## Russell Investments

# Russell Investments US Equity Fund

**Article 8** 



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## **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing at least 70% of its assets in the equities and investments similar to equities of U.S. companies. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the Russell 1000 Index (USD) Net Returns of Withholding Tax 30% (the Index) which it seeks to outperform by 1.25% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments/ Money Managers have full discretion to select investments for the Fund.

#### **Fund Update**

The Fund outperformed the benchmark in the first quarter. Stock selection within consumer discretionary (underweight Tesla) was a key contributor to excess returns. Selection within industrials (underweight Boeing) was also additive. However, selection within health care (underweight Eli Lilly) detracted.

#### **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 R Roll-Up	4.2	13.2	21.5	13.2	30.5	11.0	13.5	12.5	8.4
Russell 1000 Index (USD) Net Returns of Withholding Tax 30% (EUR)	3.4	12.7	20.8	12.7	30.1	13.1	15.1	14.8	10.3

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

#### Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

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
Return net of management fee Class R Roll-Up	30.54	-7.96	13.73	49.75	-7.94
Russell 1000 Index (USD) Net Returns of Withholding Tax 30% (EUR)	30.05	-6.65	19.17	49.20	-6.42

Share Class; Dealing ccy						
R Roll-Up; EUR		31/03/18	31/03/17	31/03/16	31/03/15	31/03/14
Dealing frequency; Cut off	equency; Cut off		31/03/18	31/03/10	31/03/16	31/03/15
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT	Return net of management fee Class R Roll-Up	11.29	-3.47	23.66	-8.38	41.58
Domicile; Category	Russell 1000 Index (USD) Net Returns of	19.03	-1.43	24.36	-5.85	43.84
Ireland; UCITS	Withholding Tax 30% (EUR)	17.05	1.45	24.30	J.85	45.04
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Past performance does not predict future returns.

he current benchmark is the Russell 1000 Index (USD) Net Returns of Withholding Tax 30% converted to Euro.

Fund facts	
Share Class; Dealing ccy	
R Roll-Up; EUR	
Dealing frequency; Cut off	
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT	
Domicile; Category	
Ireland; UCITS	
Fund size	
USD 224.35m	
Fund launch date	
02 January 1998	
Share class launch date	
07 April 2006	
Management fee	
1.25%	
ISIN; Bloomberg	
IE00B11YH067; FRUSEQR ID	
Share class NAV	
EUR 11.08m	



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#### **Portfolio Statistics**

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	360	1004
Price/Earnings	21.6	22.1
Dividend Yield	1.3	1.3
Price to Book	3.4	3.9
EPS Growth (1 Year)	25.8	19.8

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	17.2	17.2
Tracking error	2.0	2.0
Sharpe ratio	0.4	0.4
Information ratio	-0.3	-0.3
3 year return (net)	11.0%	13.1%
3 year excess return (net)	-2.1%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Microsoft Corp	7.1%	6.5%
Apple Inc	4.4%	5.2%
NVIDIA Corp	4.3%	4.5%
Amazon.com Inc	3.8%	3.4%
Alphabet Inc	3.6%	3.5%
Mastercard Inc	1.9%	0.8%
UnitedHealth Group Inc	1.5%	1.0%
Meta Platforms Inc	1.1%	2.2%
Accenture PLC	1.1%	0.5%
Intuit Inc	0.9%	0.4%

#### **ESG Data**

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	21.1	21.5
Carbon Footprint	70.9	94.7

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).

#### **Sector weights**

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	28.3%	28.3%
Financials	13.8%	13.8%
Health Care	13.1%	12.3%
Consumer Discretionary	11.7%	10.4%
Industrials	9.3%	9.7%
Communication Services	7.9%	8.7%
Consumer Staples	4.9%	5.7%
Energy	4.0%	3.9%
Materials	3.3%	2.6%
Utilities	2.2%	2.1%
Real Estate	1.5%	2.5%
Infrastructure	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%



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#### Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC	Value	16.5%	16.2%
Jacobs Levy Equity Management, Inc.	Market-Oriented	21.0%	19.0%
J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc.	Market-Oriented	18.5%	20.0%
William Blair Investment Management, LLC	Growth	21.0%	21.8%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	23.0%	23.0%

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