

# Russell Investments Emerging Markets Equity Fund

**Article 8**

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## Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing in the shares of companies in emerging markets or companies that carry out a majority of their business in emerging markets. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI Emerging Markets 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 in a positive quarter for Emerging Markets. The Fund's growth exposure was positive although value and small cap stocks underperformed. Effective stock selection across numerous countries was a key relative performance driver. This was strongest within South Korea (information technology), Brazil (utilities), India (industrials) and Taiwan (industrials). Country positioning partially offset some of these gains. Stock selection was negative within China in a weak quarter for specialist manager Bin Yuan. Numeric and Axiom were standout performers at the manager level.

## Performance Review %

Performance to period end Returns shown in GBP	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 D Acc	2.3	3.9	6.3	3.9	3.8	-2.8	2.1	5.3	9.9
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns (GBP)	2.6	3.3	6.7	3.3	5.9	-2.2	2.9	6.0	9.9

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

## Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in GBP	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 D Acc	3.80	-6.19	-5.72	44.00	-15.94
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns (GBP)	5.86	-4.91	-7.12	42.34	-13.50

Returns shown in GBP	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 D Acc	-3.55	10.48	39.27	-9.48	12.77
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns (GBP)	-0.32	10.34	34.97	-7.53	12.87

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the MSCI Emerging Markets Index Net. Prior to 1st January 2018 the benchmark was the Russell Emerging Markets Net Index. Prior to 1st April 2011 the benchmark was MSCI Emerging Markets Index Net, 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
<b>Share Class; Dealing ccy</b>
D Acc; GBP
<b>Dealing frequency; Cut off</b>
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT
<b>Domicile; Category</b>
Ireland; UCITS
<b>Fund size</b>
USD 1,053.96m
<b>Fund launch date</b>
20 December 1994
<b>Share class launch date</b>
02 December 2002
<b>Management fee</b>
0.90%
<b>ISIN; Bloomberg</b>
IE0032322319; FRIENFD ID
<b>Share class NAV</b>
GBP 11.13m

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## Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	536	1376
Price/Earnings	12.5	14.0
Dividend Yield	2.7	2.7
Price to Book	1.6	1.7
EPS Growth (1 Year)	37.1	61.9

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	17.9	17.9
Tracking error	1.9	1.9
Sharpe ratio	-0.3	-0.3
Information ratio	0.2	0.2
3 year return (net)	-1.6%	-2.2%
3 year excess return (net)	0.6%	-

## Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	6.1%	8.3%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	3.8%	4.6%
Tencent Holdings Ltd	2.8%	3.6%
SK Hynix Inc	2.0%	1.0%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	1.7%	2.0%
MediaTek Inc	1.3%	0.8%
Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero Tbk PT	1.2%	0.4%
KB Financial Group Inc	1.0%	0.3%
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd	0.9%	0.8%
MercadoLibre Inc	0.9%	0.0%

## Country weight

	Fund	Benchmark
China	25.0%	25.2%
Taiwan	14.2%	17.5%
India	13.4%	17.7%
Korea, Republic of	12.5%	12.8%
Brazil	8.5%	5.2%
Thailand	3.1%	1.5%
Indonesia	2.7%	1.9%
Mexico	2.5%	2.7%
South Africa	2.4%	2.6%
United States	2.2%	0.1%

## Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	23.0%	23.8%
Financials	22.2%	22.4%
Consumer Discretionary	13.7%	12.4%
Communication Services	7.7%	8.6%
Industrials	7.6%	7.0%
Materials	7.6%	7.1%
Consumer Staples	5.3%	5.6%
Energy	4.2%	5.3%
Health Care	3.5%	3.5%
Real Estate	3.1%	1.5%
Utilities	2.1%	2.8%
Infrastructure	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

## ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	23.0	23.8
Carbon Footprint	167.9	318.9

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
Axiom Investors LLC	Growth	12.0%	14.4%
Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss, LLC	Value	12.0%	9.9%
Bin Yuan Capital (Cayman) Limited	Growth	5.0%	3.9%
Numeric Investors LLC	Market-Oriented	18.0%	19.6%
Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.	Market-Oriented	14.0%	13.8%
Pzena Investment Management, LLC	Value	10.0%	8.0%
RWC Asset Advisors (US) LLC	Market-Oriented	8.0%	7.9%
Sands Capital Management, LLC	Growth	8.0%	6.8%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	13.0%	15.5%

Russell Investments may trade a portion of the Fund's assets based on a model portfolio provided by the investment advisor. By employing this emulated portfolio approach, the Fund leverages off the implementation capabilities of Russell Investments in order to manage the funds in an efficient manner.

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