

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 underperformed the strong benchmark return. Growth stocks led the market higher while high dividend yielding stocks underperformed amid high investor confidence. Strong earnings results, optimism over artificial intelligence (AI)-related technology and expectations of interest rate cuts boosted sentiment. Within this environment, overweights to and negative selection within the consumer staples and health care sectors detracted. Underweights to and negative selection within the outperforming information technology and communication services sectors were also unrewarded, with an underweight to Nvidia a key detractor. Positive selection within materials mitigated further underperformance.

Performance Review %

Performance to period end Returns shown in EUR	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 I EUR Inc	3.5	7.0	11.3	7.0	12.7	6.9	6.9	-	7.0
MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns (EUR)	3.3	10.7	17.8	10.7	24.0	10.0	11.8	-	11.5

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in EUR	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 I EUR Inc	12.68	-2.26	10.94	37.04	-16.80
MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns (EUR)	23.95	-5.21	13.32	44.33	-9.18

Returns shown in EUR	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 I EUR Inc	10.03	-2.66	-	-	-
MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns (EUR)	12.52	0.01	-	-	-

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.

Fund facts
Share Class; Dealing ccy
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Dealing frequency; Cut off
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT
Domicile; Category
Ireland; UCITS
Fund size
USD 347.43m
Fund launch date
12 January 2001
Share class launch date
03 June 2016
Management fee
0.60%
ISIN; Bloomberg
IE00BY7YT16; ROWGII ID
Share class NAV
EUR 124.09m

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	254	2841
Price/Earnings	17.2	19.5
Dividend Yield	2.7	2.7
Price to Book	2.3	2.7
EPS Growth (1 Year)	13.2	19.6

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	15.0	15.0
Tracking error	5.0	5.0
Sharpe ratio	0.2	0.2
Information ratio	-0.5	-0.5
3 year return (net)	6.9%	10.0%
3 year excess return (net)	-3.1%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Medtronic PLC	2.5%	0.2%
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	1.5%	0.1%
SAP SE	1.5%	0.3%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	1.5%	0.8%
Procter & Gamble Co/The	1.3%	0.5%
Microsoft Corp	1.2%	4.1%
International Flavors & Fragrances Inc	1.2%	0.0%
Compass Group PLC	1.1%	0.1%
Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co	1.1%	0.0%
Roche Holding AG	1.1%	0.3%

Regional weights

	Fund	Benchmark
United States	60.0%	63.3%
Europe ex UK	13.5%	12.5%
Emerging Markets	11.9%	10.1%
Japan	6.5%	5.5%
United Kingdom	3.3%	3.3%
Canada	3.2%	2.8%
Asia ex Japan	0.8%	0.7%
Australia/New Zealand	0.7%	1.8%

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	19.3%	23.7%
Financials	18.1%	16.1%
Health Care	15.1%	11.2%
Industrials	11.9%	10.8%
Consumer Staples	11.7%	6.4%
Consumer Discretionary	7.8%	10.9%
Materials	6.7%	4.1%
Energy	3.0%	4.6%
Communication Services	2.8%	7.6%
Real Estate	2.3%	2.2%
Utilities	1.4%	2.5%
Infrastructure	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	20.2	21.5
Carbon Footprint	80.8	118.1

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 CO₂e divided by revenue (USD \$M).

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Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
Panarchy Partners Pte. Ltd	Market-Oriented	20.0%	17.7%
Pzena Investment Management, LLC	Value	27.5%	27.4%
Wellington Management Company LLP	Market-Oriented	32.5%	31.0%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	20.0%	23.9%

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