

Russell Investments World Equity Fund II

Article 8



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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 outperformed the benchmark return, helped by effective stock selection. In addition, its value exposure was a tailwind in the period. In sectors, stock selection within consumer discretionary was the main positive contributor. This included underweight exposure to Tesla and overweights to Alibaba Group and AutoZone. Overweight exposure to and stock selection within materials (overweight AngloGold Ashanti) and health care (overweight CVS, HCA Healthcare) were also beneficial. In information technology both positioning and stock selection were rewarded, notably underweights to Nvidia, Apple and Broadcom. This was despite the negative impact from an overweight to TSMC. An overweight to Apple in communication services also contributed. Elsewhere, underweights to energy and utilities were negative, weighing on gains.

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	-5.8	-3.5	0.6	-3.5	2.3	6.1	13.4	9.6	9.0
MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns (GBP)	-6.3	-4.3	1.5	-4.3	4.9	7.6	14.3	10.4	9.4

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

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 682.15m

Fund launch date

29 September 2006

Share class launch date

21 April 2008

Management fee

0.90%

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE00B2QYD335; RUSWEAI ID

Share class NAV

GBP 15.56m

Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in GBP	31/03/24 31/03/25	31/03/23 31/03/24	31/03/22 31/03/23	31/03/21 31/03/22	31/03/20 31/03/21
Return net of management fee Class I Acc	2.30	17.07	-0.25	9.99	42.61
MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns (GBP)	4.87	20.60	-1.43	12.42	38.94

Returns shown in GBP	31/03/19 31/03/20	31/03/18 31/03/19	31/03/17 31/03/18	31/03/16 31/03/17	31/03/15 31/03/16
Return net of management fee Class I Acc	-9.20	7.30	3.72	34.32	-1.36
MSCI ACWI (USD) - Net Returns (GBP)	-6.74	10.45	2.41	32.23	-1.03

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.

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	795	2558
Price/Earnings	21.3	22.3
Dividend Yield	1.9	1.9
Price to Book	3.0	3.2
EPS Growth (1 Year)	18.8	23.3

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	15.6	15.6
Tracking error	1.7	1.7
Sharpe ratio	-	-
Information ratio	-0.9	-0.9
3 year return (net)	7.2%	7.6%
3 year excess return (net)	-0.5%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Microsoft Corp	2.6%	3.5%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	2.5%	0.9%
Alphabet Inc	2.5%	2.2%
Apple Inc	1.8%	4.4%
NVIDIA Corp	1.8%	3.5%
Meta Platforms Inc	1.6%	1.7%
Amazon.com Inc	1.4%	2.4%
Mastercard Inc	1.2%	0.6%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	1.1%	0.4%
Tencent Holdings Ltd	1.0%	0.5%

Regional weights

	Fund	Benchmark
United States	61.7%	64.3%
Europe ex UK	12.7%	11.9%
Emerging Markets	11.5%	10.4%
Japan	4.7%	4.9%
United Kingdom	3.6%	3.4%
Canada	2.9%	2.8%
Australia/New Zealand	1.8%	1.5%
Asia ex Japan	1.1%	0.8%

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	20.4%	23.4%
Financials	16.8%	18.1%
Health Care	12.4%	10.3%
Industrials	11.5%	10.6%
Consumer Discretionary	11.4%	10.6%
Communication Services	9.3%	8.2%
Consumer Staples	6.7%	6.3%
Materials	5.6%	3.6%
Energy	3.1%	4.2%
Real Estate	1.4%	2.1%
Utilities	1.4%	2.7%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	21.0	20.8
Carbon Footprint	85.8	118.3

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
Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC	Classic Large Cap Value (Kaser)	7.0%	7.5%
Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG	European All Cap	5.0%	4.3%
Nissay Asset Management Corporation	Value	9.5%	7.0%
Numeric Investors LLC	Market-Oriented	11.0%	14.4%
Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.	Market-Oriented	9.5%	10.1%
PineStone Asset Management Inc.	Growth	10.0%	10.7%
RWC Asset Advisors (US) LLC	Market-Oriented	7.0%	4.6%
Sanders Capital, LLC	Value	15.0%	16.0%
Wellington Management Company LLP	Growth	6.0%	7.9%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	20.0%	17.4%

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