

Russell Investments NZ Shares Fund



Portfolio Manager

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Fund facts

Inception date

14 February 2013

Benchmark**

S&P/NZX 50 Index (gross) and including imputation credits

Currency

NZD

Total Annual Fund Charges

0.79%

Management Fees

0.70%

Estimated Administration Fee

0.09%

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 S&P/NZX 50 Index (gross and including imputation credits) over the long term (3 years plus).

Fund update

Stock selection within the financials space contributed positively to performance over the period; notably an underweight to Heartland Group, which fell more than 14.0% for the month. Stock selection amongst utilities also added value in October, including a material overweight to Contact Energy and an underweight to Vector. Stock selection within the communication services space added further value over the period; notably an overweight to Spark New Zealand. Partly offsetting this was our broader underweight to the sector. In contrast, stock selection amongst healthcare names detracted from overall performance. This included an overweight to Ryman Healthcare and an underweight to EBOS Group.

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	-4.40	-9.54	-3.56	-1.96	5.65	10.82
Net fund performance	-4.47	-9.72	-4.32	-2.89	4.49	9.49
Benchmark return*	-4.77	-10.43	-4.26	-3.05	5.03	10.22
Excess fund performance (gross)	0.37	0.89	0.70	1.09	0.62	0.60

Rolling 12 month performance (%)

Period ending 31/10/2023	31/10/18 31/10/19	31/10/19 31/10/20	31/10/20 31/10/21	31/10/21 31/10/22	31/10/22 31/10/23
Gross fund performance	22.74	13.77	11.88	-12.65	-3.56
Net fund performance	21.16	12.30	10.43	-13.34	-4.32
Benchmark return*	24.43	12.74	9.08	-12.74	-4.26

* From 1 July 2016 this is S&P/NZX 50 Index (gross) and including imputation credits. Between 1 December 2014 and 30 June 2016 this was the Russell New Zealand Domestic Index including imputation credits (previously known as the Russell NZ Tradable Gross Index). Up to 30 November 2014 the benchmark was the NZX50 Index including imputation credits. Net fund performance shown is net of fees and charges. Assumes reinvestment of income. 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. Performance is calculated on exit price. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Portfolio statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	56	50
Price / earnings	16.54	15.85
Dividend yield	3.62%	4.00%
Price to book	1.63	1.58

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Top ten holdings (%)

Security	Fund	Benchmark
FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE C	9.86	11.32
SPARK NEW ZEALAND LTD	9.29	8.57
AUCKLAND INTL AIRPORT LTD	8.81	9.00
INFRATIL LTD	8.40	7.64
CONTACT ENERGY LTD	7.53	5.72
MERIDIAN ENERGY LTD	5.20	5.60
MAINFREIGHT LTD	4.90	4.58
EBOS GROUP LTD	4.59	5.14
RYMAN HEALTHCARE LTD	4.05	3.18
MERCURY NZ LTD	3.88	3.67

ESG data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Risk Score**	25.72	24.97
Carbon Footprint***	100.49	96.34
Tobacco Exposure	0.00%	0.00%

** Higher scores imply higher ESG 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.

Sector allocation (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Industrials	29.19	29.46
Health Care	22.08	23.07
Utilities	17.69	17.30
Communication Services	11.06	11.88
Real Estate	4.95	8.27
Consumer Staples	3.42	3.80
Financials	2.63	2.45
Consumer Discretionary	2.20	2.28
Information Technology	1.32	0.69
Energy	0.43	0.33
Materials	0.26	0.47
Other	4.77	-

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Portfolio structure (manager weight)

Manager	Style	Target Allocation
Devon Funds Management	Market-Oriented, Value Biased	40%
Harbour Asset Management	Growth	40%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	20%

Footnotes

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

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