

# Russell Investments Global High Dividend Equity

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## Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long-term growth on your investment by investing at least 80% of its assets in the equities of companies worldwide, at least two-thirds of which are issued by or in respect of high dividend companies. In addition, the Fund focuses on companies that pay above-average income to their shareholders in the form of a dividend (a share of profits). The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns (the Index) which it seeks to outperform by 1.25% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments have full discretion to select investments for the Fund.

## Fund Update

The Fund finished in-line with the benchmark return in April. High dividend yielding stocks outperformed other investment styles as equities returned some of their year-to-date returns. The Fund's tilt away from high growth stocks suited this market environment. Positioning and selection within the information technology (underweight) and consumer staples (overweight) sectors contributed positively and included underweights to US large-cap names such as Microsoft and Intel. Selection within financials was also rewarded. However, the overweight to and negative selection within the health care sector weighed on additional returns.

## Performance Review %

Performance to period end Returns shown in USD	1 month	3 months	6 months	Year to Date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Return net of management fee Class B USD Inc	-3.5	0.7	13.0	0.7	4.9	0.4	3.6	-	4.5
MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns	-3.3	4.0	19.8	4.6	17.5	4.3	9.4	-	8.7

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

## Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Fund facts	
<b>Share Class; Dealing ccy</b>	B USD Inc; USD
<b>Dealing frequency; Cut off</b>	Daily; 2:00 pm GMT
<b>Domicile; Category</b>	Ireland; UCITS
<b>Fund size</b>	USD 317.48m
<b>Fund launch date</b>	12 January 2001
<b>Share class launch date</b>	11 November 2010
<b>Management fee</b>	1.80%
<b>ISIN; Bloomberg</b>	IE00B57DQW00; ROWGBUI ID
<b>Share class NAV</b>	USD 1.19m

Returns shown in USD	31/03/23 31/03/24	31/03/22 31/03/23	31/03/21 31/03/22	31/03/20 31/03/21	31/03/19 31/03/20
Return net of management fee Class B USD Inc	10.68	-5.75	3.77	45.04	-19.69
MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns	23.22	-7.44	7.28	54.60	-11.26

Returns shown in USD	31/03/18 31/03/19	31/03/17 31/03/18	31/03/16 31/03/17	31/03/15 31/03/16	31/03/14 31/03/15
Return net of management fee Class B USD Inc	-0.74	10.60	7.80	-4.32	0.65
MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns	2.73	15.00	15.36	-4.31	5.08

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns converted into the currency displayed in the performance table above where applicable. Prior to 1st July 2018 the benchmark was Russel Global Index NR TR.

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## Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	230	2839
Price/Earnings	16.7	19.7
Dividend Yield	2.8	2.8
Price to Book	2.2	2.7
EPS Growth (1 Year)	12.3	21.5

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	15.0	15.0
Tracking error	5.0	5.0
Sharpe ratio	0.0	0.0
Information ratio	-0.4	-0.4
3 year return (net)	0.4%	4.3%
3 year excess return (net)	-3.8%	-

## Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Medtronic PLC	2.3%	0.2%
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	1.6%	0.1%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	1.5%	0.9%
Procter & Gamble Co/The	1.2%	0.6%
Microsoft Corp	1.2%	3.9%
McDonald's Corp	1.2%	0.3%
Roche Holding AG	1.2%	0.3%
Sanofi SA	1.2%	0.2%
Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co	1.1%	0.0%
PepsiCo Inc	1.1%	0.3%

## Regional weights

	Fund	Benchmark
United States	59.4%	62.8%
Europe ex UK	13.6%	12.5%
Emerging Markets	12.2%	10.4%
Japan	6.5%	5.4%
United Kingdom	3.7%	3.5%
Canada	2.9%	2.8%
Asia ex Japan	1.0%	0.8%
Australia/New Zealand	0.8%	1.8%

## Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	19.1%	23.2%
Financials	17.5%	16.1%
Health Care	15.5%	11.1%
Consumer Staples	12.2%	6.6%
Industrials	11.7%	10.9%
Consumer Discretionary	7.8%	10.8%
Materials	6.0%	4.2%
Energy	3.1%	4.7%
Communication Services	3.0%	7.7%
Real Estate	2.3%	2.1%
Utilities	1.7%	2.6%
Other	0.0%	0.0%
Infrastructure	0.0%	0.0%

## ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	20.2	21.5
Carbon Footprint	84.2	122.3

Source: The portfolio-level ESG Risk Rating is the weighted average of the Sustainalytics' Risk Rating for securities in the portfolio. The Sustainalytics Risk Rating details are available at <https://www.sustainalytics.com/esg-data>. Carbon footprint is the weighted average carbon intensity of the Scope 1 and 2 carbon emission intensity of companies in the portfolio. It is measured in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e divided by revenue (USD \$M).

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## Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
Panarchy Partners Pte. Ltd	Market-Oriented	20.0%	14.1%
Pzena Investment Management, LLC	Value	27.5%	28.2%
Wellington Management Company LLP	Market-Oriented	32.5%	31.9%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	20.0%	25.8%

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