

Russell Investments Global Low Carbon Equity Fund



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Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation Information

Article 8 Financial product promoting environmental and/or social characteristic(s)

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Fund description

The characteristics promoted by the Russell Investments Global Low Carbon Equity Fund (the "Fund") are:

- (ii) reduced carbon exposure;
- (iii) a higher Green Energy Ratio; and
- (iv) improved Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") characteristics, relative to the MSCI World Index (the "Index").

Investment strategy

The Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets in equities and equity related securities contained in the Index. The Investment Manager will then apply an active systematic optimisation strategy to identify companies within the Index which will allow the Fund to:

1. Reduce exposure to carbon-intensive activities or companies which have a significant carbon footprint and/or carbon reserves compared to the Index.
2. Deliver a higher Green Energy Ratio than the Index.
3. Achieve a higher ESG Score than the Index.

Index

You can find information about the Index [here](#). The Index is a broad market index and it does not focus on the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

Data

Data will be sourced from independent vendors as well as publicly available information which may include company reports. Carbon Data (i.e. WACI) is currently sourced from MSCI ESG Research Inc and ESG Risk Scores are sourced from Sustainalytics.



Implementation and methodologies

Carbon exposure

The Fund will not invest in any company in the Index that makes more than 10% of its revenue from coal power generation or thermal coal production.

The Investment Manager calculates a carbon score using Carbon Footprint and Carbon Reserves data to evaluate the carbon exposure of a company in the Index. Based on this evaluation, the Fund will seek to reduce exposure to companies that have a high Carbon Footprint or Carbon Reserves.

The Fund will aim to have 50% less carbon exposure but will be at least 20% better than the Index using the Carbon Footprint and Carbon Reserve of the Fund as a percentage relative to the Carbon Footprint and Carbon Reserve of the Index.

"Carbon Footprint" means Carbon Emissions in metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂-e), divided by company revenue (USD).

"Carbon Emissions" means: (i) Scope 1 (direct emissions): activities owned or controlled by an organisation that release carbon emissions straight into the atmosphere; and (ii) Scope 2 (energy consumption): carbon emissions released into the atmosphere associated with consumption of purchased electricity, heat, steam and cooling. These are a consequence of a company's activity that occur at sources the company does not own or control.

Green Energy Ratio

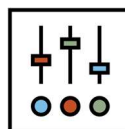
The "Green Energy Ratio" is calculated using the percentage of total energy produced from renewal energy sources (taking into account green, brown and grey power generation) divided by total power generated. The Investment Manager uses the Green Energy Ratio to identify and invest in a higher proportion of companies that produce greener energy whilst maintaining a similar level of risk with the Index.

ESG characteristics

The Investment Manager will evaluate quantitative and qualitative information on ESG topics including employee turnover rate, human capital development, carbon intensity, board diversity, involvement in incidents and controversies (“ESG Data”).

The Sustainability Accounting Standard Board industry-level materiality map (“SASB Materiality Map”) will be used to determine the ‘materiality’ of the ESG Data. The SASB Materiality Map identifies sustainability issues that are likely to affect the financial condition or operating performance of companies within an industry under the following dimensions: (i) environment; (ii) social capital; (iii) human capital; (iv) business model and innovation; and (v) leadership and governance.

The Investment Manager will align the SASB Materiality Map with ESG Data to determine materiality taking into account how well a company proactively manages ESG issues that are most material to its business to give each company in the Index a proprietary score out of 10 (“ESG Score”). The Investment Manager will further use ESG Scores to identify and select companies that will improve the ESG characteristics of the Fund relative to the Index.



Sustainability indicators

The indicators used are:

- Carbon Footprint and Carbon Reserves percentage exposure at least 20% better than the Index
- Higher Green Energy Ratio than the Index
- Higher ESG Score than the Index



Achievement of environmental and/or social characteristic(s)

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