

Russell Investments Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Article 8



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Fund facts

Share class; Dealing ccy

Class A Acc; USD

Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2.00pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

USD 1,079.95m

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE0003507054; FRIEMEI ID

Fund launch date

31 December 1994

Share class launch date

31 December 1994

Management fee

1.30%

Share class NAV

USD 426.50

Fund objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing in the shares of companies in emerging markets or companies that carry out a majority of their business in emerging markets. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (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 finished in line with the negative benchmark in August. From a style point of view, the exposure to momentum has been positive. From a country point of view, an underweight to India detracted, while stock selection within Korea (SK Hynix) and Taiwan (Alchip Technologies) has been positive. From a sector point of view, selection within materials (overweight Ivanhoe Mines) detracted. However, stock selection within technology (overweight Alchip Technologies, Elm Company, Accton Technology) was rewarded, followed by selection within consumer discretionary (underweight Nio, Meituan, overweight MercadoLibre) has been positive.

Performance review (%)

Performance to period end Returns shown in USD	1 month	3 months	Year to date	12 months	3 years	5 years	Since inception*
Return gross of management fee Class A Acc	-6.1	3.8	4.8	2.3	-0.4	1.3	6.5
Return net of management fee Class A Acc	-6.2	3.5	3.9	1.0	-1.7	0.0	5.1
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns	-6.2	3.5	4.6	1.3	-1.4	1.0	5.7

*Inception: 31 December 1994

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Discrete rolling 12 month performance (%)

Returns shown in USD	30/06/23 30/06/22	30/06/22 30/06/21	30/06/21 30/06/20	30/06/20 30/06/19	30/06/19 30/06/18
Return gross of management fee Class A Acc	2.1	-25.2	44.3	-4.6	0.3
Return net of management fee Class A Acc	0.8	-26.2	42.4	-5.9	-1.0
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns	1.7	-25.3	40.9	-3.4	1.2

Returns shown in USD	30/06/18 30/06/17	30/06/17 30/06/16	30/06/16 30/06/15	30/06/15 30/06/14	30/06/14 30/06/13
Return gross of management fee Class A Acc	6.2	26.9	-10.8	-5.0	17.5
Return net of management fee Class A Acc	4.8	25.2	-11.9	-6.2	16.0
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns	7.9	22.7	-11.0	-4.5	16.0

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns converted into the currency displayed in the performance table above where applicable. Prior to 1st January 2018 the benchmark was the Russell Emerging Markets NR Index. Prior to 1st April 2011 the benchmark was MSCI Emerging Markets Index NR, prior to 1st January 2009, it was gross. Prior to April 1999 it was ING Barings Extended EM Index. Between April 1999 & February 2003 the IFC Investable Index.

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Portfolio statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	569	1421
Price/earnings	19.7	17.3
Dividend yield	1.6	2.0
Price to book	2.2	2.5

Data as at 31 July 2023
Source: Factset

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	18.2	17.6
Tracking error	2.3%	-
Sharpe ratio	-0.1	-0.1
Information ratio	-0.1	-
3 year return (net)	-1.7%	-1.4%
3 year excess return (net)	-0.3%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Security	Fund	Benchmark
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	4.3%	6.3%
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	3.8%	3.7%
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	3.0%	4.0%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	2.1%	2.9%
SK Hynix Inc	1.8%	0.7%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	1.4%	-
Baidu Inc-Class A	1.0%	0.6%
Bank Rakyat Indonesia	1.0%	0.4%
Reliance Industries Ltd.	1.0%	1.3%
Grupo Financiero Banorte SAB de CV	0.9%	0.3%

Data as at 31 July 2023

Country weight

	Fund	Benchmark
China	30.8%	30.7%
Taiwan	12.8%	14.7%
Korea, Republic of	11.9%	12.4%
India	10.7%	14.1%
Brazil	8.3%	5.5%
Mexico	3.2%	2.8%
South Africa	2.8%	3.3%
Hong Kong	2.6%	0.1%
Indonesia	2.4%	1.9%
Others	14.5%	14.6%

The numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding
Data as at 31 July 2023

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Financials	20.8%	21.6%
Information Technology	20.4%	20.3%
Consumer Discretionary	15.2%	14.2%
Materials	9.8%	8.3%
Industrials	8.4%	6.4%
Communication Services	7.9%	9.9%
Consumer Staples	5.5%	6.2%
Energy	4.4%	4.9%
Health Care	3.2%	3.8%
Real Estate	2.3%	1.8%
Utilities	1.7%	2.6%
Other	0.4%	-

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Data as at 31 July 2023

ESG data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	24.5	24.7
Carbon footprint	224.2	322.8

Data as at 31 July 2023

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	Role in fund	Target	Actual
Axiom	Focused on positive earnings revision with consistent growth characteristics	13.0%	14.0%
Barrow Hanley	Contrarian value opportunities with quality characteristics	10.0%	9.7%
Numeric	Value and momentum exposure delivered through a quantitative approach	16.0%	17.3%
Oaktree	Market-oriented, employing a mix of growth and valuation criteria	14.0%	13.3%
Russell Investments	Positioning strategy to align Fund characteristics with preferred positioning	20.0%	17.6%
Neuberger Berman	Seeks cash-generative, higher growth companies trading at reasonable valuations	12.0%	10.1%
RWC	Opportunistic approach, focusing on value and growth	10.0%	10.9%
Bin Yuan Capital	Pan China manager investing in quality companies trading at reasonable valuations	5.0%	4.3%
Russell Investments (cash & other)		-	2.9%

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Cash is equitized using MSCI Emerging Markets Equity Futures contracts.

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