

Russell Investments Hedged Global Shares Fund



Portfolio Manager

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| Fund facts |
|--------------------------------------------|
| Inception date |
| 24 July 2012 |
| Benchmark |
| MSCI ACWI Index - 100% Hedged to NZD - Net |
| Currency |
| 100% Hedged to NZD |
| Total Annual Fund Charges |
| 0.92% |
| Management Fees |
| 0.80% |
| Estimated Administration Fee |
| 0.12% |
| Dealing frequency; Cut off |
| Daily, 11am NZT |
| Dividend reinvestment available |
| Yes |

Fund objective

To provide a total return, before costs and tax, higher than the MSCI ACWI Index – 100% Hedged to NZD – Net over the long term (3 years plus).

Fund update

Contributing to the Fund's underperformance was stock selection in Japan, including overweights to poor-performing names like Hino Motors and electronics companies Panasonic and Seiko Epson. Stock selection in Continental Europe also weighed on returns over the period. Performance was further impacted by stock selection in Canada, including overweights to miners First Quantum Minerals and Ivanhoe Mines; the former falling more than 50% amid uncertainty surrounding the future of its key open pit copper mine project in Panama. In contrast, the Fund benefited from stock selection amongst emerging markets. This included overweights to South African gold miner AngloGold Ashanti and Taiwanese semiconductor company MediaTek. Other key holdings to add value over the period were an underweight to US electric car maker Tesla and overweights to US health insurers UnitedHealth Group and Elevance Health.

Performance review (%)

| Period ending 31/10/2023 | 1 month | 3 months | 1 year p.a. | 3 years p.a. | 5 years p.a. | Since inception p.a. |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Gross fund performance | -2.85 | -8.05 | 8.50 | 8.84 | 7.44 | 11.06 |
| Net fund performance | -2.93 | -8.26 | 7.54 | 7.69 | 6.11 | 9.53 |
| Benchmark return* | -2.74 | -7.97 | 9.46 | 7.45 | 7.23 | 10.62 |
| Excess fund performance (gross) | -0.11 | -0.08 | -0.96 | 1.39 | 0.21 | 0.74 |

Note: The fund performance shown in this factsheet, effective from 1 December 2021, is not calculated using the unit prices for transacting into and out of the fund. The performance from this period has been calculated using adjusted unit prices. The unit prices calculated by the custodian use security prices available at NZ market close, while the benchmark is calculated using the security prices at the close of the different global markets. This pricing methodology difference causes an embedded lagging effect; hence a month-end adjustment is made to so that the fund performance reporting is aligned with the benchmark methodology and we can more accurately report the fund performance against the benchmark. This methodology is effective from 1 December 2021 thereafter. Fund performance for periods up to 30 November 2021 has been calculated using the unit prices for transacting into and out of the fund.

* MSCI World Net - \$NZ Hedged Index until 31/12/2010, Russell Global Large Cap \$NZ Hedged – Net Index until 30/09/2018 and MSCI ACWI Index – 100% Hedged to NZD - Net thereafter.

Net fund performance shown is net of fees and charges. Assumes reinvestment of income. The benchmark return shown does not include any fees and is not intended to be an indicator of the return to an investor. Performance data is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended to imply a recommendation about a product or form the basis for making an investment decision. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Portfolio statistics

| | Fund | Benchmark |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Number of equity holdings | 678 | 2947 |
| Price / earnings | 14.70 | 16.65 |
| Dividend yield | 2.94% | 3.00% |
| Price to book | 2.26 | 2.60 |

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Top ten holdings (%)

| Security | Fund | Benchmark |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------|
| MICROSOFT CORP | 4.54 | 4.04 |
| APPLE INC | 2.53 | 4.55 |
| ALPHABET INC-CL C | 1.82 | 1.12 |
| META PLATFORMS INC-CLASS A | 1.78 | 1.13 |
| ALPHABET INC-CL A | 1.59 | 1.25 |
| UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC | 1.59 | 0.84 |
| TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR-SP ADR | 1.57 | 0.68 |
| AMAZON.COM INC | 1.27 | 2.08 |
| SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD | 1.24 | 0.40 |
| MASTERCARD INC - A | 1.07 | 0.54 |

Regional weights (%)

| | Fund | Benchmark |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------|
| United States | 58.55 | 62.10 |
| Europe ex UK | 13.33 | 12.54 |
| Emerging Markets | 12.46 | 10.69 |
| Japan | 5.58 | 5.48 |
| UK | 3.76 | 3.60 |
| Canada | 2.77 | 2.85 |
| Australia/New Zealand | 1.74 | 1.79 |
| Asia ex Japan | 1.03 | 0.91 |
| Other | 0.78 | 0.04 |

Sector weights (%)

| | Fund | Benchmark |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Information Technology | 21.11 | 22.05 |
| Financials | 14.70 | 15.70 |
| Health Care | 13.22 | 11.70 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 12.17 | 11.00 |
| Industrials | 9.75 | 10.27 |
| Communication Services | 9.00 | 7.48 |
| Consumer Staples | 6.66 | 7.20 |
| Materials | 5.67 | 4.47 |
| Energy | 3.85 | 5.16 |
| Real Estate | 1.76 | 2.26 |
| Utilities | 1.34 | 2.71 |
| Other | 0.77 | - |

ESG data

| | Fund | Benchmark |
|---------------------|--------|-----------|
| ESG Risk Score** | 21.68 | 21.72 |
| Carbon Footprint*** | 123.31 | 135.20 |
| Tobacco Exposure | 0.00% | 0.58% |

** Higher scores imply higher risk

*** Higher score implies greater carbon exposure

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. 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 is defined as the weight of securities in the portfolio classified as being in the GICS tobacco subindustry.

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Portfolio structure (manager weight)

| Manager | Style | Target Allocation |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| PineStone Asset Management | Core global equities | 11% |
| J O Hambro Capital Management | UK equity dynamic | 10% |
| Liquidity Reserve | Cash | 3% |
| Man Numeric Investors | Core global equities, global low volatility | 10% |
| Nissay Asset Management | Japanese equities | 10% |
| Oaktree Capital | Emerging markets | 11% |
| Russell Investments | Positioning strategies | 14% |
| RWC Partners | Global emerging markets | 7% |
| Sanders Capital, LLC | Core global value | 16% |
| Wellington Management Company LLP | Core global growth horizons | 8% |

Footnotes

All information contained in this document is for the current reporting period unless otherwise stated.

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