

# 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 outperformed in a positive month for Emerging Markets. Effective stock selection was the key driver of relative returns. This was strongest within South Korea, Taiwan, Brazil and India and outweighed negative country positioning. Semiconductor names SK Hynix, and MediaTek were key contributors. The Fund's growth-oriented managers overcame factor headwinds to perform well, aided by exposure to US-based names. Negative selection within China (industrials) weighed on further outperformance.

## 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	1.3	3.8	8.3	4.5	11.7	-7.4	2.4	1.5	8.6
MSCI Emerging Markets Index - Net Return USD	0.6	3.5	7.4	3.4	12.4	-6.2	3.5	9.2	9.2

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	5.42	-12.44	-10.59	59.28	-20.49
MSCI Emerging Markets Index - Net Return USD	8.15	-10.70	-11.37	58.39	-17.69

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	-10.97	23.24	20.43	-12.89	-0.18
MSCI Emerging Markets Index - Net Return USD	-7.41	23.78	17.43	-10.47	0.51

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - 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.

\*Returns are calculated on a single pricing basis. Returns are presented net of total expense ratio. Source: Russell Investments

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 1,051.60m
<b>Fund launch date</b>
20 December 1994
<b>Share class launch date</b>
23 October 2002
<b>Management fee</b>
1.50%
<b>ISIN; Bloomberg</b>
IE0032129094; FRIEMFJ ID
<b>Share class NAV</b>
USD 2.41m

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## Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	541	1373
Price/Earnings	13.1	13.8
Dividend Yield	2.8	2.8
Price to Book	1.6	1.7
EPS Growth (1 Year)	523.2	293.4

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	17.7	17.7
Tracking error	2.0	2.0
Sharpe ratio	-0.4	-0.4
Information ratio	0.2	0.2
3 year return (net)	-7.4%	-6.2%
3 year excess return (net)	-1.2%	-

## Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	6.4%	8.6%
Tencent Holdings Ltd	3.5%	4.2%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	3.5%	4.0%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	2.1%	2.2%
SK Hynix Inc	1.9%	1.0%
MediaTek Inc	1.2%	0.8%
KB Financial Group Inc	1.0%	0.3%
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd	1.0%	0.9%
MercadoLibre Inc	1.0%	0.0%
PTT Exploration & Production PCL	0.9%	0.1%

## Country weight

	Fund	Benchmark
China/Hong Kong	28.7%	27.3%
Taiwan	14.2%	17.9%
India	13.1%	18.1%
Korea, Republic of	12.9%	11.6%
Brazil	7.6%	4.7%
Thailand	3.0%	1.5%
South Africa	2.8%	2.6%
United States	2.3%	0.0%
Mexico	2.3%	2.5%
Indonesia	1.7%	1.6%

## Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	22.3%	23.3%
Financials	21.5%	22.1%
Consumer Discretionary	14.0%	13.0%
Communication Services	8.2%	9.0%
Materials	8.1%	7.0%
Industrials	7.8%	7.1%
Consumer Staples	5.6%	5.5%
Energy	4.4%	5.3%
Real Estate	3.4%	1.6%
Health Care	2.8%	3.2%
Utilities	2.0%	2.9%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

## ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	23.0	23.5
Carbon Footprint	171.0	334.7

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
Axiom Investors LLC	Growth	12.0%	14.5%
Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss, LLC	Value	12.0%	9.9%
Bin Yuan Capital (Cayman) Limited	Growth	5.0%	4.1%
Numeric Investors LLC	Market-Oriented	18.0%	19.4%
Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.	Market-Oriented	14.0%	13.7%
Pzena Investment Management, LLC	Value	10.0%	8.1%
RWC Asset Advisors (US) LLC	Market-Oriented	8.0%	8.2%
Sands Capital Management, LLC	Growth	8.0%	6.8%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	13.0%	15.2%

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.

Cash is equitized using MSCI Emerging Markets Equity Futures contracts.

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