

TAX-MANAGED REAL ASSETS 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 Tax-Managed Real Assets Fund seeks to provide long term capital growth on an after-tax basis. The Fund considers real assets to include any assets that have physical properties, such as natural resources, real estate, infrastructure and commodities. In an effort to provide equity-like returns over a market cycle while mitigating downside risk relative to equities, Russell Investments allocates the Fund's assets globally across the real assets group of industries and intends to shift the Fund's assets based on our outlook on the business and economic cycle, relative market valuations and market sentiment. The Fund seeks to realize capital growth while considering shareholder tax consequences arising from its portfolio management activities.

The Fund's performance benchmark is the Tax-Managed Real Assets Blended Benchmark, which consists of 40% FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT Index, 30% S&P Global Infrastructure Index, 30% S&P Natural Resources Index[§]. This blended benchmark provides a means to compare the Fund's average annual returns to a benchmark that is more representative of the investment strategies pursued by the Fund.

Russell Investments portfolio manager(s)

Patrick Nikodem, Director, Listed Real Assets, has primary responsibility for the management of the Fund. Mr. Nikodem has managed the Fund since March 2019.

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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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 |
|---|-------------------|--|---|---|
| RREEF America L.L.C.* | 27.16% | A combination of fundamental real estate analysis and detailed bottom-up company valuation to invest in a select number of real estate company securities that RREEF America believes trade at the most attractive valuation relative to RREEF's bottom-up estimation of intrinsic value. | U.S. REITs | RREEF America brings a U.S. REITs investment strategy to the Fund with exposure to the full range of property types. RREEF America's strategy is primarily focused on bottom-up stock selection. The strategy is intended to be a dynamic, all-weather portfolio with no persistent stylistic or factor biases. |
| First Sentier Investors (Australia) IM Ltd. | 20.37% | First Sentier is a "pure play" infrastructure manager with a slight GARP (growth at a reasonable price) approach. "Pure play" refers to the firm's preference for stocks that fit a strict definition of infrastructure. These companies will tend to generate steady cash flows derived from long-lived assets with a high degree of regulation or monopolistic positioning. The firm has a fundamental, bottom-up orientation. | Global listed infrastructure | The First Sentier listed infrastructure strategy invests in listed infrastructure opportunities across a wide number of sectors and geographies. The strategy includes pure infrastructure sectors such as toll roads, airports, energy, rail, communications and utilities. |
| Grantham Mayo Van Otterloo & Co. LLC | 20.37% | GMO's value-oriented bottom-up stock selection process integrates a quantitative factor model with a fundamental overlay. The quantitative component of the process focuses on value as a primary emphasis and momentum as a secondary factor input. | Global natural resources | GMO's strategy is a broadly diversified, global portfolio of natural resource equities, including a balanced profile of sub-sector exposures to energy, metals, mining and agriculture. |
| Russell Investment Management, LLC (RIM)** | 32.1% | Directly manages a positioning strategy within the Fund, which is designed with the dual mandate of improving the Fund's after-tax returns as well as controlling Fund-level exposures and/or risks to meet preferred positioning. The active tax management aspect of the strategy is focused on improving the after-tax returns of the Fund by using tax loss harvesting, deferral of gains, tax-lot management, and management of wash sales. This activity takes place across the entire Fund. | Positioning Strategies, Tax Management, 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 strategies, which help 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.

*RREEF America L.L.C. refers to RREEF America L.L.C., operating under the brand name DWS.

**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.

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RREEF America L.L.C.*

Firm background

Founded in 1975, RREEF America L.L.C. manages real estate portfolios around the world. The firm provides its services to high-net-worth individuals, investment companies, pension and profit-sharing plans, pooled investment vehicles, charitable organizations, corporations, and state or municipal government entities.

Headquarters: Chicago, IL

Founded: 1986

Lead manager: John Vojticek

Asset class: Real Assets

Role: U.S. REITs

Number of holdings: 30-80

Manager profile

RREEF America L.L.C. (RREEF America) was added to the Tax-Managed Real Assets Fund at its launch in 2019. John Vojticek, who was appointed as a global portfolio manager in 2011, has created a cohesive global investment process which is underpinned by a deep team of analysts and regional portfolio managers. The U.S. REITs investment team is based in Chicago.

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

What this manager brings to the Fund

RREEF America brings a U.S. REITs investment strategy to the Fund with exposure to the full range of property types. RREEF America's strategy is primarily focused on bottom-up stock selection. The strategy is intended to be a dynamic, all-weather portfolio with no persistent stylistic or factor biases.

Investment process

RREEF's investment process takes a combination of fundamental real estate analysis and detailed bottom-up company valuation to invest in a select number of real estate company securities that RREEF America believes trade at the most attractive valuation relative to RREEF's bottom-up estimation of intrinsic value.

RREEF America's process is focused on identifying listed real estate companies whose trading prices are furthest below its estimation of intrinsic value. Real estate asset values are a function of both: (1) forward cash flow expectations and (2) required returns, and therefore the team's research seeks to leverage its large direct property business and capital markets inputs to derive the most accurate estimation of intrinsic value. The strategy begins by segmenting the U.S. real estate universe into discrete buckets (or sectors) whereby stocks with common fundamental and capital market drivers are assessed rigorously against one another.

Russell Investments' manager analysis

RREEF America has a deep and highly tenured team of sector-specialist analysts and regional portfolio managers headed by John Vojticek, whom Russell Investments considers to be one of the most capable investors in the U.S. REITs space. Russell Investments views that RREEF America has the following:

- Unique understanding of risk within the listed real estate market
- Securities experts with access to extensive real estate research, direct investment and broader firm resources
- Dynamic securities valuation tied to changes in credit market conditions

RREEF America is expected to perform well in environments where the market discriminates on quality fundamentals, such as management, market and asset quality. Performance would be challenged in market environments favoring either higher-yielding or more highly-levered companies and property sectors, with limited consideration of valuation and property fundamental differences.

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First Sentier Investors (Australia) IM Ltd.

Firm background

First Sentier Investors (Australia) IM Ltd. (aka First Sentier) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group.

Headquarters: Sydney, Australia

Founded: 1988

Lead managers: Peter Meany and Andrew Greenup

Asset class: Real assets

Role: Global listed infrastructure

Number of holdings: 30-70

Manager profile

First Sentier Investors (Australia) IM Ltd. (aka First Sentier) was added to the Tax-Managed Real Assets Fund at its launch in 2019. The firm's infrastructure team was established in January 2007 with Peter Meany as Head of Global Listed Infrastructure. Andrew Greenup joined as Portfolio Manager in April 2007.

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

What this manager brings to the Fund

The First Sentier listed infrastructure strategy invests in listed infrastructure opportunities across a wide number of sectors and geographies. The strategy includes pure infrastructure sectors such as toll roads, airports, ports, energy, rail, communications and utilities.

Investment process

First Sentier is a "pure play" infrastructure manager with a slight GARP (growth at a reasonable price) approach. "Pure play" refers to the firm's preference for stocks that fit a strict definition of infrastructure. These companies will tend to generate steady cash flows derived from long-lived assets with a high degree of regulation or monopolistic positioning. The firm has a fundamental, bottom-up orientation.

The process overlays a fundamental relative value philosophy with an extensive qualitative risk evaluation component, seeking to yield a portfolio of high quality, attractively priced companies. The process is founded primarily on bottom-up, fundamental company research.

Russell Investments' manager analysis

Co-portfolio managers Peter Meany and Andrew Greenup have substantial industry experience and lead a team with complementary backgrounds, including consulting, direct property and infrastructure, actuarial, regulatory, and global equities, in addition to buy and sell-side infrastructure securities.

While the investment process has performed well in different market environments due to a balanced process featuring quality, value, and growth considerations, Russell Investments believes it will fare best in periods in which regulated utilities and transportation companies outperform mega-cap diversified utilities and higher-beta energy companies. Russell Investments believes it will also fare well in environments favoring smaller cap stocks and in periods in which growth leads value.

Markets in which energy companies significantly outperform the rest of sector (and in which communications companies underperform) will be challenging, as will periods in which stock prices diverge from underlying fundamentals. Russell Investments believes First Sentier's strategy may underperform in environments favoring larger cap stocks and in periods in which value leads growth.

Russell Investments believes the chief competitive advantage for First Sentier strategy resides in the quality of the security selection process. The process, while aware of risks relative to the benchmark, is largely oriented toward picking stocks the firm believes have strong long-term absolute return prospects.

Firm background

Grantham Mayo Van Otterloo & Co. LLC is an independently-owned, private global investment management firm. The firm manages a breadth of products including multi-asset, equities, fixed income and absolute return strategies.

Headquarters: Boston, MA

Founded: 1977

Lead managers: Lucas White and Thomas Hancock

Asset class: Real assets

Role: Global natural resources

Number of holdings: 100-150

Manager profile

Grantham Mayo Van Otterloo & Co. LLC (GMO) was added to the Tax-Managed Real Assets Fund at its launch in 2019. GMO's natural resources strategy is managed by Lucas White and Thomas Hancock. They are supported by a team of research analysts in Boston and London.

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

What this manager brings to the Fund

GMO's strategy is a broadly diversified, global portfolio of natural resource equities, including a balanced profile of sub-sector exposures to energy, metals, mining and agriculture. Energy includes oil and gas, energy drilling, equipment and services and clean energy; Metals includes diversified metals and mining, copper and lithium; Agriculture includes farming, farm machinery, fertilizer, eco-chemicals and seeds, timber and fish farming.

The strategy was created to seek to benefit from the investment opportunity created by increasing demand for natural resources, which is driven primarily by non-OECD (Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development) population growth and industrialization. Given the limited supply of these resources, the supply/demand dynamics favor an upward trend in resources prices, creating a longer-term secular growth opportunity. GMO's strategy is designed to seek to capture this growth by investing in companies that will benefit from this rise in prices.

Investment process

GMO seeks to add value by setting strategic allocation targets and ranges around those targets for segments of the natural resources sector, followed by a value-oriented bottom-up stock selection process. While value is achieved from a combination of strategic asset allocation and bottom-up stock selection, the focus on strategic allocation helps ensure exposure to a diversified group of resource companies which should allow for more consistent returns than a portfolio concentrated in a single sector of the universe.

GMO's value-oriented bottom-up stock selection process integrates a quantitative factor model with a fundamental overlay. The quantitative component of the process focuses on value as a primary emphasis and momentum as a secondary factor input.

Russell Investments' manager analysis

Russell Investments believes that GMO's approach to investing in global natural resource equities is best in class. GMO has a long investment horizon, both top-down and bottom-up investment capabilities, a rigorous valuation philosophy and global expertise. Unlike many natural resource's peers, GMO's strategy is not heavily biased toward larger cap energy stocks and North American exposure. GMO's strategy is expected to be challenged in market environments where the value and momentum factors are out of favor or where the largest-cap energy majors outperform relative to other types of natural resource stocks.

GMO is well known for its research-driven approach to investing. Based on Russell Investments' manager research, GMO's universe covers the most diverse set of pure play resource stocks, both by sector and geography. GMO's definition of agriculture and the inclusion of water are also key differentiators when compared to peers.

Russell Investment Management, LLC

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

POSITIONING STRATEGIES, TAX MANAGEMENT, & CASH RESERVES

Number of holdings: 200-600

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 positioning strategy within the Fund, which is designed with the dual mandate of improving the Fund's after-tax returns as well as controlling Fund-level exposures and/or risks to meet preferred positioning. Positioning strategies are customized portfolios directly managed 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 active manager strategies to reflect Russell Investments' strategic and dynamic insights with integrated liquidity and risk management.

The positioning strategy used in this Fund is a dedicated portion of the Fund's assets that can be rebalanced as needed by the portfolio manager to keep the total portfolio aligned with Russell Investments' strategic beliefs (e.g. value, momentum, quality and volatility) as well as the fund's preferred positioning. This allows the portfolio manager to express Russell Investments' views across multiple factor and sector exposures while adapting to changing markets and manager portfolios.

Additionally, this strategy, in conjunction with RIM's overall management of the total fund, will engage in active tax management strategies such as tax-loss harvesting, deferral of gains, tax-lot management and management of wash sales, and dividend yield management in order to seek to enhance the Fund's after-tax returns. RIM's management of the entire Fund allows the firm to purchase and sell securities in an effort to make optimal tradeoffs at the total fund level between fund exposures and tax management activities. RIM also strives to enhance the ongoing tax efficiency of the Fund by seeking to manage wash sales and assisting in the tax management of manager weight changes and transitions.

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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.

Specific sector investing such as real estate can be subject to different and greater risks than more diversified investments. Declines in the value of real estate, economic conditions, property taxes, tax laws and interest rates all present potential risk to real estate investments. Fund investments in non-U.S. markets can involve risks of currency fluctuation, political and economic instability, different accounting standards and foreign taxation.

Investments in infrastructure-related companies have greater exposure to the potential adverse economic, regulatory, political and other changes affecting such entities. Investment in infrastructure related companies are subject to various risks including governmental regulations, high interest costs associated with capital construction programs, costs associated with compliance and changes in environmental regulation, economic slowdown and surplus capacity, competition from other providers of services and other factors. Investment in non-U.S. and emerging market securities is subject to the risk of currency fluctuations and to economic and political risks associated with such foreign countries.

Investments that are allocated across multiple types of securities may be exposed to a variety of risks based on the asset classes, investment styles, market sectors, and size of companies preferred by the investment managers. Investors should consider how the combined risks impact their total investment portfolio and understand that different risks can lead to varying financial consequences, including loss of principal.

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.

Fund objectives, risks, charges and expenses should be carefully considered before investing. A summary prospectus, if available, or a prospectus containing this, and other important information can be obtained by calling 800-787-7354 or by visiting russellinvestments.com. Please read a prospectus carefully before investing.

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.

[§]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 FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Index is designed to track the performance of listed real estate companies and REITS worldwide.
- The S&P® Global Infrastructure Index is designed to track 75 companies from around the world chosen to represent the listed infrastructure industry while maintaining liquidity and tradability. To create diversified exposure, the index includes three distinct infrastructure clusters: energy, transportation and utilities.
- The S&P Natural Resources Index includes 90 of the largest publicly-traded companies in natural resources and commodities businesses that meet specific investability requirements, offering investors diversified and investable equity exposure across 3 primary commodity-related sectors: agribusiness, energy, and metals & mining.

Diversification and strategic asset allocation do not assure profit or protect against loss in declining markets.

Income from funds managed for tax efficiency may be subject to an alternative minimum tax and/or any applicable state and local taxes.

Russell Investments cannot provide tax advice. Please consult a tax consultant for further questions and/or prior to investing.

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