

# 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 underperformed the benchmark return over the month. Credit positioning was positive, helped by an overweight to investment grade financials in Europe. In US credit, an underweight to investment grade contributed positively while an overweight to high yield industrials detracted. Underweight exposure to investment grade hard currency emerging market debt was beneficial, particularly in the Middle East. Elsewhere, in sovereign debt an underweight to Spain was ineffective. In currencies, underweights to the Swiss franc and Japanese yen detracted while overweights to the US dollar and New Zealand dollar were positive. Rates allocations were modestly helpful, largely due to an overweight to German bunds. However, positioning in US Treasuries was unrewarded, albeit overweights to two and 10-year issues were effective.

## Performance Review %

| Performance to period end<br>Returns shown in USD | 1<br>month | 3<br>months | 6<br>months | Year to<br>Date | 1<br>year | 3<br>years | 5<br>years | 10<br>years | Since<br>inception |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Return net of management fee Class USDH A Inc     | 1.8        | 4.1         | 2.3         | 2.2             | 7.0       | -3.5       | 0.4        | -           | 2.5                |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index           | 2.1        | 4.2         | 2.5         | 2.3             | 7.4       | -1.9       | 0.9        | -           | 2.8                |

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

## Fund facts

### Share Class; Dealing ccy

USDH A Inc; USD

### Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2:00 pm GMT

### Domicile; Category

Ireland; UCITS

### Fund size

USD 818.65m

### Fund launch date

24 March 2010

### Share class launch date

31 December 2015

### Management fee

0.65%

### ISIN; Bloomberg

IE00BZ77F366;

### Share class NAV

USD 221.69m

## Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

| Returns shown in USD                          | 30/06/23<br>30/06/24 | 30/06/22<br>30/06/23 | 30/06/21<br>30/06/22 | 30/06/20<br>30/06/21 | 30/06/19<br>30/06/20 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Return net of management fee Class USDH A Inc | 5.56                 | 0.02                 | -15.38               | 4.84                 | 7.80                 |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index       | 5.76                 | 1.36                 | -12.75               | 3.11                 | 6.90                 |

| Returns shown in USD                          | 30/06/18<br>30/06/19 | 30/06/17<br>30/06/18 | 30/06/16<br>30/06/17 | 30/06/15<br>30/06/16 | 30/06/14<br>30/06/15 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Return net of management fee Class USDH A Inc | 8.84                 | 0.16                 | 3.32                 | -                    | -                    |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index       | 9.40                 | 0.79                 | 2.34                 | -                    | -                    |

Past performance does not predict future returns.

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

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## Portfolio Statistics

|                       | Fund |
|-----------------------|------|
| Effective duration    | 6.2  |
| Average maturity      | 10.6 |
| Average credit rating | A    |
| Yield to worst        | 4.7  |

| 3 years                    | Fund  | Benchmark |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Volatility                 | 9.5   | 9.5       |
| Tracking error             | 1.1   | 1.1       |
| Sharpe ratio               | -     | -         |
| Information ratio          | -0.7  | -0.7      |
| 3 year return (net)        | -3.5% | -1.9%     |
| 3 year excess return (net) | -1.6% | -         |

## Ten largest holdings by weight

| Security   | Fund | Benchmark |
|--|------|-----------|
| BUNDESREPUB. DEUTSCHLAND BONDS REGS 08/33 2.6    | 1.9% | -         |
| US TREASURY N/B 02/54 4.25                       | 1.2% | -         |
| US TREASURY N/B 05/44 4.625                      | 0.6% | -         |
| BUNDESobligation BONDS REGS 10/28 2.4            | 0.5% | -         |
| ASR NEDERLAND NV SUBORDINATED REGS 12/43 VAR     | 0.5% | 0.0%      |
| BUNDESSCHATZANWEISUNGEN BONDS REGS 12/24 2.2     | 0.5% | -         |
| MCDONALD S CORP SR UNSECURED REGS 03/35 4.25     | 0.5% | 0.0%      |
| MAPFRE SA SUBORDINATED REGS 04/30 2.875          | 0.4% | 0.0%      |
| SELP FINANCE SARL COMPANY GUAR REGS 05/29 0.875  | 0.4% | 0.0%      |
| TELEFONICA EUROPE BV COMPANY GUAR REGS 12/99 VAR | 0.4% | -         |

## Credit Quality Weights

|             | Fund  | Benchmark |
|-------------|-------|-----------|
| AAA         | 19.6% | 8.5%      |
| AA          | 3.7%  | 14.1%     |
| A           | 23.0% | 34.1%     |
| BBB         | 46.1% | 41.6%     |
| BB          | 7.3%  | 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      | 65.6% | 72.0%     |
| Other                             | 10.1% | 0.1%      |
| Treasuries                        | 7.9%  | 0.5%      |
| Corporate - High Yield            | 6.8%  | 1.6%      |
| Government Related                | 4.3%  | 14.9%     |
| Emerging Markets - Hard Currency  | 4.3%  | 10.8%     |
| Securitized                       | 0.9%  | 0.1%      |
| Emerging Markets - Local Currency | 0.0%  | 0.0%      |

## Currency Exposure

|                    | Fund  | Benchmark |
|--------------------|-------|-----------|
| US Dollar          | 64.6% | 64.6%     |
| Euro               | 27.7% | 26.4%     |
| Pound Sterling     | 5.4%  | 4.3%      |
| Canadian Dollar    | 2.3%  | 2.6%      |
| Norwegian Krone    | 0.8%  | 0.0%      |
| New Zealand Dollar | 0.5%  | 0.1%      |
| Japanese Yen       | 0.4%  | 0.5%      |
| Argentine Peso     | 0.0%  | 0.0%      |
| Brazilian Real     | 0.0%  | 0.0%      |
| Polish Zloty       | 0.0%  | 0.0%      |

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## ESG Data

|                  | Fund  | Benchmark |
|------------------|-------|-----------|
| ESG Score        | 21.2  | 20.6      |
| Carbon Footprint | 152.2 | 195.4     |

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 CO2e divided by revenue (USD \$M).

## Fund Structure

| Manager/Strategy                           | Strategy                   | Target | Actual |
|--|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| FIL Pensions Management                    | Investment Grade Corporate | 14.0%  | 17.3%  |
| MetLife Investment Management, LLC         | Investment Grade Corporate | 27.0%  | 22.7%  |
| ROBECO INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT B.V. | Investment Grade Corporate | 24.0%  | 27.9%  |
| Western Asset Management Company Limited   | Investment Grade Corporate | 15.0%  | 11.8%  |
| Russell Investments                        | Positioning Strategies     | 20.0%  | 20.3%  |

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