, to comply with its compliance obligations under the CRS.

## **Review of the taxation system**

The comments noted above are based on the taxation legislation and administrative practice as at the issue date of this PDS. However, it should be noted that the Australian

tax system is in a continuing state of reform, and based on the Government's reform agenda, reform is likely to escalate rather than diminish. Any reform of a tax system creates a degree of uncertainty, whether it be uncertainty as to the full extent of announced reforms, or uncertainty as to the meaning of new law that is enacted pending interpretation through the judicial process.

These reforms may impact on the tax position of the Funds and its investors. Accordingly, it will be necessary to closely monitor the progress of these reforms, and it is strongly recommended that investors seek their own professional advice, specific to their own circumstances, of the taxation implications of investing in the Funds.

## **Australian Taxation of Non-Resident Investors**

For non-resident Unitholders, deductions of Australian tax will be made from distributions (or attributions) from certain Australian-sourced income and gains. The amounts withheld will depend on the type of income and gains and the country of residence of the Unitholder.

Based on the Funds' investment profile, non-resident investors holding their units on capital account should not generally be subject to Australian capital gains tax on the disposal of Units in a Fund unless the units were capital assets held by the investor in carrying on a business through a permanent establishment in Australia. Australian tax may apply in certain circumstances if the non-resident holds their units on revenue account.

The responsible entity recommends that non-resident and temporary resident unit holders consult their tax adviser before investing so that they can consider their circumstances, the provisions of any relevant Double Taxation Agreement and /or Exchange of Information Agreement between Australia and their country of residence.

### **Tax File Numbers (TFN) and Australian Business Numbers (ABN)**

It is not compulsory for an Australian investor to quote their TFN or ABN. If an Australian investor is making this investment in the course of a business or enterprise carried on by the investor, the investor may quote an ABN instead of a TFN. Failure by an investor to quote an ABN or TFN or claim an exemption may cause the responsible entity to withhold tax at the top marginal rate plus the Medicare Levy on gross payments including distributions of income to the investor. The investor may be able to claim a credit in the investor's tax return for any TFN/ ABN tax withheld. By quoting their TFN or ABN, the investor authorises the responsible entity to apply it in respect of all the investor's investments with the responsible entity. If the investor does not want to quote their TFN or ABN for some investments, the responsible entity should be advised.



## 8. Fees and costs

### Did you know?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long term returns.

For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your account balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30 year period (for example, reduce it from \$100 000 to \$80 000).

You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.

You may be able to negotiate to pay lower fees. Ask the Fund or your financial adviser.

### To find out more

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Moneysmart website (<https://www.moneysmart.gov.au>) has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

The section shows fees and other costs you may be charged. This information can be used to compare between different managed investment schemes. These fees and costs can be paid directly from your account or may be deducted from your investment Taxes are set out in section 7 of this PDS.

You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment.

## Fees and costs summary

RUSSELL INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BOND ETF (RGB)  
 RUSSELL INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIAN SEMI-GOVERNMENT BOND ETF (RSM)  
 RUSSELL INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIAN SELECT CORPORATE BOND ETF (RCB)

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs<sup>2</sup></b>		
<b>Management fees and costs</b> <b>The fees and costs for managing your investment</b>	<u>Russell Investments Australian Government Bond ETF (RGB)</u> Estimated to be 0.24% of the NAV of the Fund comprised of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Management fee of 0.24% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund<sup>2</sup>;</li> <li>2. Estimated indirect costs of 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund</li> <li>3. Estimated expense recoveries of 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund</li> </ol>	1. The management fee is calculated and accrued daily in the unit price and paid monthly in arrears. The management fee for a month is paid on or after the first day of the following month. This fee is payable from the assets of the Fund. The amount of this fee can be negotiated.  2. Indirect costs are paid out of the Fund's assets.  3. Expense recoveries are paid out of the Fund's assets as and when incurred.
	<u>Russell Investments Australian Semi-Government Bond ETF (RSM)</u> Estimated to be 0.26% of the NAV of the Fund comprised of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Management fee of 0.26% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund<sup>2</sup>;</li> <li>2. Estimated indirect costs of 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund</li> <li>3. Estimated expense recoveries of 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund</li> </ol>	
	<u>Russell Investments Australian Select Corporate Bond ETF (RCB)</u> Estimated to be 0.28% of the NAV of the Fund comprised of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Management fee of 0.28% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund<sup>2</sup>;</li> <li>2. Estimated indirect costs of 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund</li> <li>3. Estimated expense recoveries of 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund</li> </ol>	
<b>Performance fees</b>	Nil	Not Applicable
<b>Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product</b>		

<b>Transaction costs</b>	<u>Russell Investments Australian Government Bond ETF (RGB)</u> Estimated to be 0.00% of the NAV of the Fund <sup>4</sup> <u>Russell Investments Australian Semi-Government Bond ETF (RSM)</u> Estimated to be 0.00% of the NAV of the Fund <sup>4</sup> <u>Russell Investments Australian Select Corporate Bond ETF (RCB)</u> Estimated to be 0.00% of the NAV of the Fund <sup>4</sup>	Transaction costs generally arise when the value of the assets of the Fund are affected by the day-to-day trading of the Fund and are paid out of the assets of the Fund as and when incurred.
<b>Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)<sup>3</sup></b>		
<b>Establishment fee: The fee to set up your investment</b>	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Contribution fee: The fee on each amount contributed to your investment</b>	Nil (if you are buying on an exchange) \$80 to \$100 (if you are an Authorised Participant creating Units)	Not applicable (if you are buying on an exchange) Payable by the Authorised Participant at the time of application. We may waive this fee in certain circumstances.
<b>Buy-sell spread: An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme</b>	Nil (if you are buying or selling on an exchange) 0.02% - 0.08% (if you are an Authorised Participant creating or redeeming a standard basket)	Not applicable (if you are buying or selling on an exchange) Payable by the Authorised Participant at the time of transaction. We may waive this fee in certain circumstances.
<b>Withdrawal fee: The fee on each amount you take out of your investment</b>	Nil (if you are selling on an exchange) \$80 - \$100 (if you are an Authorised Participant redeeming Units)	Not applicable (if you are selling on an exchange) Payable by the Authorised Participant at the time of redemption. We may waive this fee in certain circumstances.
<b>Exit fee: The fee to close your investment</b>	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Switching fee: The fee charged for changing investment options</b>	Nil	Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> See 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' below for further details on fees and costs that may be payable. Unless otherwise stated, the fees and costs shown are inclusive of GST and net of any applicable input tax credits and reduced input tax credits, and are shown without any other adjustment in relation to any tax deduction available to RIM.

<sup>2</sup> The amount of the management fee may be negotiated if you are a wholesale client pursuant to the Corporations Act. For further information refer to 'Different fees' in the 'Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs' section.

<sup>3</sup> All estimates of fees and costs in this section are based on information available as at the date of this PDS. All fees reflect RIM's reasonable estimates of the typical fees for the current financial year. All costs reflect the actual amount incurred for previous financial year and may include RIM's reasonable estimates where information was not available as at the date of this PDS or where RIM was unable to determine the exact amount. These costs can vary from period to period, and the actual costs incurred in future periods may differ from the numbers shown here. Please refer to the 'Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs' section below for more information on fees and costs that may be payable.

<sup>4</sup> The transaction costs disclosed in this section are shown net of any recovery received by the Fund from the buy/sell spread charged to Authorised Participants. Please refer to the 'Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs' section for further details.

## Example of annual fees and costs

This table gives an example of how the ongoing annual fees and costs in the Russell Investments Australian Government Bond ETF can affect your investment over a 1 year period. You should use this table to compare with other products offered by managed investment schemes.

EXAMPLE: RUSSELL INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BOND ETF (BALANCE OF \$50,000 WITH TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$5,000 DURING THE YEAR)		
<b>Contribution Fee</b>	Nil (if you are buying on an exchange)	If you are buying on an exchange, for every \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged \$0.
	\$80 (if you are an Authorised Participant creating Units)	If you are an Authorised Participant, for each transaction you will be charged \$80.
<b>PLUS Management fees and costs<sup>4,5</sup></b>	0.24% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund	And, for every \$50,000 you have in the Fund you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$120 each year.
<b>PLUS Performance fees</b>	Nil	And, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$0 in performance fees each year.

<sup>1</sup> The additional management fees and costs will be on a pro-rata basis and will vary depending on when you have made the additional investment during the year. This example is prescribed by the Corporations Act, assumes that the \$50,000 is invested for the entire year, the value of the investment is constant over the year and that the additional \$5,000 is invested on the last day of the year (and therefore, the management fees and costs are calculated using an investment balance of \$50,000 only). Please note this is an example only. In practice your actual investment balance will vary daily, and hence the actual management costs charged, will also vary daily.

<sup>2</sup> Additional fees may apply. Authorised Participants may incur a fixed contribution fee to create Units in the Fund. Such fixed contribution fees are not applicable to investors buying on exchange. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" for further information.

<sup>3</sup> Additional fees may apply. Please refer 'Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs' below for more information.

<sup>4</sup> All estimates of fees and costs in this section are based on information available as at the date of this PDS. All fees reflect RIM's reasonable estimates of the typical fees for the current financial year. All costs reflect the actual amount incurred for the previous financial year and may include RIM's reasonable estimates where information was not available as at the date of this PDS or where RIM was unable to determine the exact amount. Please refer to the 'Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs' section below for more information on fees and costs that may be payable.

<sup>5</sup> The amount of the management fee may be negotiated if you are a wholesale client pursuant to the Corporations Act. For further information refer to 'Different fees' in the 'Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs' section below.

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## 9. Additional explanation of Fees and Costs

The following information has been provided to help you understand the Fees and Costs section.

### Management fees and costs

Management fees and costs are made up of

- a management fee
- indirect costs; and
- expense recoveries.

The amounts are payable out of Fund assets and are reflected in the Fund's Unit price.

Management fees and costs do not include transaction costs and other costs that an investor would incur if the investor invested directly in the underlying assets. More information on transaction costs is set out below under the heading "Transaction Costs".

### Management fee

We charge a management fee which consists of an investment management fee for managing and operating the Fund. The management fee is calculated and accrued daily and is generally paid monthly in arrears from the Fund's assets. The management fee is GST inclusive. The management fee can be negotiated.

### Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are any amounts the Responsible Entity knows or reasonably ought to know, or where this is not the case, reasonably estimates has or will reduce, whether directly or indirectly, a Fund's returns or the amount or value of the income of, or assets attributable to the Fund other than the management fee and expense recoveries.

In particular, indirect costs include but are not limited to a reasonable estimate of the costs (if any) of investing in over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives used for investment exposure purposes.

Transaction costs of all OTC derivatives are set out below under the heading "Transaction costs".

The indirect costs component of the management fees and costs figure set out in the fees and costs summary is calculated on the basis of the actual amount incurred by the Fund for the previous financial year and RIM's reasonable estimate of such costs where information was not available as at the date of the PDS or where RIM was unable to determine the exact amount.

Indirect costs are reflected in the unit price of the Fund as and when incurred. Indirect costs are not an additional fee paid to RIM. Indirect costs may vary from year to year, including to the extent that they rely on estimates. This amount is not an indication or guarantee of the amount that may be charged in the future.

### Changes in fees and costs

We may change the fees and costs described in this PDS at any time, without your consent. We may decide in the future to recover expenses directly from the Fund in addition to the

management costs. Any increase in the Fund's fees and costs will be communicated to you at least thirty days before it occurs. All estimates of fees and costs in this section are based on information available as at the date of this PDS. These fees and costs are subject to change from time to time. Updated information that is not materially adverse to investors will be updated online at <https://russellinvestments.com.au/etfs> or you may obtain a paper copy of any updated information from us free of charge on request.

### Different fees

We may negotiate different fees with investors who are 'wholesale clients' under the Corporations Act 2001. Accordingly, we may waive or rebate some of our fees (or issue Units in the Fund) to these 'wholesale clients' so that they pay reduced fees but are ultimately at our discretion, subject to the Corporations Act 2001 and any relevant ASIC policies. This is generally because they invest large amounts of money in the Fund. We cannot enter into individual fee arrangements with other investors. Please contact us via the details specified in page 2 of this document if you require further details on negotiating fees.

### Commissions and other benefits received

Subject to the Corporations Act and relevant law, we, or members of Russell Investments, may receive commissions and other benefits (e.g. research) from brokers in respect of trades for the Fund. These benefits may flow to the Fund and to other funds managed by us. We instruct the investment managers of the Funds to trade only with brokers who will provide best execution, regardless of whether these trades are placed with brokers related to us or not.

### Transaction costs

In managing the investments of the Fund, transaction costs such as brokerage, settlement costs, clearing costs, government taxes and charges and bid/offer spreads may be incurred. Transaction costs of over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives may also be incurred by the Fund. Transaction costs are in addition to other costs you may incur as an investor in a Fund. The amount of transaction costs will vary from year to year depending on the type, size and frequency of transactions.

These costs may be incurred by investing directly in the underlying securities. Such costs arise whenever the Fund buys or sells assets to invest applications, fund withdrawals or to generally manage the Funds in accordance with its investment objective.

Where these costs arise as a result of a Creation or Redemption by an Authorised Participant, these costs will generally be covered by the inclusion of a buy/sell spread. Please refer to the 'Transaction fee for Authorised Participants' section below for further details.

Transaction costs are paid out of the Fund's assets as and when incurred and they are an additional cost of investing to

the investor where they have not already been recovered by the buy/sell spread and are not a fee paid to RIM.

The amount of transaction costs will vary from year to year depending on the type, size and frequency of transactions. This means that estimated and/or historical costs may not be an accurate indicator of the transaction costs an investor may pay in the future.

The estimated transaction costs disclosed in the fees and costs summary in the PDS are shown net of any amount recovered by the buy/sell spread charged to Authorised Participants by RIM and are calculated using the Fund's actual transaction costs incurred for the previous financial year and RIM's reasonable estimate of such costs where information was not available as at the date of the PDS or where RIM was unable to determine the exact amount.

FUND	ESTIMATED TOTAL GROSS TRANSACTION COSTS (% P.A.)	ESTIMATED COSTS RECOUPED THROUGH BUY/SELL SPREAD (% P.A.)	ESTIMATED NET TRANSACTION COSTS (% P.A.)
• <b>RGB</b>	• 0.00%	0.00%	<b>0.00%</b>
• <b>RSM</b>	• 0.00%	0.00%	<b>0.00%</b>
• <b>RCB</b>	• 0.00%	0.00%	<b>0.00%</b>

## Transaction fee for Authorised Participants

The transaction fee is payable with every application/redemption of Units. This fee represents the custody and administration costs associated with the in-specie nature of the transaction and is payable to the Fund.

The same transaction fee is applied to all applications and redemptions and is a separate flat dollar fee regardless of the size of the transaction.

The transaction fee is payable by the Authorised Participant on application and on redemption. In the case of an application for Units the transaction fee is payable in addition to the issue price and in the case of a redemption of Units, the transaction fee will be deducted from the redemption proceeds.

The transaction fee is GST inclusive.

## Buy/ sell spread

We may charge Authorised Participants a buy/ sell spread. The difference between the Unit price and the entry price is called the 'buy spread'. The difference between the Unit price and the exit price is called the 'sell spread'. The buy/sell spread covers our estimate of the transaction costs (such as brokerage and settlement costs) of buying or selling underlying assets when you invest or withdraw from the Fund. The buy/sell spread is an additional cost to you and will impact the return on your investment. The buy/sell spread is retained by the Fund, not by us.

We reserve the right to change the buy/sell spread for the Fund at any time without providing notice to you. For updated information visit

<https://russellinvestments.com/au/disclosures>.

## Stockbroker fees for all other investors

Non-Authorised Participants will incur customary brokerage fees and commissions associated with buying and selling Units on the ASX. This fee should be discussed with a stockbroker prior to investing.

## Related party payments

Members and affiliates of Russell Investments may receive fees on normal commercial terms for providing services to the Fund. In particular Russell Investments Implementation Services, LLC (RIIS) will receive fees and other amounts for assisting us with the investment management services in relation to the Fund. RIIS receives brokerage of up to 0.2% of the value of a trade for providing these services to the Funds. RIIS may also receive a management fee where it is appointed as an investment manager which is paid out of the Responsible Entity's management fee so it does not represent an additional cost to you. RIM engages an external company to provide comparative cost and best execution analysis on a regular basis, so as to ensure that the RIIS brokerage services are provided on an arm's length basis. As the abovementioned related party transactions occur on an arm's length basis, member approval is not required. We do not see any risks associated with these related party transactions other than normal arm's length business risks. The Responsible Entity has policies and procedures that govern related party transactions. Specifically, the compliance plan for the Fund contains a section covering related party transactions and the Responsible Entity also has a conflicts policy that is relevant to such transactions.

## Records of alternative forms of remuneration that is not conflicted remuneration

Subject to the Corporations Act and relevant law, occasionally, we may provide benefits of small value to Australian Financial Services Licensees and/or their representatives who recommend our funds to retail clients such as professional development, sponsorship and entertainment for financial advisers and dealer groups, where the law permits. The cost of any alternative remuneration will be paid out of our monies, so it does not represent any additional cost to you. We maintain records of these benefits as required by the Corporations Regulations. These records will be provided to you on request within one month and we may charge a reasonable cost for obtaining and giving the particulars to you.

## 10. Creating and Redeeming

### Creations and redemptions

Applications for and redemptions from the Fund must be made by an Authorised Participant. In addition, redemptions

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from the Fund can only be made by Authorised Participants who are Australian Residents.

Authorised Participants must complete the Application/Redemption Form attached to this PDS to acquire or redeem Units and send it to the Administrator by the 'cut off time'. Please refer to the Creation and Redemption Procedures for the details to be used when sending the Application/ Redemption Form to the Administrator.

In addition, Authorised Participants will need to enter into an Authorised Participant Agreement and will be required to comply with any additional requirements as set out in the agreement. For a copy, please contact Russell Investments Fund Operations [syd-fundoperations@russellinvestments.com](mailto:syd-fundoperations@russellinvestments.com).

Please note that we may, without giving any reason, refuse or accept all or part of an application for Units in our sole discretion.

Other investors looking to acquire or sell Units in the Fund may purchase or sell Units on the ASX.

## Minimum creation and redemption

Except in respect of a reinvestment, the minimum number of Units required for any creation or redemption of Units must be in whole multiples of Units as detailed in the Key Features section on page 3, where each whole multiple of Units represents one Creation or Redemption Unit.

## Creations

An Authorised Participant must apply to create a whole multiple of a Creation Unit by transferring to the relevant Fund a Creation Basket via Austraclear, either wholly or in cash; or with a cash amount (if applicable) representing any residual cash amount and any cash amount in lieu of any omitted securities in a non-standard Creation Basket, in return for which we will issue the Authorised Participant with a Creation Unit. The transfer of the Creation Unit from us to the Authorised Participant is through CHESS.

Under the constitution of each Fund, an Authorised Participant agrees to indemnify us for any liability arising out of a failure to pay for a Unit. For example, if the Authorised Participant fails to transfer all or part of the Creation Basket.

Units issued pursuant to an application for creation will be quoted under the AQUA Rules on the ASX with effect from the settlement of the issue of the relevant Units through CHESS. On a monthly basis we will announce to the ASX via the ASX Market Announcements Platform each Fund's total Units on issue. We are not required to hold application moneys prior to the issue of the Units, as the settlement of Units in the Fund occurs via CHESS.

## Redemptions

An Authorised Participant can only redeem a whole multiple of a redemption unit by transferring a redemption unit to us for cancellation. In return, we will issue a redemption basket through CHESS with a cash amount (if applicable) representing any residual cash amount and any cash amount in lieu of any non-standard redemption basket. The transfer of the redemption unit from the Authorised Participant is through CHESS.

In certain circumstances, we may be required or permitted by the Fund's constitution or by law to deduct or withhold amounts relating to tax and other amounts from the redemption proceeds that would otherwise be payable to a Unitholder. These amounts (if any) will be deducted from the cash amount that would otherwise be payable to the relevant Unitholder in respect of the redemption.

## Basket of securities

Prior to the opening of trade for each Business Day, the relevant Creation and Redemption Basket of securities is determined by us. This basket generally corresponds to the composition of the Index but may differ.

When a Creation or Redemption Basket is transferred via Austraclear, the corresponding Creation or Redemption Unit will be transferred via CHESS. Both these transactions will occur on a DVP basis, unless otherwise agreed with an Authorised Participant.

Each Fund's NAV and NAV per Unit together with the Fund's underlying holdings, will be published daily on our website at <https://russellinvestments.com.au/etfs>. This information may also be provided directly to Authorised Participants once it has been published on our website.

## Residual cash amount

The residual cash amount is a balancing amount to cover the difference between the value of the Creation or Redemption Basket of securities and the aggregate of the NAV per Unit to ensure there is no impact on existing Unitholders from applications for creations or redemptions.

The residual cash amount is calculated at the close of every Business Day.

## Processing creations and redemptions

Generally, applications for creations and redemptions are processed each Business Day. If the Administrator receives your completed Application for Creation/ Redemption Form by the 'cut off time' on a Business Day, the Administrator will generally process your creation or redemption (as the case may be) using the issue or redemption price calculated as at the close of trading on that Business Day.

**The 'cut off time' is 3.00pm on each Business Day (except in the case of non-standard baskets where it is 1:00pm on each Business Day).**

If your completed Application for Creation/ Redemption Form is received after the required 'cut off time', or on a non-Business Day, the Administrator will generally process your application for creation or redemption (as the case may be) using the issue price or redemption price calculated at the close of trading on the next Business Day after it has been received.

Settlement of Units in respect of applications for creations and redemptions generally occurs through CHESS on T+2 which is in line with the relevant ASX rules. Likewise, settlement of the corresponding basket of securities and any cash component in respect of applications for creations and redemptions generally occurs through Austraclear on T+2. Further terms are available in the Authorised Participant Agreement.

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## Issue price and redemption price

The issue price and redemption price is determined as at the close of trading for each Business Day.

The issue price and redemption price is calculated as the NAV of the Fund, divided by the number of Units of the Fund on issue (i.e. Fund's NAV per Unit).

Details of the daily NAV of the Fund and the Fund's NAV per Unit are available on Russell Investments' website at <https://www.russellinvestments.com.au/etfs>.

The redemption amount paid to a Unitholder on the redemption of Units from the Fund may include an entitlement to the distributable income of the Fund.

Assets are valued in accordance with our securities valuation policy, usually at the current market value.

You can contact us for a copy of our policies on exercising discretions when calculating Unit prices, including details of any discretions we may exercise in various circumstances, free of charge.

## Non-standard baskets

The Authorised Participant is responsible for notifying us of any non-standard baskets. Non-standard baskets include cash creations or redemptions; or a Creation or Redemption Basket which has an omitted security component which requires the Authorised Participant or a Fund (as the case may be) to deliver additional cash in lieu of the omitted securities.

Where an Authorised Participant applies for a Creation or Redemption Unit by way of non-standard basket, a buy/sell spread will be applied either to the portion which contains cash in lieu of any omitted securities, or to the entire portion for any cash Creation or Redemption.

The Authorised Participant must notify both the Administrator and RIM (simultaneously) of any non-standard baskets as soon as possible but in any event no later than 1:00 pm Sydney time. We must approve any non-standard baskets before any CHESS or Austraclear instruction can occur. Please refer to the Creation and Redemption Procedures for further details about how to provide notification of non-standard baskets.

## Your account balance

Your account balance changes as investments are made and as investment returns are added. Fees and taxes, as well as investment losses, reduce your account balance.

The Fund's NAV fluctuates in line with the market value of assets held in the Fund. Generally, if market values are going up, the Fund's NAV rises and if market values are declining, the Fund's NAV falls.

If the Fund's NAV increases relative to the original NAV at which you received your Units, you have made an investment gain and your account balance rises accordingly. If the Fund's NAV decreases, you've made an investment loss and your account balance will fall.

## Suspension of applications and redemptions

We may suspend applications for creations or redemptions in certain circumstances. This will generally occur around the end of a distribution period when we are calculating and paying the distributable income for the relevant period or where there are factors, as determined by us, which prevent the accurate calculation of Unit prices. However, we may suspend applications for creations or redemptions in other circumstances. We will advise you when such an event occurs.

Applications for creations or redemptions received by us during a period of suspension are deemed to be received on the first Business Day after cessation of the suspension.

## 'Liquid' for the purposes of the Corporations Act 2001

The redemption conditions described above assume that the Fund remains 'liquid' for the purposes of the Corporations Act 2001. If the Fund is 'liquid', we will redeem Units within 30 days of the date on which a redemption request is accepted by us or such longer period as permitted in the Fund's constitution. We are currently of the view that the Fund is 'liquid'.

Under the Corporations Act 2001, if the Fund is 'illiquid', we may offer Unitholders the opportunity to redeem from the Fund on a periodic basis, but we are not obliged to do so. Where no such offer is made, Unitholders have no right to redeem from the Fund.

## Transferring Units

Subject to the constitution of the Fund and ASX requirements, a Unit is usually transferable through the ASX. A Unit may also be transferred by any other method of transfer which is required or permitted by the Corporations Act 2001 and ASX.

## Fund income – when and how?

Any Fund income is usually distributed four times each year within 30 days after the end of March, June, September and December each year.

Your share of income will depend on how many Units you hold a Fund at the end of the distribution period. Importantly, the Funds have a mechanism in place to ensure a Fund's yield is not diluted by applications for creations and redemptions from a Fund. At the time of each Application for Creation or Redemption of Units in a Fund, a daily income yield is calculated by the Administrator and used to apportion any Application for Creation or Redemption between capital and income accounts so as to maintain the requisite income yield.

Fund income can be paid in cash directly to your nominated Australian bank account or you can choose to participate in the Distribution Reinvestment Plan (DRP). Details of the DRP are provided below.

Please note that whilst a Fund will generally distribute income as specified above, there is no guarantee that income will be available in each distribution period.

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Information in relation to Fund distributions will be disclosed to the ASX via the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

## Distribution Reinvestment Plan

A DRP is available to eligible Unitholders so distributions (if any) can be automatically reinvested into a Fund.

Partial reinvestment is available.

If you do not elect to participate in the Distribution Reinvestment Plan, any distributions will be automatically paid to you in cash.

Unitholders can participate in the DRP by registering directly with RIM's share registrar at <https://www.computershare.com.au/easyupdate/> and select the respective ETF or contacting them on 1800 RSL ETF (1800 775 383).

Participation is subject to terms outlined in the DRP rules available on <https://russellinvestments.com.au/etfs>.

## 11. Additional Information

### Our legal relationship with Unitholders

In our role as responsible entity, we are responsible for the operation of the Fund. The Fund's constitution provides the framework for the operation of the Fund, and together with this PDS and the Corporations Act 2001, sets out our relationship with Unitholders. A copy of the Fund's constitution is available free of charge on request. We may amend the constitution in accordance with the constitution and the Corporations Act 2001.

Some of the provisions in the Fund's constitution are discussed elsewhere in this PDS. Others relate to:

- how we must calculate Unit prices;
- our powers - which are very broad - and how and when we exercise them;
- our ability to refuse applications;
- calling, attending and voting at Unitholder meetings;
- when we are not liable to Unitholders;
- when we may retire as responsible entity; and
- when the Fund may terminate and what happens if the Fund terminates.

In our role as the responsible entity, we are not liable for any loss unless we fail to comply with our duties under the constitution and the Corporations Act 2001. A Unitholder's liability is limited by the constitution to the value of their Units but the courts are yet to determine the effectiveness of provisions like this.

### The Responsible Entity

Russell Investments Management Ltd (RIM) is the Responsible Entity for the Fund and is part of Russell Investments – a global investment solutions partner, dedicated to helping investors reach their long-term goals. Building on an 85-year legacy of continuous innovation to

deliver exceptional value to clients, our core capabilities extend across asset allocation, capital markets insights, factor exposures, manager research and portfolio implementation.

Russell Investments offers investment solutions in 32 countries, managing over A\$468 billion in assets (as of 31 December 2021). Headquartered in Seattle, Washington, Russell Investments has offices in 19 cities, including in New York, London, Tokyo and Shanghai. For more information about how Russell Investments helps to improve financial security for people, visit <https://russellinvestments.com/au>.

Russell Investment Management Ltd has sufficient financial resources to enable the operation of the Funds as outlined in this PDS.

Our responsibilities and obligations as responsible entity of the Funds are governed by the constitution for each Fund as well as the Corporations Act 2001 and general trust law.

Russell Investment Management Ltd holds an Australian Financial Services License and is a member of the Financial Services Council (FSC).

Under the Corporations Act 2001 the responsible entity may be changed with a resolution passed by at least 50% of the total votes that may be cast by Unitholders entitled to vote on the resolution.

### Unit classes

The Fund may offer different classes of units. Identical rights attach to all units within a class. However, the rights and obligations attaching to different classes of units may vary and are set out in the constitution and the relevant offer document. As at the date of this PDS, there is only one class of units that have the features described in this PDS.

### Compliance plan and compliance committee

Each Fund has a compliance plan which describes the means that we take to ensure compliance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the Fund's constitution. A Compliance Committee with a majority of independent members has been established by us to oversee compliance with the Fund's constitution and the Corporations Act 2001.

### Market maker

Under the AQUA Rules, we have certain obligations in respect of the Funds to facilitate an orderly and liquid market in each Fund.

A market maker will create and redeem Units as required to hold inventory of a security and provide buy and sell prices to the secondary market, while potentially hedging their underlying positions also.

Each day the basket of underlying securities for each Fund is provided, allowing the market maker to calculate the total value of a Fund. The market maker applies a buy and sell spread to the calculated value and publishes these prices on the exchange, continuously updating the prices throughout the Trading Day and trading as orders are submitted.



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We understand the importance of the role of the market maker and seek to appoint market makers that: have experience in making markets in both Australia and overseas; that have agreements with the ASX to act as a market maker; and that have the necessary skill and expertise to perform a market making function.

Information about the market maker(s) selected by us from time to time can be obtained by contacting us.

The arrangements with the market maker specify certain permitted circumstances where the market making obligations may be suspended. If a market maker defaults on its obligations, we may seek to replace the market maker, although the arrangements with the market maker may limit or exclude any liability on the part of the market maker. The arrangements with the market maker may also provide that the market maker has no liability or responsibility to Investors for any act or omission made in connection with the market making arrangements. Investors should be aware that a market maker will retain for its own account any trading profit and bear any loss which may be generated by its market making activities.

Subject to the AQUA Rules, we may replace a market maker appointed in respect of a Fund or appoint additional market makers.

## Related party contracts

We may enter into arrangements with related body corporates. In particular, Russell Investments Implementation Services, LLC will provide us with ongoing assistance with respect to Index replication for the Funds.

We will appoint any related party on an arm's length commercial basis and after considering the requirements of our conflicts of interest policy and our obligation to manage conflicts of interest under the Corporations Act 2001.

## Index Provider

We have entered into an Index license agreement to appoint Deutsche Bank as the Index Provider to each of the Funds. Deutsche Bank global indexes offers custom fixed income indexes.

Please refer to page 6, 7 and 8 for a full description of the Index.

The responsible entity of the Funds may substitute the Index for another index.

If the Index is changed, we will make an announcement to the ASX and take such steps as required by law.

Deutsche Bank has given and, as the date hereof, has not withdrawn its written consent to be named as Index Provider in the form and context in which it is named. Deutsche Bank has no involvement in the preparation of any part of this PDS other than being named as the Index Provider and do not accept any responsibility or liability for any information contained in the PDS.

## Custodian and administrator

We have appointed State Street Australia Limited as the Custodian and Administrator for the Funds. The Custodian

and Administrator will provide custodial and certain administrative services to the Funds, including holding the assets of the Funds. The Administrator provides administration services to the Funds. These services include fund accounting, maintenance of books and records, calculation of distribution amounts, calculation of the issue price and taxation and other services. The responsible entity may change the Custodian and Administrator at any time.

The Custodian and Administrator have not been involved in any way in the preparation of this PDS and is named only for information purposes.

State Street Australia Limited has given and, as at the date of this PDS, has not withdrawn its consent to be named as the Custodian and Administrator of the Funds in this PDS in the form and context in which it is named.

## Registrar

We have appointed Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited to maintain Unitholder records such as quantity of securities held, tax file number and details of participation in the DRP. The registrar can be contacted at:

### Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited

Yarra Falls  
452 Johnston Street  
Abbotsford Vic 3067  
Ph: 1800 RSL ETF (1800 775 383)  
Website: <https://www.computershare.com.au>

Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited has given and, as at the date hereof, has not withdrawn its written consent to be named as the Registrar in the form and context in which it is named. Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited has had no involvement in the preparation of any part of this PDS other than being named as the Registrar for the Fund. Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited has not authorised or caused the issue of, and expressly disclaims and takes no responsibility for, any part of this PDS.

## Auditors

The Funds and the compliance plan for the Funds are required to be audited annually. We have appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditor of the Funds and of the compliance plan.

PricewaterhouseCoopers has given and, as at the date of this PDS, has not withdrawn its consent to be named as the auditor of the Funds in this PDS in the form and context in which it is named.

## Annual Report

Under the Corporations Act 2001 we are required to provide or make available to you a copy of the annual financial report, the annual directors' report and the auditor's report on the annual financial report ('Annual Report') for the Fund unless you have elected not to receive them. The Annual Report is published on the website at <https://russellinvestments.com.au/etfs>.

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## Interest

In circumstances where the Fund holds cash after the receipt of application monies any interest earned on these amounts will be retained for the benefit of all the members of the Fund. In addition, the Fund may hold cash pending the payment of redemption proceeds and any interest earned on these amounts will be retained for the benefit of all members of the Fund. The registrar may also hold cash immediately pending the payment of a distribution. Any interest earned on such will be retained by the registrar to offset expenses incurred in relation to the Fund.

## Investor identification and verification

In making an application for creation of Units under this PDS applicants must provide and we must verify specified proofs of identity before processing an application. Refer to the Client ID Form for further details of the information and identification that is required, which can be obtained by contacting Russell Investments Fund Operations.

The protection of your investments is an important matter. We have investor identification and verification procedures (ID Procedures) in place to manage risks associated with fraud and unauthorised transactions. At times these procedures may cause inconvenience or delay to you. Please remember that the procedures are applied to safeguard your investments.

In addition, under Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (AML/CTF) legislation, we are required to establish and enforce appropriate risk control programs with accompanying ID Procedures and transaction monitoring procedures. The procedures require applicants to provide satisfactory proof of identity which must be verified before an application for creation of Units can be accepted. The ID Procedures may also require us, from time to time, to re-verify that information or request additional identification or related information from you, before we can process a requested transaction on your behalf.

We do not accept any liability for any loss you may incur (whether by delay in acceptance of an application, transaction processing or otherwise), arising from the application of our ID Procedures.

## Complaints

If you make a complaint, we will acknowledge your complaint as soon as practicable after we receive it. We will assess your complaint and inform you of the outcome within 30 days of receiving your complaint. If you have any complaints, please contact us:

### The Complaints Manager

Russell Investment Management Ltd

GPO Box 3279

SYDNEY NSW 2001, Australia

Email: [disputeresolution@russellinvestments.com](mailto:disputeresolution@russellinvestments.com)

Fax number: 1300 768 040 (in Australia)

+612 9229 5116 (outside Australia)

Phone number: (02) 9229 5111 (in Australia)

+612 9229 5111 (outside Australia)

We are also a member of an external dispute resolution scheme. If an issue has not been resolved to your satisfaction, you can lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority ("AFCA"). AFCA provides fair and independent financial services complaint resolution that is free to consumers.

Website: <http://www.afca.org.au>

Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)

Telephone: 1800 931 678 (free call)

In writing to: Australian Financial Complaints Authority,  
GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001, Australia

## Your privacy

The way that we collect, use, disclose, keep secure and give people access to their personal information is regulated by the Privacy Act 1988. Our Privacy Policy states how we manage personal information and includes details about:

- how we use personal information (for example, we may share it with related companies and external service providers, or use it to tell you about other products and services that we offer – but you can elect to step receiving such information at any time);
- how we store and maintain personal information;
- how you can access or correct your personal information; and
- how you can make a complaint to us about a breach of the Privacy Act 1988.

You do not need to give us any of the personal information requested in the Application Form or any other document or communication relating to the products or services that we supply to you. However, without this information, we may not be able to process your application or provide you with an appropriate level of service.

By completing the Application for Creation/ Redemption Form accompanying the PDS, you agree to us collecting, holding and using personal information about you, in the way set out in our Privacy Policy, to process your application, and administer and manage the products and services we provide to you. This includes monitoring, auditing and evaluating the products and services, modelling data, data testing, communicating with you and dealing with any complaints or enquiries.

You also agree to us disclosing your personal information to other Russell Investments companies as well as our external service providers, which provide services in connection with our products and services.

We may also disclose your personal information:

- if, acting in good faith, we believe that the law requires or permits us to do so;
- if you consent; or
- to any party proposing to acquire an interest in our business.

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For full details on how we manage personal information, a copy of our Privacy Policy can be obtained on our website at <https://russellinvestments.com.au> or by contacting us.

If you wish to update or request access to your information or if you have any queries regarding our Privacy Policy, please contact us at:

**The Privacy Officer**

Russell Investments  
GPO Box 3279  
SYDNEY NSW 2001  
Email: [aus-compliance@russellinvestments.com](mailto:aus-compliance@russellinvestments.com)  
Phone: 02 9229 5111

## What you need to remember

This PDS contains general information only. It has not been prepared having regard to your investment objectives, financial situation or specific needs. Before making a decision to invest in the Fund, you need to consider whether the Fund is appropriate to your objectives, financial situation and needs. We encourage you to obtain financial advice before making an investment decision.

As with most investing, it is not guaranteed that you will make money from investing in the Fund. The value of your investment can go up or down and you could get back less than you invested. Please note that neither we nor any other member of Russell Investments guarantees the repayment of your capital or the performance of the Fund. We recommend that you satisfy yourself with respect to the risks associated with an investment in the Fund. Please refer to page 11 for a more detailed description of those risks.

## Updated information

Information in this PDS is subject to change. Where information in this PDS changes which is not materially adverse to a Unitholder, we may update this information by publishing the changes on our website: <https://russellinvestments.com.au>. You can contact us if you would like a paper copy of this information, free of charge. We may also be required to issue a supplementary PDS as a result of certain changes. Certain other changes will be deemed to be incorporated into this PDS by reference.

Electronic or paper copies of this PDS can be obtained free of charge from us.

As responsible entity of the Fund, we are subject to continuous disclosure obligations that require us to make material information available. We will comply with our continuous disclosure obligations under the law by publishing material information about the Fund on our website in accordance with ASIC's good practice guidance for website disclosure. You can obtain a copy of the Fund's continuous disclosure information by visiting our website <https://russellinvestments.com.au>. We encourage you to regularly check our website for new information that may be relevant to your investment. Copies of documents lodged with ASIC in relation to the Fund may be obtained from, or inspected at, an ASIC office. A paper copy of this information will also be given to you, on request, without

charge. A paper copy of this information will also be given to you, on request, without charge.

## ASIC Relief

The Funds have been granted the ASIC relief described. References to 'the Fund' in this section refer to each ETF Fund described in this PDS.

## Equal Treatment Relief

ASIC has granted relief under section 601QA(1) of the Corporations Act 2001 from the equal treatment requirement in section 601FC(1), to the extent necessary to permit the payment of net redemption proceeds and the redemption requirements and procedures for Units as described in this PDS.

## PDS and Issue of Securities Requirements

ASIC has granted relief under section 1020F (1)(c) of the Corporations Act 2001 from sections 1013H and 1016D, to reflect the continuous offering of Units in the Fund. For the purposes of this relief Units issued pursuant to an application will be quoted under the AQUA Rules on the ASX with effect from the settlement of the issue of the relevant Units through CHESS and on a monthly basis we will announce to the ASX via the ASX Market Announcements Platform the Fund's total Units on issue within 5 Business Days after the month end. As the settlement of the issue of the relevant Units will be made through CHESS, we will not be required to hold application moneys prior to the issue of Units.

## Ongoing Disclosure Relief

ASIC has granted relief under section 1020F(1) (a) of the Corporations Act 2001 from the ongoing disclosure requirements in section 1017B on condition that we comply with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 as if the Fund were an unlisted disclosing entity.

## Class Based Pricing Relief

ASIC has granted relief under section 601QA(1) (b) of the Corporations Act 2001 from sections 601GAB and 601GAC which are notionally inserted by ASIC Class Order [CO 05/26] as the terms of a Fund's constitution permit Russell Investments, as responsible entity of each of the Funds to issue Units of each of the Funds in different classes.

## Class Order Relief - Periodic Statements

ASIC has granted relief under Class Order 13/1200 which exempts RIM from certain periodic statement requirements. In particular, we are not required to include in periodic statements purchase or sale price information or return on investment information where RIM is unable to determine such information and the periodic statement explains why this information is not included and describes how it can be obtained or calculated. In addition, Class Order 13/1200 requires us to report in the periodic statement whether the Fund has met its investment objective over the last one year and five year periods.

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## Terms used in this PDS

'**Administrator**' refers to State Street Australia Limited.

'**Application for Creation/Redemption Form**' refers to the application/redemption form attached to this PDS.

'**AQUA Rules**' refers to the ASX Operating Rules that apply to AQUA products and AQUA trading.

'**ASIC**' refers to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

'**ASX**' refers to the Australian Securities Exchange Ltd.

'**ASX Listing Rules**' refers to the listing rules of the ASX as amended, varied or waived from time to time.

'**ASX Operating Rules**' refers to the operating rules of the ASX as amended, varied or waived from time to time.

'**Austraclear**' refers to the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of Debt Securities in Australia.

'**Australian Resident**' means a person who is an Australian resident for tax purposes.

'**Authorised Participant**' refers to persons who have entered into a relevant Authorised Participant Agreement with RIM.

'**Authorised Participant Agreement**' refers to an agreement between us and an Authorised Participant governing the application for creation and redemption of Units in the Fund.

'**Business Day**' has the same meaning as in the ASX Operating Rules.

'**CHESS**' refers to Clearing House Electronic Sub-register System.

'**creation/redemption basket**' means a portfolio of securities determined by us.

'**creation/redemption unit**' means 20,000 Units in respect of the Russell Investments Australian Government Bond ETF and the Russell Investments Australian Semi-Government Bond ETF or 75,000 Units in respect of the Russell Investments Australian Select Corporate Bond ETF.

'**Custodian**' refers to State Street Australia Limited.

'**Deutsche Bank**' refers to Deutsche Bank AG.

'**ETF**' refers to an exchange traded fund.

'**Fund**' refers to any of the registered managed investment schemes offered in this PDS, collectively referred to as the 'Funds'.

'**Index**' or '**Indexes**' refers to the indexes provided by Deutsche Bank as described in this PDS.

'**NAV**' refers to the net asset value of the Fund.

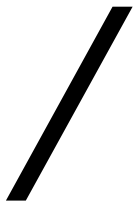
'**PDS**' means this product disclosure statement as amended or supplemented from time to time.

'**Russell Investments**' is a global financial services organisation with headquarters in Seattle, USA.

'**Unit**' refers to units in the Fund as described in this PDS.

'**Unitholder**' refers to a person holding Units in the Fund.

'**we**', '**our**', '**us**' or '**RIM**' means Russell Investment Management Ltd ABN 53 068 338 974, AFS Licence Number 247 185, the responsible entity of the Fund.



# Application for Creation/Redemption Form



Russell Investments Australian Bond ETFs

Please complete the relevant sections in BLOCK LETTERS.

## Investor details

Investor Name/s:

Investor Address:

Postcode:  Contact Number:

Note: You need to firstly contact Russell Investments Fund Operations for instructions on how to invest and to obtain a copy of the Client ID Form. You will also need to complete the forms required by RIM for client identification and verification procedures (this includes proof of investor ID requirements). This form is issued with the Product Disclosure Statement for the Russell Investments Australian Bond ETFs dated 23 March 2022 (PDS). Please refer to the Creation and Redemption Procedures for details to use when sending the Application for Creation/Redemption Form.

## Number of Creation/Redemption Units applied/redeemed

The Investor applies to Russell Investment Management Ltd. ABN 53 068 338 974, AFS Licence Number 247 185 as responsible entity for the Russell Investments Australian Bond ETFs for the issue/redemption of the number of Creation/Redemption Units specified (whole multiples of 20,000 Units for RGB and RSM and 75,000 Units for RCB only).

ETF	ASX CODE	NUMBER OF CREATION UNITS	NUMBER OF REDEMPTION UNITS
Russell Investments Australian Government Bond ETF ARSN 154 587 710	RGB		
Russell Investments Australian Semi-Government Bond ETF ARSN 154 588 048	RSM		
Russell Investments Australian Select Corporate Bond ETF ARSN 154 588 477	RCB		

## Non-standard baskets

RESTRICTED/OMITTED SECURITIES	ISIN	QUANTITY

The Authorised Participant is responsible for notifying us regarding 'non-standard-baskets'. Non standard baskets include a Creation or Redemption Basket which has a restricted or omitted security component and which requires the Authorised Participant or the Fund (as the case may be) to deliver cash in lieu of omitted securities. For further information on notification of non-standard baskets please refer to the Creation and Redemption Procedures.

- Cash creation/redemption
- In-specie creation/redemption

## Declaration

I/We:

- confirm that I/we have received the PDS (in electronic or hard copy version) and I/we are completing the form attached to that PDS;
- confirm that I/we have read the PDS to which this form relates, including the 'The Risks of Investing' section;
- acknowledge that all information provided on this form is true and correct;
- acknowledge that I/we have obtained independent advice;
- agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of PDS and the Fund's constitution, as amended from time to time;
- acknowledge that the repayment of investment capital and the payment of any income is not guaranteed;
- consent to the use of my/our personal information in accordance with the 'Your privacy' section of the PDS;
- in respect of an application, agree to execute an Authorised Participant Agreement;
- in respect to an application, confirm that I/we are authorised as trading participants under the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) Operating Rules and are acting as principal;
- acknowledge that I/we are an Australian Resident for tax purposes as defined in the constitution as at the date of this form;
- acknowledge that the law prohibits a person from giving another person this form (either electronically or otherwise) without also giving them a copy of the PDS. Paper copies of the PDS are available free of charge;
- confirm that I/we have notified State Street Australia Limited and RIM of any non-standard baskets by completing the section above on the Application/Redemption Form under the section 'Non-standard baskets'; and
- confirm that I/we accept all documentation and notices relating to the Fund in electronic form.

This form must be signed by the applicant. If signed under power of attorney, the attorney verifies that no notice of revocation of power has been received. A certified copy of the power of attorney must be forwarded with the form. Corporate applications must be signed in accordance with the corporation's constitution and the Corporations Act 2001.

Signature of Authorised Signing Officer

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Printed Name

Signature of Authorised Signing Officer

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Printed Name