

Russell Investments Global High Yield Fund



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Fund Objective

Fund objective The Fund aims to achieve long term income and growth by investing in high yield corporate bonds issued by companies in both developed and emerging markets. The Fund invests in bonds issued which pay either a fixed or variable rate of interest. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the ICE BofA Developed Markets HY Constrained Index (EUR) (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 outperformed the benchmark return over the month. European high yield credit spreads tightened significantly, global high yield spreads less so, while US high yield spreads widened. Investment grade spreads narrowed. In US credit, underweight exposure to high yield industrials detracted although an overweight to high yield financials was helpful. In Europe, although allocations to high yield were ineffective, an overweight to investment grade industrials was positive. In hard currency emerging market debt, overweight exposure to high yield credit in Latin America and Asia contributed positively.

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 Class A Roll Up	1.1	1.1	3.9	-0.4	7.8	-0.9	1.4	2.6	5.6
ICE BofA Developed Market HY Constrained Index EUR Hedged	0.8	0.7	3.7	-0.2	8.6	-0.1	1.5	6.4	6.4

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Fund facts

Share Class; Dealing ccy

Class A Roll Up; GBP

Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2:00 pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

EUR 414.68m

Fund launch date

28 February 2012

Share class launch date

31 July 1998

Management fee

1.00%

ISIN; Bloomberg

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Share class NAV

GBP 35.27m

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 ICE BofA Developed Markets HY Constrained Index (EUR Hdg) converted into the currency displayed in the performance table above where applicable. Prior to 31st March 2019 the benchmark was BofAml Global High Yield 2% Constrained EH Index. Prior to 3rd December 2015, the composite benchmark was 70% BofAml Global High Yield 2% Constrained EH, 30% JP Morgan EMBIG EH.

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Effective duration	3.5	3.0
Average maturity	7.6	6.0
Average credit rating	BB	B
Yield to worst	5.7	6.5

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	7.7	7.7
Tracking error	0.0	0.0
Sharpe ratio	-0.5	-0.5
Information ratio	-	-
3 year return (net)	0.2%	-0.1%
3 year excess return (net)	0.3%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Security	Fund	Benchmark
US TREASURY N/B 08/25 2.75	3.0%	-
UNITED KINGDOM GILT BONDS REGS 09/24 2.75	1.3%	-
REAL ALLOY COMMO	1.3%	-
TREASURY BILL 08/24 0.00000	0.9%	-
HIGHLAND HOLDINGS BOND SR SECURED 144A 10/25 7.625	0.5%	-
LEVEL 3 FINANCING INC SR SECURED 144A 11/29 11	0.5%	0.1%
TRAVELEX ISSUERCO 2 PLC COMPANY GUAR REGS 08/25 12.5	0.5%	-
GLOBAL AIR LEASE CO LTD SR UNSECURED 144A 09/24 6.5	0.5%	-
PIKE CORP COMPANY GUAR 144A 09/28 5.5	0.5%	0.0%
ORSTED A/S JR SUBORDINA REGS 12/99 VAR	0.4%	0.0%

Credit Quality Weights

	Fund	Benchmark
AAA	-0.7%	0.0%
AA	1.3%	0.0%
A	0.2%	0.0%
BBB	9.0%	0.6%
BB	53.8%	46.2%
B	26.8%	40.9%
CCC & Below	7.1%	12.3%
Unrated	2.6%	0.0%

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Corporate - High Yield	79.1%	95.2%
Corporate - Investment Grade	8.9%	0.6%
Emerging Markets - Hard Currency	7.1%	3.3%
Treasuries	5.4%	0.0%
Government Related	2.0%	0.9%
Securitized	0.2%	0.0%
Other	-2.8%	0.0%

Currency Exposure

	Fund	Benchmark
EUR	97.1%	100.0%
USD	3.8%	0.0%
GBP	2.5%	0.0%
NOK	1.7%	0.0%
NZD	0.8%	0.0%
ARS	0.0%	0.0%
CAD	0.0%	0.0%
JPY	-0.8%	0.0%
SEK	-0.8%	0.0%
AUD	-1.7%	0.0%

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Fund Structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
Barings LLC	Global High Yield	35.0%	35.3%
Hermes Fund Managers Ireland Limited	Global High Yield	34.0%	32.5%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	31.0%	30.6%

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