

# Russell Investments Emerging Markets Equity Fund

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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 underperformed. Emerging Markets outperformed developed markets in a positive period for China (including Tencent) and Taiwan (driven by semiconductor giant TSMC). Similar to the first quarter, the Fund's exposure to momentum was positive. However, negative selection within China (underweight Tencent) was a key detractor. An overweight to Brazil – one of the weakest-performing countries this quarter – and an underweight to Taiwan (TSMC) also weighed on returns. Strong selection within South Korea and an underweight to Saudi Arabia were positive contributors.

## 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	3.3	4.3	8.4	8.4	11.2	-3.2	2.4	5.2	10.0
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns (GBP)	4.7	4.9	8.4	8.4	13.2	-2.2	3.2	6.0	10.0

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

## Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in GBP	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 D Acc	11.16	-3.30	-15.70	27.87	-2.64
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns (GBP)	13.19	-2.80	-15.01	26.03	-0.49

Returns shown in GBP	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 D Acc	3.13	3.53	29.40	4.04	2.40
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns (GBP)	4.99	6.17	26.29	4.67	3.88

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
Share Class; Dealing ccy
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Dealing frequency; Cut off
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT
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Ireland; UCITS
Fund size
USD 1,051.68m
Fund launch date
20 December 1994
Share class launch date
02 December 2002
Management fee
0.90%
ISIN; Bloomberg
IE0032322319; FRIENFD ID
Share class NAV
GBP 11.58m

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## Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	540	1329
Price/Earnings	13.7	14.7
Dividend Yield	2.7	2.7
Price to Book	1.7	1.8
EPS Growth (1 Year)	48.5	40.4

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	17.8	17.8
Tracking error	2.1	2.1
Sharpe ratio	-	-
Information ratio	0.0	0.0
3 year return (net)	-2.0%	-2.2%
3 year excess return (net)	0.2%	-

## Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	7.2%	9.7%
Tencent Holdings Ltd	3.7%	4.2%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	3.4%	4.3%
SK Hynix Inc	2.4%	1.2%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	1.7%	1.9%
MediaTek Inc	1.2%	0.9%
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd	1.1%	1.1%
KB Financial Group Inc	1.0%	0.3%
Reliance Industries Ltd	0.9%	1.5%
MercadoLibre Inc	0.9%	0.0%

## Country weight

	Fund	Benchmark
China/Hong Kong	26.4%	25.2%
Taiwan	15.6%	19.3%
India	14.3%	19.2%
Korea, Republic of	13.5%	12.2%
Brazil	7.1%	4.3%
South Africa	3.3%	2.7%
Thailand	2.5%	1.3%
United States	2.1%	0.0%
Mexico	1.9%	2.1%
Saudi Arabia	1.7%	3.9%

## Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	24.1%	25.1%
Financials	21.5%	22.0%
Consumer Discretionary	13.5%	12.3%
Communication Services	8.0%	8.9%
Industrials	7.8%	6.9%
Materials	7.5%	6.8%
Consumer Staples	5.2%	5.2%
Energy	4.4%	5.2%
Real Estate	3.3%	1.5%
Health Care	2.6%	3.2%
Utilities	2.1%	3.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

## ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	22.8	23.3
Carbon Footprint	179.2	344.8

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%	14.8%
Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss, LLC	Value	12.0%	9.7%
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%	13.4%
Pzena Investment Management, LLC	Value	10.0%	8.1%
RWC Asset Advisors (US) LLC	Market-Oriented	8.0%	8.0%
Sands Capital Management, LLC	Growth	8.0%	6.9%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	13.0%	15.7%
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Cash is equitized using MSCI Emerging Markets Equity Futures contracts.

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