

# Russell Investments World Equity Fund



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## Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing at least 80% of its assets in the equities of companies worldwide. The Fund is broadly diversified across different countries worldwide and industry sectors. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of its assets in emerging markets. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI World Index (USD) - Net Returns (the Index) which it seeks to outperform by 2% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments/ Money Managers have full discretion to select investments for the Fund. This product is an Article 8 product, as defined under EU regulation - it promotes environmental or social characteristics and invests in companies that follow good governance practices. This product does not have sustainable investment as its objective

## Fund Update

The Fund underperformed the benchmark over the month. The Fund's tilt to value was unrewarded in the market environment. An underweight to and stock selection within the best performing sector, information technology, detracted. This included underweights to Apple and Nvidia. Stock selection within consumer staples also detracted, notably an overweight to Kroger. In industrials, exposure to JGC Holdings, Ryanair and Nagoya Railroad was unhelpful. However, stock selection within consumer discretionary was positive including underweights to Toyota Motor, Tesla and LVMH.

## 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 Acc	3.7	3.7	13.3	8.0	20.8	4.4	11.1	8.6	8.4
MSCI World Index - Net Return USD	4.5	3.8	14.9	9.5	24.9	6.7	12.8	8.3	8.3

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

## Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Fund facts
<b>Share Class; Dealing ccy</b>
B Acc; USD
<b>Dealing frequency; Cut off</b>
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT
<b>Domicile; Category</b>
Ireland; UCITS
<b>Fund size</b>
USD 1,502.15m
<b>Fund launch date</b>
09 February 2004
<b>Share class launch date</b>
23 June 2004
<b>Management fee</b>
0.90%
<b>ISIN; Bloomberg</b>
IE0034343834; FRAWEQB ID
<b>Share class NAV</b>
USD 588.31m

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 Acc	20.50	-6.22	6.44	56.82	-12.20
MSCI World Index - Net Return USD	25.11	-7.02	10.12	54.03	-10.39

  

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 Acc	1.57	15.64	15.71	-3.01	6.95
MSCI World Index - Net Return USD	4.01	13.74	14.71	-3.42	6.07

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the MSCI World Index (USD) - Net Returns. Prior to 1st January 2018 the benchmark was the Russell Developed Large Cap NR Index. Prior to 1st April 2011 the benchmark was MSCI World NR.

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## Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	688	1464
Price/Earnings	20.3	21.5
Dividend Yield	1.8	1.8
Price to Book	2.7	2.9
EPS Growth (1 Year)	21.6	22.0

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	16.5	16.5
Tracking error	1.8	1.8
Sharpe ratio	0.2	0.2
Information ratio	-0.7	-0.7
3 year return (net)	5.4%	6.7%
3 year excess return (net)	-1.3%	-

## Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Microsoft Corp	3.0%	4.5%
Alphabet Inc	2.6%	2.9%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	2.0%	0.0%
Meta Platforms Inc	1.6%	1.6%
NVIDIA Corp	1.6%	4.2%
Apple Inc	1.3%	4.3%
Amazon.com Inc	1.2%	2.5%
AstraZeneca PLC	1.0%	0.4%
Mastercard Inc	0.9%	0.6%
ING Groep NV	0.8%	0.1%

## Regional weights

	Fund	Benchmark
United States	66.8%	70.3%
Europe ex UK	15.4%	13.9%
Japan	6.0%	5.9%
United Kingdom	4.7%	3.8%
Canada	3.1%	3.1%
Australia/New Zealand	2.0%	1.9%
Emerging Markets	1.2%	0.1%
Asia ex Japan	0.9%	0.8%

## Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	22.4%	24.2%
Financials	14.0%	15.4%
Health Care	13.7%	11.8%
Industrials	12.3%	11.1%
Consumer Discretionary	10.3%	10.2%
Communication Services	8.9%	7.7%
Consumer Staples	6.8%	6.6%
Energy	4.2%	4.5%
Materials	4.0%	3.8%
Utilities	2.1%	2.6%
Real Estate	1.2%	2.2%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

## ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	21.1	21.1
Carbon Footprint	78.0	98.7

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
Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC	Value	7.0%	6.2%
INVESCO Asset Management Limited	European Equities	12.0%	13.7%
Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG	European All Cap	6.0%	4.2%
Nissay Asset Management Corporation	Value	8.0%	6.4%
Numeric Investors LLC	Market-Oriented	12.0%	16.4%
PineStone Asset Management Inc.	Growth	10.0%	9.6%
Sanders Capital, LLC	Value	15.0%	15.9%
Wellington Management Company LLP	Growth	10.0%	10.9%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	20.0%	16.7%

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