## Russell Investments Global High Yield Fund

Article 8



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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 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 U	1.2	1.1	4.5	0.8	7.7	-1.6	1.1	1.1	2.5
ICE BofA Developed Market HY Constrained Index EUR Hedged	1.0	1.0	4.8	1.4	9.6	0.2	2.2	4.3	4.3

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

#### Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Share Class; Dealing ccy	Returns shown in EUR	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
Class U; EUR						
Dealing frequency; Cut off						
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT	Returns shown in EUR	31/03/18	31/03/17	31/03/16	31/03/15	31/03/14
Domicile; Category	Returns shown in EUR	31/03/19	31/03/18	31/03/17	31/03/16	31/03/15
Ireland: LICITS	Past performance does not predict future	returns				

The current benchmark is the ICE BofA Developed Markets HY Constrained Index (EUR Hdg). Prior to 31st March 2019 the penchmark 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.

Fund facts	
Share Class; Dealing ccy	
Class U; EUR	
Dealing frequency; Cut off	
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT	
Domicile; Category	
Ireland; UCITS	
Fund size	
EUR 414.68m	
Fund launch date	
28 February 2012	
Share class launch date	
15 September 2011	
Management fee	
2.00%	
ISIN; Bloomberg	
IE00B4N1NJ71;	
Share class NAV	
EUR 0.98m	



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#### **Portfolio Statistics**

	Fund	Benchmark
Effective duration	3.5	3.0
Average maturity	7.6	6.0
Average credit rating	ВВ	В
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)	0.5%	0.2%
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%
ВВВ	9.0%	0.6%
ВВ	53.8%	46.2%
В	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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