

Russell Investments Emerging Market Debt Fund



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Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve income and growth by investing directly or indirectly (through the use of specialist financial instruments known as derivatives) in bonds of issuers located in or with a significant economic link to emerging markets (developing countries). The Fund is actively managed with reference to the JP Morgan EMBIG (USD) (the Index) which it seeks to outperform by 1% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments Money Managers have full discretion to select investments for the Fund.

Fund Update

The Fund uses a systematic, factors-based approach that substitutes sovereign exposure with quasi-sovereign exposure by harvesting known factors in credit and liquidity premiums that could be alternatives to both passive and active Emerging Market Debt mandates. This quasi-sovereign strategy has benefitted from overweights to sovereign credit in Latin America and Eastern Europe in recent months. There continues to be opportunities to generate returns from issuer and country selection.

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 Class B Roll-Up	2.0	4.9	5.9	4.8	10.6	-2.6	-1.6	-	0.9
JP Morgan EMBIG (USD)	1.8	4.4	4.9	3.7	8.6	-1.8	0.4	-	3.1

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in USD	30/06/23 30/06/24	30/06/22 30/06/23	30/06/21 30/06/22	30/06/20 30/06/21	30/06/19 30/06/20
Return net of management fee Class Class B Roll- Up	10.04	6.22	-22.18	7.90	-8.38
JP Morgan EMBIG (USD)	8.35	6.85	-19.25	6.81	1.52

Returns shown in USD	30/06/18 30/06/19	30/06/17 30/06/18	30/06/16 30/06/17	30/06/15 30/06/16	30/06/14 30/06/15
Return net of management fee Class Class B Roll- Up	3.62	-4.28	9.01	-	-
JP Morgan EMBIG (USD)	11.32	-2.45	5.52	-	-

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the MSCI Emerging Markets Index () - Net Returns converted into the currency displayed in the performance table above where applicable. Prior to 1st January 2018 the benchmark was the Russell Emerging Markets NR Index. Prior to 1st April 2011 the benchmark was MSCI Emerging Markets Index NR, prior to 1st January 2009, it was gross. Prior to April 1999 it was ING Barings Extended EM Index. Between April 1999 & February 2003 the IFC Investable Index.

Fund facts

Share Class; Dealing ccy

Class B Roll-Up; USD

Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2:00 pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

USD 54.62m

Fund launch date

03 December 2015

Share class launch date

03 December 2015

Management fee

1.50%

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE00BYSJV369; IDX000040TRH

Share class NAV

USD 54.62m

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund
Effective duration	6.8
Average maturity	13.7
Average credit rating	BB
Yield to worst	7.8

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	10.2	10.2
Tracking error	4.2	4.2
Sharpe ratio	-	-
Information ratio	0.2	0.2
3 year return (net)	-1.0%	-1.8%
3 year excess return (net)	0.8%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Security	Fund	Benchmark
PETROLEOS MEXICANOS COMPANY GUAR REGS 12/99 6.625	2.8%	0.0%
ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LTD SR UNSECURED REGS 08/28 8.45	2.4%	0.0%
EMPRESA NACIONAL DEL PET SR UNSECURED REGS 09/47 4.5	2.4%	0.0%
UZBEKNEFTEGAZ JSC SR UNSECURED REGS 11/28 4.75	2.4%	0.0%
INSTITUTO COSTARRICENSE SR UNSECURED REGS 05/43 6.375	2.2%	0.0%
ECOPETROL SA SR UNSECURED 11/51 5.875	2.2%	-
PETROBRAS GLOBAL FINANCE COMPANY GUAR 12/99 6.85	2.1%	-
EMPRESA DE TRANSMISION SR UNSECURED REGS 05/49 5.125	2.1%	0.0%
BANCO NACIONAL DE PANAMA SR UNSECURED REGS 08/30 2.5	2.1%	0.1%
PAKISTAN WATER + POWER SR UNSECURED REGS 06/31 7.5	2.1%	0.0%

Credit Quality Weights

	Fund	Benchmark
AAA	3.9%	0.0%
AA	0.0%	9.1%
A	4.4%	20.5%
BBB	25.7%	30.9%
BB	30.0%	18.3%
B	21.3%	12.2%
CCC & Below	12.7%	8.7%
Unrated	1.9%	0.3%

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Emerging Markets - Hard Currency	93.9%	99.7%
Other	3.9%	0.1%
Government Related	2.2%	0.3%
Treasuries	0.0%	0.0%

Currency Exposure

	Fund	Benchmark
US Dollar	100.0%	100.0%

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ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	30.8	38.2
Carbon Footprint	887.2	905.1

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).

Fund Structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	100.0%	100.0%

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Cash is equitized using MSCI Emerging Markets Equity Futures contracts.

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