

# Russell Investments World Equity Fund



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## Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing in 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 outperformed the negative benchmark return. At the sector level, an underweight to and stock selection within information technology contributed positively. This included an underweight to Intel and holdings in chipmaker TSMC. However, an underweight to Apple was unhelpful. Stock selection within communication services was effective (overweight Alphabet). In materials, overweights to Anglo American and UPM Kymmene were beneficial. In healthcare, an overweight to AstraZeneca was rewarded. On the other hand, stock selection within industrials detracted including an overweight to Daimler Trucks and an underweight to General Electric.

## 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 J Acc	-3.4	3.4	18.8	3.9	13.8	3.1	8.3	-	7.5
MSCI World Index - Net Return USD	-3.7	3.6	20.3	4.8	18.4	5.6	10.5	-	8.3

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

## Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

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 J Acc	19.65	-6.86	5.69	55.73	-12.81
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 J Acc	0.84	14.83	14.90	-3.69	6.21
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 converted into British Pounds. 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.

Fund facts
<b>Share Class; Dealing ccy</b>
J Acc; USD
<b>Dealing frequency; Cut off</b>
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT
<b>Domicile; Category</b>
Ireland; UCITS
<b>Fund size</b>
USD 1,441.24m
<b>Fund launch date</b>
09 February 2004
<b>Share class launch date</b>
22 October 2004
<b>Management fee</b>
1.60%
<b>ISIN; Bloomberg</b>
IE00B02WHV39; FRAWEQJ ID
<b>Share class NAV</b>
USD 0.12m

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## Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	690	1465
Price/Earnings	19.1	20.7
Dividend Yield	1.9	1.9
Price to Book	2.6	2.9
EPS Growth (1 Year)	23.3	19.3

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	16.4	16.4
Tracking error	1.8	1.8
Sharpe ratio	0.2	0.2
Information ratio	-0.5	-0.5
3 year return (net)	3.1%	5.6%
3 year excess return (net)	-2.6%	-

## Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Microsoft Corp	3.0%	4.4%
Alphabet Inc	2.6%	2.9%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	1.9%	0.0%
Meta Platforms Inc	1.6%	1.5%
NVIDIA Corp	1.3%	3.4%
Apple Inc	1.2%	4.0%
AstraZeneca PLC	1.0%	0.4%
Amazon.com Inc	1.0%	2.6%
Mastercard Inc	0.9%	0.6%
Novo Nordisk A/S	0.8%	0.7%

## Regional weights

	Fund	Benchmark
United States	66.7%	70.1%
Europe ex UK	15.2%	13.9%
Japan	6.2%	6.1%
United Kingdom	4.7%	3.9%
Canada	3.3%	3.1%
Australia/New Zealand	2.0%	2.0%
Emerging Markets	1.1%	0.1%
Asia ex Japan	0.8%	0.9%

## Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	21.5%	23.2%
Financials	14.3%	15.4%
Health Care	14.0%	12.0%
Industrials	12.3%	11.3%
Consumer Discretionary	10.4%	10.6%
Communication Services	8.8%	7.5%
Consumer Staples	7.1%	6.7%
Energy	4.4%	4.7%
Materials	4.1%	3.9%
Utilities	2.0%	2.5%
Real Estate	1.1%	2.2%
Infrastructure	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

## ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	21.3	21.3
Carbon Footprint	77.6	98.1

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 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%	6.4%
INVESCO Asset Management Limited	European Equities	12.0%	13.6%
Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG	European All Cap	6.0%	4.1%
Nissay Asset Management Corporation	Value	8.0%	6.8%
Numeric Investors LLC	Market-Oriented	12.0%	16.2%
PineStone Asset Management Inc.	Growth	10.0%	9.7%
Sanders Capital, LLC	Value	15.0%	15.8%
Wellington Management Company LLP	Growth	10.0%	10.9%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	20.0%	16.6%

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