

Russell Investments Global Small Cap Equity Fund Article 8



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Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve is to achieve capital appreciation by investing in equity securities worldwide, with a focus on investments in small and medium sized companies. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI World Small Cap Index (USD) - Net Returns (the Index) which it seeks to outperform by 2% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments has full discretion to select investments for the Fund.

Fund Update

The Fund outperformed the benchmark in the first quarter. Stock selection within industrials (overweight Mitsubishi Heavy Industries) was rewarded, followed by selection within financials (overweight Virgin Money UK). However, an overweight to and selection within communication services (overweight Cogent Communication) detracted from further outperformance.

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 I Acc	4.7	7.9	13.7	7.9	15.9	5.8	9.9	9.9	8.3
Russell 2000 Index (USD) Net Returns of Withholding Tax 30% (GBP)	4.0	5.3	13.4	5.3	16.8	2.5	8.4	10.2	8.9

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

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
Return net of management fee Class I Acc	15.91	-3.49	5.99	77.45	-23.90
Russell 2000 Index (USD) Net Returns of Withholding Tax 30% (GBP)	16.77	-6.30	-1.59	74.49	-20.48

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
Return net of management fee Class I Acc	8.53	-0.08	38.89	-8.47	16.93
Russell 2000 Index (USD) Net Returns of Withholding Tax 30% (GBP)	9.42	-0.73	44.45	-7.21	21.05

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the MSCI World Small Cap Index (USD) - Net Returns. Prior to 31st July 2023 the benchmark was the Russell 2000 Net 30%. Prior to 1 October 2012 the benchmark was Russell 2500 Net 30%.

Fund facts

Share Class; Dealing ccy

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Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2:00 pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

USD 39.43m

Fund launch date

13 June 1997

Share class launch date

28 January 2002

Management fee

0.65%

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE0007967189; FRUSSIA ID

Share class NAV

GBP 1.76m

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	883	4137
Price/Earnings	19.4	10.6
Dividend Yield	1.8	1.8
Price to Book	2.0	1.9
EPS Growth (1 Year)	32.4	28.9

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	19.1	19.1
Tracking error	2.9	2.9
Sharpe ratio	0.1	0.1
Information ratio	1.4	1.4
3 year return (net)	7.1%	2.5%
3 year excess return (net)	4.6%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd	0.8%	0.0%
Pandora A/S	0.8%	0.0%
Balfour Beatty PLC	0.6%	0.0%
Bekaert SA	0.6%	0.0%
4imprint Group PLC	0.5%	0.0%
IPSOS SA	0.5%	0.0%
Ringkjoebing Landbobank A/S	0.5%	0.1%
Kyushu Financial Group Inc	0.5%	0.0%
Saab AB	0.5%	0.0%
Takasago Thermal Engineering Co Ltd	0.5%	0.0%

Regional weights

	Fund	Benchmark
United States	60.0%	60.9%
Europe ex UK	13.2%	13.1%
Japan	11.9%	12.2%
United Kingdom	6.0%	5.2%
Canada	4.5%	3.7%
Australia/New Zealand	2.7%	3.5%
Asia ex Japan	0.9%	1.1%
Emerging Markets	0.9%	0.3%

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Industrials	24.4%	20.6%
Financials	14.9%	14.9%
Information Technology	14.9%	11.1%
Consumer Discretionary	10.3%	13.5%
Health Care	10.2%	9.7%
Materials	7.4%	7.5%
Energy	5.3%	5.1%
Communication Services	4.4%	2.7%
Real Estate	4.1%	7.8%
Consumer Staples	2.9%	4.6%
Utilities	1.1%	2.4%
Infrastructure	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	23.6	23.4
Carbon Footprint	101.6	130.5

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).

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Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
AllianceBernstein L.P.	Value	9.0%	10.2%
Boston Partners Global Investors, Inc.	Value	9.0%	6.8%
Boston Partners Global Investors, Inc.	Value	9.0%	11.2%
Calamos Advisors LLC	Growth	9.0%	7.8%
Copeland Capital Management, LLC	Small Cap Dividend Growth	14.0%	14.0%
Four Seasons Asia Investment Pte. Ltd.	Market-Oriented	15.0%	15.0%
Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG	Growth	6.0%	5.4%
Liontrust Investment Partners LLP	Market-Oriented	9.0%	9.2%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	20.0%	20.4%

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