

Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund

Sector Allocation (%)



Materials	24.3%
Financials	21.7%
Health Care	11.5%
Consumer Discretionary	7.8%
Industrials	7.5%
Energy	6.6%
Real Estate	6.3%
Communication Services	4.1%
Consumer Staples	3.5%
Other	3.3%
Information Technology	2.8%
Utilities	0.7%

Allocations may not equal 100% due to rounding.		
Fund Facts		
Share Class		
Class A		
Inception date		
31 May 2004		

S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

Portfolio Manager

James Harwood

APIR Code

Benchmark

RIM0029AU

Recommended Investment Timeframe

7 Years

Fund Size

AUD 214.54m

Management Fees and Cost

1 13%

Performance Fees

0.15%

Management Fees and Costs: As a percentage of net assets. Includes management fee, indirect costs and expense recoveries. Reflects RIM's reasonable estimates of the typical fees for the current financial year. All costs reflect the actual amount incurred for previous financial year and may include RIM's reasonable estimates where information was not available or where RIM was unable to determine the exact amount. Refer to the PDS for further

Performance Fees: As a percentage of net assets. RIM does not charge a performance fee at the Fund level, however underlying funds and managers may charge a performance fee. This estimated fee is based on the average of actual performance fees incurred over the past 5 financial years. Refer to PDS for further information.

Fund Objective

To significantly outperform the Fund's benchmark, before costs and tax, over the long term by providing exposure to a diversified portfolio of predominantly Australian shares.

The Fund invests predominantly in shares and unit trusts listed or about to be listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. The Fund may also engage in short selling of securities. Derivatives may be used to obtain or reduce exposure to securities and markets, to implement investment strategies and to manage risk.

Performance Review (%)

Period Ending 31/03/2024	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since Inception %p.a.
Growth Return	3.88	6.22	5.80	-0.79	0.74	1.67
Distribution Return	0.00	0.00	6.72	8.02	6.66	6.58
Total Return	3.88	6.22	12.52	7.23	7.40	8.25

Performance is net of fees and charges. Assumes reinvestment of income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future

. The distribution return reflects income paid from the Fund, whilst the growth return reflects changes in the capital value of units.

Growth of \$10,000



Fund Update

The Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund outperformed the benchmark in the March quarter.

Contributing to the Fund's outperformance was strong stock selection within the materials space; notably underweights to miners BHP Group and Fortescue. Both stocks traded lower on the back of a sharp decline in iron ore prices. Other materials positions to add value were overweights to Nickel Industries, Incitec Pivot and Alumina, which jumped almost 57% after its partner, US aluminium producer Alcoa, offered to acquire the company in a deal worth \$3.3 billion. Stock selection within the healthcare sector added further value over the period, including an overweight to ResMed and underweights to Sonic Healthcare and Nanosonics. Stock selection amongst financials also contributed positively to performance; notably overweights to QBE Insurance and takeover target Virgin Money UK. Partly offsetting these positions was our broader underweight to the sector, which significantly outperformed the market over the period. In contrast, stock selection within the consumer discretionary space detracted from overall performance in the first quarter; notably an underweight to Wesfarmers, which jumped almost 23% on the back of better-than-expected earnings. Wesfarmers owns the Kmart, Bunnings Warehouse and Officeworks brands. Overweights to poor-performing names Domino's Pizza and IDP Education also weighed on returns. Performance was further impacted by stock selection within the communication services space, albeit modestly. This included overweights to Seek and New Zealand's Chorus Ltd.















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Top Ten Issuers (%)

CSL Ltd BHP Group Ltd Commonwealth Bank of Australia Santos Ltd Goodman Group National Australia Bank Ltd QBE Insurance Group Ltd ANZ Group Holdings Ltd BlueScope Steel Ltd Newmont Corp

ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Risk Score	21.40	22.53
Carbon Footprint	207.41	142.98
Tobacco Exposure	0.00%	0.00%

ESG Risk Score: Higher scores imply higher ESG risk.

The ESG Risk Score is the weighted average of the Sustainalytics' Risk Score for companies in the portfolio. The Sustainalytics' Risk Score focuses on ESG issues that are financially material to the company and incorporates both risk exposure and issue management. The scores range from 0 to 100 where higher scores imply higher ESG risk.

Carbon Footprint: Higher score implies greater carbon exposure. The Carbon Footprint is the Weighted Average Carbon Intensity which we define as relative carbon emissions as the weighted average of portfolio companies' Scope 1 & 2 GHG emissions divided by revenue (CO2e/\$1M revenue USD).

Tobacco Exposure: Defined as the weight of securities in the portfolio classified as being in the GICS tobacco subindustry.



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Portfolio Structure

Manager	Style	Target Allocation (%)	Comment
Allan Gray Australia Pty Ltd	Value	12.00	Allan Gray outperformed the benchmark over the quarter, driven in part by overweights to Alumina, Virgin Money UK and QBE Insurance. Underweights to iron ore majors BHP Group, Rio Tinto and Fortescue also added value.
Ausbil Investment Management Limited	Market-Oriented	12.00	Ausbil outperformed the benchmark over the quarter, benefiting from overweights to industrial property giant Goodman Group, Life360 and software company Altium. Underweights to Domino's Pizza and Nanosonics also added value.
Firetrail Investments Pty Limited	Market-Oriented	20.00	Firetrail underperformed the benchmark over the period, hurt in part by overweights to Domino's Pizza, Lynas Rare Earths and gold miner Newmont. Overweights to Seek and diversified miner South32 also weighed on returns.
L1 Capital Pty Ltd	Fundamental	10.00	L1 Capital's Catalyst strategy outperformed the benchmark over the quarter, benefiting from overweights to QBE Insurance, Downer EDI and Nickel Industries. An overweight to rail transport company Aurizon Holdings also added value.
Platypus Asset Management Pty Limited	Growth	14.00	Platypus outperformed the benchmark over the quarter, driven by overweights to plumbing supplies group Reece Ltd., Netwealth and industrial property giant Goodman Group. Overweights to NEXTDC and WiseTech Global also added value.
WaveStone Capital Pty Ltd	Growth	20.00	WaveStone Capital underperformed the benchmark over the quarter, hurt in part by overweights to iron ore major Rio Tinto, Woolworths and Domino's Pizza. Overweights to IGO Ltd., Transurban and Nine Entertainment also weighed on returns.
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	12.00	The strategy outperformed the benchmark over the quarter, benefiting in part from overweights to industrial property giant Goodman Group and software company Altium. Underweights to iron ore major BHP Group and CSL Ltd. also added value. The Fund's liquidity reserve comprises cash awaiting investment or held to meet redemption requests or to pay expenses. The Fund typically exposes all or a portion of its cash to the performance of appropriate markets by purchasing equity securities and/or derivatives. Any remaining cash is invested in an unregistered cash management fund advised by Russell Investment Management Ltd.

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