

Russell Investments NZ Fixed Interest Fund



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Fund Facts

Inception date

14 February 2013

Benchmark

Bloomberg NZ Bond Composite 0+ Yr Index

Currency

NZD

Total Annual Fund Charges incl. GST

0.49%

Management Fees

0.40%

Estimated Administration Fee

0.09%

Dealing Frequency; Cut Off

Daily, 11am NZT

Dividend Reinvestment Available

Yes

Fund Objective

To provide a total return, before costs and tax, higher than the Bloomberg NZ Bond Composite 0+ Yr Index over the long term (3 years plus).

Fund Update

The Fund's exposure to inflation-indexed bonds contributed positively to performance as inflation break evens rose over the period. Security selection also added value, including overweights to Wellington International Airport and Toyota Finance. Partly offsetting these positions was an overweight to New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency. Credit positioning added further, albeit modest value in April; notably an overweight to corporate bonds. In contrast, duration positioning detracted from overall performance. Both Harbour Asset Management and Western Asset Management maintained long duration exposures throughout the month; positioning that was impacted by the sharp rise in government bond yields we saw over the period.

Performance Review (%)

Period Ending 30/04/2024	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since Inception %p.a.
Gross Fund Performance	-0.98	-0.03	2.56	-1.15	0.51	3.07
Net Fund Performance	-1.02	-0.15	2.06	-1.68	-0.12	2.35
Benchmark Return	-1.03	-0.18	1.90	-1.88	-0.16	2.44
Excess Fund Performance (Gross)	0.05	0.15	0.66	0.73	0.67	0.63

Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Period Ending 30/04/24	30/04/19 30/04/20	30/04/20 30/04/21	30/04/21 30/04/22	30/04/22 30/04/23	30/04/23 30/04/24
Gross Fund Performance	6.71	-0.48	-7.99	2.35	2.56
Net Fund Performance	5.91	-1.23	-8.58	1.85	2.06
Benchmark Return	7.50	-2.35	-8.73	1.59	1.90

As at 28 Jun 19 the benchmark changed to the Bloomberg NZ Bond composite index. From December 2014 through to June 2019 the benchmark was 75:25 weighted average of the S&P/NZX NZ Government Stock Index and S&P/NZX A-Grade Corporate Index. Prior to December 2014 the benchmark was the S&P/NZX NZ Government Stock Index.

Net fund performance shown is net of fees and charges. Assumes reinvestment of income.

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark	3 Years	Fund	Benchmark
Yield to Maturity	4.98%	5.19%	Volatility	5.01%	4.94%
Modified Duration	4.96	4.46	Tracking Error	0.33%	-
Average Quality\Rating	AA	AAA	Sharpe Ratio	-0.67	-
Number of Issuers	65	12	Information Ratio	2.20	-

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Top Ten Issuers (%)

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
New Zealand Government Bond	37.32	66.36
Housing New Zealand Ltd	4.78	2.55
New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency Bond	4.48	5.79
New Zealand Government Inflation Linked Bond	3.98	0.00
Bank Of New Zealand	3.70	0.00
Kiwibank Ltd	2.35	0.00
Spark Finance Ltd	2.01	0.00
Westpac New Zealand Ltd	2.01	0.00
Dunedin City Treasury Ltd	1.95	0.00
Asian Development Bank	1.92	0.44

Credit Ratings (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
AAA	65.88	88.99
A	16.39	6.99
AA	9.06	1.54
BBB	5.19	2.33
Unrated	3.48	0.15
BB	0.00	0.00
B	0.00	0.00
CCC & Below	0.00	0.00

Cash/Cash equivalents classified as AA from a credit ratings perspective.

Sector Allocation (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Treasuries	41.48	66.37
Government Related	25.78	22.15
Corporate - Investment Grade	20.77	8.21
Other	8.13	0.15
Emerging Markets - Hard Currency	1.93	3.13
Securitized	1.91	0.00

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Portfolio Structure

Manager	Style	Target Allocation (%)
Harbour Asset Management Limited	Core	49.75
Western Asset Management Company Pty Ltd	New Zealand Core	49.75
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	0.50

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