

# Russell Investments UK Equity Fund



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## Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing in the shares of UK companies, or companies that carry out the majority of their business in the UK. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the FTSE All Shares Index (GBP) - Total Returns (the Index) which it seeks to outperform by 1.5% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments has 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 positive benchmark return. Exposure to growth stocks suited the market environment. Stock selection was strongest within the financials sector, particularly insurance stocks. Positioning and selection within the industrials (overweight) and materials (underweight) sectors were also key contributors to relative returns. This included exposure to Rolls Royce and Balfour Beatty and underweights to large cap mining names. Effective selection within communication services underpinned excess returns.

## 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	5.4	9.6	5.4	12.0	6.0	4.8	5.0	5.6
FTSE All Shares Index (GBP) - Total Returns	4.8	3.6	6.9	3.6	8.4	8.0	5.4	5.8	6.2

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	11.99	5.08	1.32	39.92	-24.17
FTSE All Shares Index (GBP) - Total Returns	8.43	2.92	13.03	26.71	-18.45

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	6.31	1.93	19.84	-5.38	4.77
FTSE All Shares Index (GBP) - Total Returns	6.36	1.25	21.95	-3.92	6.57

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the FTSE All Shares Index (GBP) - Total Returns converted to the currency displayed in the performance table above where applicable.

Fund facts
<b>Share Class; Dealing ccy</b>
I Acc; GBP
<b>Dealing frequency; Cut off</b>
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT
<b>Domicile; Category</b>
Ireland; UCITS
<b>Fund size</b>
GBP 101.67m
<b>Fund launch date</b>
02 January 1998
<b>Share class launch date</b>
28 January 2002
<b>Management fee</b>
0.65%
<b>ISIN; Bloomberg</b>
IE0031276722; FRUUEIA ID
<b>Share class NAV</b>
GBP 20.81m

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## Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	166	566
Price/Earnings	16.3	16.4
Dividend Yield	3.1	3.1
Price to Book	1.8	1.7
EPS Growth (1 Year)	10.9	18.2

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	12.9	12.9
Tracking error	4.1	4.1
Sharpe ratio	0.1	0.1
Information ratio	-0.3	-0.3
3 year return (net)	6.0%	8.0%
3 year excess return (net)	-2.0%	-

## Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Shell PLC	5.7%	7.2%
HSBC Holdings PLC	4.4%	5.0%
BP PLC	3.0%	3.5%
GSK PLC	2.8%	2.9%
Unilever PLC	2.6%	4.2%
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	2.6%	1.5%
AstraZeneca PLC	2.4%	6.7%
4imprint Group PLC	2.3%	0.1%
3i Group PLC	2.2%	1.1%
Centrica PLC	1.8%	0.3%

## Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Financials	20.4%	23.4%
Industrials	17.4%	14.1%
Consumer Discretionary	14.5%	8.3%
Consumer Staples	10.1%	14.4%
Energy	8.9%	11.0%
Communication Services	8.5%	2.7%
Health Care	6.6%	10.5%
Information Technology	5.0%	1.6%
Materials	3.8%	7.7%
Utilities	2.5%	3.8%
Real Estate	2.1%	2.5%
Infrastructure	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

## ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	21.8	22.4
Carbon Footprint	63.9	81.4

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 CO<sub>2</sub>e divided by revenue (USD \$M).

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## Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
Baillie Gifford & Co	Growth	15.5%	13.8%
J O Hambro Capital Management Limited	Market-Oriented	25.0%	22.0%
Liontrust Investment Partners LLP	Market-Oriented	20.0%	20.0%
Ninety One UK Limited	Value	18.5%	19.1%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	21.0%	25.0%

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