

# Russell Investments Unconstrained Bond Fund



## Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation Information

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

This document provides you with the information required under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. It is not marketing material. This information is required by law to help you understand the environmental and/or social characteristics this product promotes. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

#### ESG Characteristics

The characteristic promoted by the product is a reduction in carbon emissions intensity.

#### ESG Investment strategy

The product will invest at least 70% of its assets worldwide in bonds and debt instruments, including mortgage and asset backed securities (a financial security backed by loans, leases and other assets) or by gaining indirect exposure to these securities using financial derivatives (complex financial instruments). In selecting these investments, the Investment Manager will exclude companies with significant involvement in coal-related activities (>10% of revenue derived from mining thermal coal or power generation from coal).

#### Index

You can find information about the ICE Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index by contacting Russell Investments. The Index is a broad market high yield index and it does not focus on the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the product.

#### Data

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



### Implementation and methodologies

#### Carbon exposure

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

Within the Corporate Debt portion, the product will have a lower aggregate Carbon Footprint compared to the Carbon Footprint of the ICE Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index (which represents the Corporate Debt portion of the Fund).

“Carbon Footprint” means Carbon Emissions in metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>-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.

“Corporate Debt” means investment grade corporate debt and high yield corporate debt.

#### Good Governance

The Investment Manager will invest in companies that follow good governance practices by international standards.

The Investment Manager utilizes data from a reputable third-party service provider to identify corporations which are aligned to the United Nations Global Compact Principles (“UNGC Principles”) and therefore deemed to meet international standards for good governance. In limited circumstances, the Investment Manager may invest in companies not currently aligned with the UNGC Principles. Such investment is allowed where, following engagement with and a holistic review of the company by the investment

manager, it considers that the company exhibits good governance practices.



## Sustainability indicators

### The indicators used are:

- Lower aggregate Carbon Footprint within the Corporate Debt portion of the product compared to the Carbon Footprint of the ICE Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index.



## Achievement of environmental and/or social characteristic(s)

The information will be provided in accordance with the timelines required by the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.

## For more information

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The net assets of the fund are likely to have high volatility. Russell Investments may trade a portion of the Fund's assets based on a model portfolio provided by the investment advisor. By employing this emulated portfolio approach, the Fund leverages off the implementation capabilities of Russell Investments in order to manage the funds in an efficient manner.

ESG factors should not outweigh the extent to which the investment strategy integrates sustainability-related characteristics or objectives.

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