

# Russell Investments World Equity Fund II



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## Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth on your investment by investing at least 80% of its assets in the equities and investments similar to equities of companies worldwide. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in emerging markets (developing countries). The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns (the Index) which it seeks to outperform by 2% 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 underperformed against the benchmark in the first quarter. The tilt towards value and smaller cap stocks was unrewarded during the period. In sectors, an underweight to US chipmaker Nvidia weighed on excess returns. Selection within consumer discretionary, health care and industrials also detracted. However, an underweight to Apple and an overweight to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) 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 SH-A Acc	3.8	9.0	17.7	9.0	20.5	6.4	9.4	8.4	8.7
MSCI ACWI (GBP Hdg) - Net Returns (GBP)	3.4	9.6	19.7	9.6	24.0	7.7	10.5	8.9	9.4

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 SH-A Acc	20.52	-5.54	5.86	53.03	-15.04
MSCI ACWI (GBP Hdg) - Net Returns (GBP)	24.01	-7.05	8.40	49.55	-11.65

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 SH-A Acc	1.18	11.17	17.20	-5.88	15.10
MSCI ACWI (GBP Hdg) - Net Returns (GBP)	4.19	9.90	16.04	-5.34	13.29

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the MSCI ACWI (EUR Hdg) - Net Returns. Prior to 1st January 2018 the benchmark was Russell Global Large Cap NR Index EUR Hdg. Prior to 1st April 2011 the benchmark was MSCI World NR EUR Hdg.

Fund facts
<b>Share Class; Dealing ccy</b>
SH-A Acc; GBP
<b>Dealing frequency; Cut off</b>
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT
<b>Domicile; Category</b>
Ireland; UCITS
<b>Fund size</b>
USD 793.10m
<b>Fund launch date</b>
29 September 2006
<b>Share class launch date</b>
08 December 2009
<b>Management fee</b>
0.95%
<b>ISIN; Bloomberg</b>
IE00B4QXK668; RUSWSHA ID
<b>Share class NAV</b>
GBP 231.50m

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## Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	793	2841
Price/Earnings	17.1	19.5
Dividend Yield	1.9	1.9
Price to Book	2.4	2.7
EPS Growth (1 Year)	26.6	19.6

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	16.0	16.0
Tracking error	1.8	1.8
Sharpe ratio	0.3	0.3
Information ratio	-0.2	-0.2
3 year return (net)	7.5%	7.7%
3 year excess return (net)	-0.2%	-

## Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Microsoft Corp	3.2%	4.1%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	2.9%	0.8%
Alphabet Inc	2.5%	2.3%
Meta Platforms Inc	1.8%	1.5%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	1.8%	0.5%
NVIDIA Corp	1.2%	3.1%
Apple Inc	1.2%	3.5%
Amazon.com Inc	1.0%	2.3%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	0.9%	0.2%
Mastercard Inc	0.9%	0.6%

## Regional weights

	Fund	Benchmark
United States	60.1%	63.3%
Europe ex UK	13.6%	12.5%
Emerging Markets	11.1%	10.1%
Japan	5.4%	5.5%
United Kingdom	4.2%	3.3%
Canada	3.1%	2.8%
Australia/New Zealand	2.0%	1.8%
Asia ex Japan	0.5%	0.7%

## Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	20.8%	23.7%
Financials	15.4%	16.1%
Health Care	13.1%	11.2%
Consumer Discretionary	11.6%	10.9%
Industrials	11.3%	10.8%
Communication Services	8.7%	7.6%
Consumer Staples	7.3%	6.4%
Materials	5.3%	4.1%
Energy	3.9%	4.6%
Real Estate	1.4%	2.2%
Utilities	1.1%	2.5%
Infrastructure	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

## ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	22.0	21.5
Carbon Footprint	92.9	118.1

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
Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC	Classic Large Cap Value (Kaser)	7.0%	5.5%
Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG	European All Cap	5.0%	2.8%
Nissay Asset Management Corporation	Value	10.0%	8.5%
Numeric Investors LLC	Market-Oriented	11.0%	15.8%
Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.	Market-Oriented	10.0%	11.1%
PineStone Asset Management Inc.	Growth	11.0%	9.6%
RWC Asset Advisors (US) LLC	Market-Oriented	7.0%	5.5%
Sanders Capital, LLC	Value	16.0%	17.2%
Wellington Management Company LLP	Growth	6.0%	10.1%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	17.0%	13.8%

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