

# GLOBAL EQUITY FUND

## Money Manager and Russell Investments Overview



### Russell Investments' approach

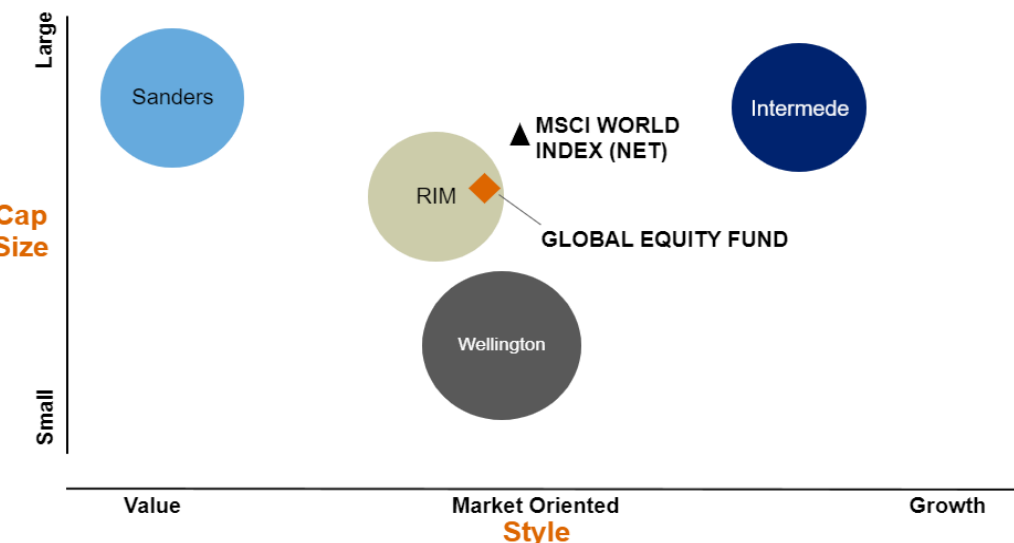
Russell Investments uses a multi-asset approach to investing, combining asset allocation, manager selection and dynamic portfolio management in its investment portfolios. Using this approach as a framework for mutual fund construction, we research, monitor, hire and terminate (subject to Fund Board approval) money managers from around the world and strategically allocate fund assets to them. We oversee all investment advisory services to the Fund and manage assets not allocated to money managers.

### The Fund

The Global Equity Fund seeks to provide long term capital growth. The Fund invests principally in equity securities, including common stocks and preferred stocks, of companies economically tied to a number of countries around the world, including the U.S., and in depository receipts, in a globally diversified manner.

The Fund's performance benchmark is the MSCI World Index.

### Fund mosaic



This mosaic depicts, at a specific point in time, the approximate relative weighting of the managers and strategies within the Fund plotted on the basis of cap size and style against fund benchmark (▲). Positions on this mosaic change over time as allocations and holdings change. The circle size represents the relative size of each allocation in the Fund.

Russell Investment Management, LLC (RIM) manages the Fund's liquidity reserves and may manage assets to effect the Fund's investment strategies and/or to modify the Fund's overall portfolio characteristics to seek to achieve the desired risk/return profile for the Fund.

### Russell Investments portfolio manager(s)

Jon Eggins, Managing Director, Head of Portfolio Management, and Jordan McCall, Senior Portfolio Manager, Equity, have primary responsibility for the management of the Fund. Mr. Eggins has managed the Fund since February 2015 and Mr. McCall has managed the Fund since November 2021.

### The portfolio managers' role

The Russell Investments portfolio managers are responsible for identifying and selecting the strategies and money managers included in the Fund and determining the weight for each assignment. The portfolio managers manage the Fund on a daily basis to help keep it on track, constantly monitoring risk and return expectations at the total fund level and making changes when deemed appropriate and/or necessary. Multiple resources from across the firm are used to help determine what is believed to be the best combination of managers and strategies. Manager research and capital markets research are just some of the tools at the portfolio managers' disposal to help identify opportunities and manage risk.

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# Global Equity Fund

## Managers and Strategies Summary; Target allocation of Fund Assets

The percentages below represent the target allocation of the Fund's assets to each money manager's strategy and Russell Investment Management, LLC's ("RIM") strategy. RIM may change a Fund's asset allocation at any time, including not allocating Fund assets to one or more money manager strategies.

FIRM NAME	TARGET ALLOCATION	INVESTMENT FOCUS	ROLE	DETAILS OF FUND ROLE
Intermede Investment Partners Limited and Intermede Global Partners Inc.	21%	Intermede focuses on stocks that are secular growers with some aspect of new innovation that the market has yet to price in, and looks for good top line growth and earnings growth, ideally with attractive return on equity, further margin expansion potential and strong free cash flow.	Growth	Intermede provides compelling stock selection skill within the high quality, sustainable growth segment of the market. This approach has historically provided solid and stable excess returns that diversifies well with the other managers in the Fund.
Sanders Capital, LLC	20.5%	Employs a bottom-up fundamental research driven process to identify large cap stocks trading at what it believes to be a discount to their intrinsic value.	Value	Sanders performs in-depth fundamental research to select stocks that are believed to exhibit depressed valuations due to temporary issues, believing that investors systematically overreact to adversity. Country weights are a derivative of stock selection, but the firm is cognizant of country risk.
Wellington Management Company LLP	36.5%	Uses a fundamental, bottom-up approach to growth combining a global growth equity strategy and an international contrarian value ex small cap strategy. Russell Investments believes Wellington has a compelling research and portfolio management effort that can support strong excess return generation potential.	Growth / Value	Wellington's global growth equity strategy seeks to invest in companies where tangible operating momentum is set to accelerate. It provides the Fund with exposure to companies that exhibit improving trends in revenue, cash flow, and earnings. The international contrarian value ex small cap strategy aims to take advantage of fear, apathy and pessimism by investing in stocks where the market has overreacted but where there is underlying fundamental support to return to normalized earnings power. The combined strategy covers a broad spectrum of the opportunity set while maintaining a high level of differentiation relative to the overall equity market.
Russell Investment Management, LLC (RIM)*	22%	The active positioning strategy in this Fund allows the Russell Investments Portfolio Manager to express views across multiple factors and risk exposures simultaneously while regularly adapting to changing markets and manager allocations. The strategy is used to target desired total portfolio positioning and can be adjusted as needed by the Portfolio Manager.	Positioning Strategies and Cash Reserves	RIM oversees all investment advisory services to the Fund and manages assets not allocated to money managers. This includes the Fund's positioning strategy, which helps the Fund to achieve its desired risk/return profile. RIM also manages the Fund's liquidity reserve.

All underlying third-party money managers of this Fund are non-discretionary money managers. RIM manages the respective portions of the Fund's assets based upon model portfolios provided by each firm.

\*\*RIM manages Fund assets not allocated to money manager strategies by utilizing quantitative and/or rules-based processes and qualitative analysis to assess Fund characteristics and invest in securities and instruments, which provide the desired overall Fund exposures. RIM also manages the Fund's cash balances and cash reserves. RIM generally seeks to obtain market exposure for this cash that corresponds to the Fund's benchmark exposures, but RIM may also reduce the Fund's market exposure and/or utilize the Fund's liquidity reserve to manage overall Fund exposures.

# Intermede Investment Partners Limited and Intermede Global Partners Inc.

## Firm background

Intermede Investment Partners Limited and Intermede Global Partners Inc. is an independently owned, global equity investment management company. The firm is majority owned by its founding partners.

**Headquarters:** London, UK

**Founded:** 2013

**Lead manager:** Barry Dargan

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**Asset class:** Global equity

**Number of holdings:** 20-60

**Capitalization level:** All cap

## Manager profile

Intermede Investment Partners Limited and Intermede Global Partners Inc. (Intermede) was added to the Global Equity Fund in December 2019. Barry Dargan is the portfolio manager for the strategy.

As a non-discretionary manager to the Fund, Intermede provides a model portfolio to Russell Investment Management, LLC (RIM) representing Intermede's investment recommendations, based upon which RIM purchases and sells securities for the Fund. RIM may deviate from the model portfolio provided by Intermede, but generally intends to implement the portfolio provided by Intermede.

## What this manager brings to the Fund

Intermede provides compelling stock selection skill within the high quality, sustainable growth segment of the market. This approach has historically provided solid and stable excess returns that diversifies well with the other managers in the Fund.

## Investment process

Intermede focuses on stocks that are secular growers with some aspect of new innovation that the market has yet to price in and looks for good top line growth and earnings growth, ideally with attractive return on equity, further margin expansion potential and strong free cash flow. Intermede also demands a greater discount on cyclical stocks which provides flexibility with an overall higher quality, lower volatility portfolio.

## Russell Investments' manager analysis

Russell Investments' view is that Intermede is currently at an attractive point in their lifecycle, with low assets, high quality ownership of the firm by the investment team and autonomy of its investment professionals. Russell Investments has high confidence in lead portfolio manager, Barry Dargan, and the team of high-quality investment analysts. The strategy is expected to perform well when growth is being rewarded and be challenged in periods where higher risk stocks are rewarded or when value factors are rewarded.

### Firm background

Sanders Capital, LLC is a value-oriented investment manager, managing client-specific portfolio and investment funds for investment companies, high-net-worth individuals, pension and profit-sharing plans, pooled investment vehicles, charitable organizations, state or municipal government entities, non-us pooled registered funds, government plans, and trusts.

**Headquarters:** New York, NY

**Founded:** 2009

**Lead managers:** Lewis Sanders and John Mahedy

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**Asset class:** Global equity

**Number of holdings:** 45-65

**Capitalization level:** Large cap

### Manager profile

Sanders Capital, LLC (Sanders) was added to the Global Equity Fund in December 2010. Lewis Sanders and John Mahedy are the portfolio managers who lead this value-oriented strategy.

As a non-discretionary manager to the Fund, Sanders provides a model portfolio to Russell Investment Management, LLC (RIM) representing Sanders' investment recommendations, based upon which RIM purchases and sells securities for the Fund. RIM may deviate from the model portfolio provided by Sanders, but generally intends to implement the portfolio provided by Sanders.

### What this manager brings to the Fund

Sanders performs in-depth fundamental research to select stocks that are believed to exhibit depressed valuations due to temporary issues, believing that investors systematically overreact to adversity. Country weights are a derivative of stock selection, but the firm is cognizant of country risk.

### Investment process

The firm's investment philosophy rests on the belief that investors systematically overreact to adversity, which depresses asset prices in relation to their past and potential future cash flows (a phenomenon known as loss aversion). When the source of the adversity is transitory, above average investment returns may be present. The firm seeks to invest in those opportunities.

The firm employs a bottom-up fundamental research driven process to identify large capitalization stocks trading at what it believes to be a discount to their intrinsic value. The firm starts by ranking a breadth of global securities by expected return based on normalized earnings and other valuation metrics. Sanders then performs an in-depth fundamental research of what it believes are the most attractive stocks and focuses on refining its expectation of a company's likely cash flows and earnings.

Country weights are a derivative of stock selection. The firm examines the country weights to see if an inordinate amount of risk is coming from any particular country. The firm is able to screen for other opportunities when it deems country risk to be too high.

### Russell Investments' manager analysis

Lewis Sanders and John Mahedy are both highly regarded by Russell Investments. The portfolio managers are jointly responsible for leading the investment process. Russell Investments is well acquainted with Sanders and Mahedy from their previous firm, and Russell Investments believes both to be experienced and insightful value investors.

Russell Investments believes that this manager will do best in relative value markets that favor yield. The manager will fare less well during a strong, momentum driven market when investors care less about valuation but rather focus on high growth companies.

# Global Equity Fund

## Wellington Management Company, LLP

### Firm background

Wellington Management Company LLP is a Boston-based institutional asset manager. It is a global firm with 12 offices around the world.

**Headquarters:** Boston, MA

**Founded:** 1933

**Lead managers:** Matt Hudson, Jim Shakin and Andrew Corry

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**Asset class:** Global equity

**Number of holdings:** 75-200

**Capitalization level:** Mid and large cap

### Manager profile

Wellington Management Company LLP (Wellington) was added to the Fund in 2013. The strategy, Global Growth Equity and International Contrarian Value ex Small Cap, was updated in 2022, and both are backed by an investment firm with a strong research background.

As a non-discretionary manager to the Fund, Wellington provides a model portfolio to Russell Investment Management, LLC (RIM) representing Wellington's investment recommendations, based upon which RIM purchases and sells securities for the Fund. RIM may deviate from the model portfolio provided by Wellington, but generally intends to implement the portfolio provided by Wellington.

### What this manager brings to the Fund

Russell Investments is accessing a custom blend of two Wellington teams, a growth-oriented strategy investing in stocks expected to experience accelerating operating momentum, and a contrarian value team investing stocks trading a multi-year relative price lows. Russell Investments will combine these to provide access to stock level insights across the growth and value spectrum and to help the overall Fund meet its preferred positioning.

### Investment process

Wellington offers a fundamental, bottom-up approach to investing across the spectrum of growth and value stocks. The growth-oriented team focuses on identifying companies it believes have accelerating revenues, margin or cash flow trends that have yet to be identified by the broader market. Wellington may invest in companies deemed expensive from a valuation perspective, as long as their research shows that the positive trend in earnings is expected to continue. This will be blended with a contrarian value approach focusing on stocks trading at a discount to the sector and market. This approach identifies highly-rated stocks from Wellington's global industry analysts, stocks owned and followed by other global portfolio management teams, and the team's own investment ideas. Areas of opportunities tend to fall into one or more of the four categories: misunderstood negative events, consolidating industry structure, undervalued assets that could be better managed, and low return on capital with the opportunity to improve. Strong balance sheets provide a ballast that allows time for fundamentals to improve and value to be realized.

### Russell Investments' manager analysis

Russell Investments has researched this firm for more than 20 years and has a positive view of Matt Hudson, Andrew Corry, and James Shakin. Each of these portfolio managers has significant experience and talent investing in their respective opportunity sets and makes good use of the research platform at Wellington. Russell Investments has a strong positive view of the analyst platform at Wellington and their investment insights. This custom solution allows Russell Investments to harness the highest confidence growth and value insights of the manager while integrating them in a way that meets the overall needs of the fund. Russell Investments expects the value strategy (Shakin and Corry) to underperform in growth-oriented markets. The growth strategy (Hudson) is expected to be challenged in periods when value factors are rewarded.

## Firm background

Russell Investment Management, LLC (RIM) is the advisor to Russell Investment Company (RIC) Funds. Russell Investments' ownership is composed of a majority stake held by funds managed by TA Associates Management, L.P. with minority stakes held by funds managed by Reverence Capital Partners, L.P., certain of Russell Investments' employees, and Hamilton Lane Advisors, LLC. Russell Investments provides asset management and investment services to institutional and individual investors around the world.

**Headquarters:** Seattle, WA

**Founded:** 1936

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## POSITIONING STRATEGIES & CASH RESERVES

**Asset class:** Global equity

**Number of holdings:** 300-600

**Capitalization level:** Large cap

RIM oversees all investment advisory services to the Fund and manages assets not allocated to managers.

## Manager and strategy oversight

RIM's portfolio managers seek to ensure that Fund outcomes are consistent with Fund objectives. The portfolio manager and analysts track the effectiveness of every money manager and strategy in the Fund. Occasionally, adjustments may be necessary due to reasons such as a change in control at a money manager, the opportunity to select another manager or strategy the portfolio manager believes offers an investment proposition that would help improve the fund, or changes in market dynamics.

Any significant Fund changes must be validated through an internal governance process to ensure all key considerations were addressed by the portfolio manager. Money manager changes are also subject to approval by the Fund's Board of Trustees. .

## Investment management

RIM manages a portion of the Fund's assets internally to seek to precisely manage the Fund's exposures and achieve the desired risk/return profile for the Fund. During the portfolio construction and management process, portfolio managers may identify an investment need and seek to address that need with a positioning strategy.

Positioning strategies are customized portfolios directly managed by RIM for use within the total portfolio. Portfolio managers use positioning strategies to seek excess return and manage portfolio risks by targeting specific exposures. These strategies are used in conjunction with allocations to third-party active managers to reflect Russell Investments' strategic and dynamic insights with integrated liquidity and risk management.

The positioning strategy used in this Fund is an active positioning strategy that allows the Russell Investments Portfolio Manager to express views across multiple factors and risk exposures simultaneously while regularly adapting to changing markets and manager allocations. The strategy is used to target desired total portfolio positioning and can be adjusted as needed by the Portfolio Manager.

## Managing the liquidity reserve

Every RIC mutual fund maintains cash reserves, which is cash awaiting investment or held to meet redemption requests or to pay expenses. This Fund typically exposes all or a portion of its cash to the performance of appropriate markets by purchasing equity securities and/or derivatives (also known as "equitization"), which typically includes index futures contracts. The Fund invests any remaining cash in an unregistered cash management fund advised by RIM.

**For more information on Russell Investment Company Funds, contact your investment professional or plan administrator for assistance.**

## **IMPORTANT RISK DISCLOSURES**

Mutual Fund investing involves risks, principal loss is possible.

Money managers listed are current as of March 1, 2024. Subject to the Fund's Board approval, Russell Investments has the right to engage or terminate a money manager at any time and without a shareholder vote, based on an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission. Investments in the Funds are not deposits with or other liabilities of any of the money managers and are subject to investment risk, including loss of income and principal invested and possible delays in payment of redemption proceeds. The money managers do not guarantee the performance of any Fund or any particular rate of return.

Global equity involves risk associated with investments primarily in equity securities of companies located around the world, including the United States. International securities can involve risks relating to political and economic instability or regulatory conditions. Investments in emerging markets or developing markets involve exposure to economic structures that are generally less diverse and mature, and to political systems which have less stability than those of more developed countries.

Market-oriented investments are generally subject to risks similar to that of both growth and value style investing.

Growth investments focus on stocks of companies whose earnings/profitability are accelerating in the short term or have grown consistently over the long term. Such investments may provide minimal dividends which could otherwise cushion stock prices in a market decline. Stock value may rise and fall significantly based, in part, on investors' perceptions of the company, rather than on fundamental analysis of the stocks. Investors should carefully consider the additional risks involved in growth investments.

Value investments focus on stocks of income-producing companies whose price is low relative to one or more valuation factors, such as earnings or book value. Such investments are subject to risks that their intrinsic values may never be realized by the market, or such stock may turn out not to have been undervalued. Investors should carefully consider the additional risks involved in value investments.

Please remember that all investments carry some level of risk, including the potential loss of principal invested. They do not typically grow at an even rate of return and may experience negative growth. As with any type of portfolio structuring, attempting to reduce risk and increase return could, at certain times, unintentionally reduce returns.

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The investment styles employed by a Fund's money managers may not be complementary. This concentration may be beneficial or detrimental to a Fund's performance depending upon the performance of those securities and the overall economic environment. The multi-manager approach could increase a Fund's portfolio turnover rates which may result in higher levels of realized capital gains or losses with respect to a Fund's portfolio securities, higher brokerage commissions and other transaction costs.

Large capitalization (large cap) investments generally involve stocks of companies with a market capitalization based on the Russell 1000® Index. The value of securities will rise and fall in response to the activities of the company that issued them, general market conditions and/or economic conditions.

Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly. The benchmark shown represents the Fund's performance benchmark, which may be different from the Fund's regulatory benchmark included in the Fund's Prospectus and Annual Reports. The MSCI World Index (net of tax on dividends from foreign holdings) is a market capitalization index, with net or with gross dividends reinvested, that is designed to measure global developed market equity performance. The Index is composed of companies representative of the market structure of 23 developed market countries in North America, Europe and the Asia/Pacific Region.

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