

Russell Investments Global Bond Fund



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Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve income and growth by investing at least 70% of its assets worldwide in bonds, and debt instruments, including mortgage and asset backed securities. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (USD) - Total Returns (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. 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 benchmark return. Rates positing was positive with overweight exposure to US Treasuries, particularly 10-year issues, a significant contributor to returns. An overweight to rates in Mexico and an underweight to Japanese rates was also effective. However, an underweight to rates in Canada was unhelpful. Currency allocations were negative on aggregate. Underweight exposure to the euro, Swiss franc, Swedish krona and Australian dollar detracted while overweights to the US dollar, Norwegian krone, Turkish lira and New Zealand dollar were additive. Allocations to credit helped modestly due to overweights to investment grade (financials, industrials) in Europe and overweights to high yield and investment grade financials in the US. Exposure to hard currency emerging market debt was also rewarded due to overweight exposure to Europe.

Performance Review %

Performance to period end Returns shown in EUR	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 EH-B	0.9	-0.6	1.3	-1.9	0.1	-4.8	-2.0	-0.3	1.9
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index Euro Hedged	0.7	-0.2	1.6	-1.4	1.4	-3.6	-1.5	2.2	2.2

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Fund facts

Share Class; Dealing ccy

Class EH-B; EUR

Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2:00 pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

USD 1,490.87m

Fund launch date

29 September 1994

Share class launch date

30 November 2004

Management fee

1.08%

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE00B036K821;

Share class NAV

EUR 88.74m

Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in EUR	31/03/23	31/03/22	31/03/21	31/03/20	31/03/19
	31/03/24	31/03/23	31/03/22	31/03/21	31/03/20

Returns shown in EUR	31/03/18	31/03/17	31/03/16	31/03/15	31/03/14
	31/03/19	31/03/18	31/03/17	31/03/16	31/03/15

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (EUR Hdg) - Total Returns. Effective August 24, 2021, the Bloomberg Barclays fixed income indices were rebranded the Bloomberg Indices. The benchmark prior to 24th August 2016 was the Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index EUR Hdg. The benchmark prior to November 2008 was the Lehman Brothers Global Aggregate (EURH) Index.

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Effective duration	6.8	6.4
Average maturity	10.1	8.5
Average credit rating	A	AA
Yield to worst	3.1	4.0

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	8.7	8.7
Tracking error	1.0	1.0
Sharpe ratio	-1.0	-1.0
Information ratio	0.0	0.0
3 year return (net)	-3.7%	-3.6%
3 year excess return (net)	-0.1%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Security	Fund	Benchmark
TREASURY BILL 06/24 0.00000	2.8%	-
US TREASURY N/B 05/25 2.875	2.0%	0.0%
TREASURY BILL 07/24 0.00000	2.0%	-
FNMA TBA 30 YR 6 SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE	1.7%	-
MEX BONOS DESARR FIX RT BONDS 03/27 5.5	1.7%	0.0%
US TREASURY N/B 09/24 1.5	1.6%	-
FNMA TBA 30 YR 5.5 SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE	1.4%	-
US TREASURY N/B 06/24 0.25	1.0%	-
US TREASURY N/B 01/28 3.5	1.0%	0.1%
US TREASURY N/B 08/26 1.5	0.9%	0.1%

Credit Quality Weights

	Fund	Benchmark
AAA	39.0%	37.1%
AA	6.2%	16.7%
A	18.1%	30.1%
BBB	27.5%	15.5%
BB	4.7%	0.5%
B	0.5%	0.0%
CCC & Below	0.3%	0.0%
Unrated	3.8%	0.0%

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Treasuries	40.4%	44.2%
Corporate - Investment Grade	20.8%	17.6%
Securitized	17.0%	11.6%
Emerging Markets - Local Currency	6.0%	12.8%
Emerging Markets - Hard Currency	5.7%	3.0%
Other	4.8%	2.2%
Corporate - High Yield	2.9%	0.4%
Government Related	2.3%	8.2%
Bank Loan	0.0%	0.0%

Currency Exposure

	Fund	Benchmark
USD	48.7%	45.6%
EUR	20.1%	22.3%
CNY	9.5%	9.5%
JPY	9.5%	9.7%
GBP	3.6%	4.0%
CAD	2.8%	2.7%
AUD	1.3%	1.4%
KRW	0.9%	1.1%
BRL	0.6%	0.0%
TRY	0.5%	0.0%

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Fund Structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited	Rates/FX	29.0%	33.0%
Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.	Structured Products	13.0%	17.5%
Western Asset Management Company Limited	Investment Grade Corporate	21.0%	12.4%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	37.0%	37.2%

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