

Russell Investments Global Credit 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 Credit Index (USD) - Total Returns (the Index) which it seeks to outperform by 0.75% 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 ended the month ahead of the benchmark. In European credit, an overweight to investment grade was a notable contributor; an overweight to high yield financials also helped. In US credit, although an overweight to high yield financials was effective this was partly offset by an underweight to investment grade industrials which detracted. Underweight exposure to investment grade hard currency emerging market debt was unrewarded. In currencies, an overweight to the US dollar, euro and Norwegian krone were positive while an underweight to the Swedish krona, Swiss franc, and Australian dollar were unhelpful. In rates, although overweights to 2-, 10- and 15-year US Treasuries contributed, this was offset by underweights elsewhere, including 20-year issues. However, allocations to 1-year German bunds and an underweight to Japanese rates was effective.

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 GBPH-A Income	1.3	0.6	3.5	-0.6	4.0	-4.1	-	-	-1.3
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index Hedged (GBP)	1.3	0.6	3.1	-0.6	4.5	-2.9	-	-1.0	-1.0

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Fund facts

Share Class; Dealing ccy

GBPH-A Income; GBP

Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2:00 pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

USD 770.17m

Fund launch date

24 March 2010

Share class launch date

04 October 2019

Management fee

0.55%

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE00BKT6SD79;

Share class NAV

GBP 64.18m

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

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

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index (GBP 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 Credit Index GBP Hdg.

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Effective duration	6.0	5.9
Average maturity	10.3	8.9
Average credit rating	A	A
Yield to worst	5.2	5.0

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	9.5	9.5
Tracking error	1.1	1.1
Sharpe ratio	-0.8	-0.8
Information ratio	-0.5	-0.5
3 year return (net)	-4.1%	-2.9%
3 year excess return (net)	-1.1%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Security	Fund	Benchmark
BUNDESREPUB. DEUTSCHLAND BONDS REGS 08/33 2.6	1.5%	-
US TREASURY N/B 02/54 4.25	1.5%	-
ASR NEDERLAND NV SUBORDINATED REGS 12/43 VAR	0.6%	0.0%
DEUTSCHE BANK AG SUBORDINATED REGS 06/32 VAR	0.5%	0.0%
BUNDESSCHATZANWEISUNGEN BONDS REGS 12/24 2.2	0.5%	-
US TREASURY N/B 02/44 4.5	0.5%	-
US TREASURY N/B 05/34 4.375	0.4%	-
TELEFONICA EUROPE BV COMPANY GUAR REGS 12/99 VAR	0.4%	-
SELP FINANCE SARL COMPANY GUAR REGS 05/29 0.875	0.4%	0.0%
TREASURY BILL 07/24 0.00000	0.4%	-

Credit Quality Weights

	Fund	Benchmark
AAA	19.0%	8.6%
AA	3.4%	14.0%
A	22.6%	33.8%
BBB	47.3%	41.9%
BB	7.5%	1.7%
B	0.2%	0.0%
CCC & Below	0.0%	0.0%
Unrated	0.1%	0.0%

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Corporate - Investment Grade	65.9%	71.9%
Other	9.3%	0.1%
Treasuries	8.1%	0.5%
Corporate - High Yield	7.0%	1.6%
Emerging Markets - Hard Currency	4.6%	10.9%
Government Related	4.2%	14.9%
Securitized	1.0%	0.1%
Emerging Markets - Local Currency	0.0%	0.0%

Currency Exposure

	Fund	Benchmark
USD	65.3%	64.8%
EUR	27.1%	26.1%
GBP	5.5%	4.4%
CAD	2.4%	2.5%
NOK	0.8%	0.0%
NZD	0.5%	0.1%
JPY	0.0%	0.6%
ARS	0.0%	0.0%
BRL	0.0%	0.0%
PLN	0.0%	0.0%

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Fund Structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
FIL Pensions Management	Investment Grade Corporate	14.0%	16.9%
MetLife Investment Management, LLC	Investment Grade Corporate	27.0%	23.6%
ROBECO INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT B.V.	Investment Grade Corporate	24.0%	27.9%
Western Asset Management Company Limited	Investment Grade Corporate	15.0%	12.1%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	20.0%	19.5%

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