

# Russell Investments Hedged Global Shares Fund



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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 incl. GST

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

The Russell Investments Global Shares Fund underperformed the benchmark in the December quarter. However, the Fund did deliver positive absolute returns over the period.

Contributing to the Fund's underperformance was poor stock selection in Japan; notably overweights to pharmaceutical company Nippon Shinyaku Co., engineering firm JGC Holdings Corp. and Hino Motors. Stock selection in Canada also weighed on returns. This included overweights to miner First Quantum Minerals and petroleum refineries company Suncor Energy; the former falling almost 70% over the period amid uncertainty surrounding the future of its key open pit copper mine project in Panama. Performance was further impacted by stock selection in emerging markets; notably overweights to Chinese names Kuaishou Technology, Alibaba Group and China Mengniu Dairy Co. All three stocks recorded sharp declines for the quarter. In contrast, the Fund benefited from strong stock selection in the US, including overweights to technology heavyweight Microsoft, ratings agency Moody's Corp. and Meta Platforms (formerly Facebook). Other US positions to add value were underweights to electric car maker Tesla, oil major Exxon Mobil and pharmaceutical company Pfizer. Stock selection in the UK also contributed positively to performance in the fourth quarter; notably underweights to healthcare company AstraZeneca, British American Tobacco and oil giant Shell. Overweights to private equity firm 3i Group and Land Securities Group – the UK's largest commercial property development and investment company – added further value over the period.

## Performance review (%)

Period ending 31/12/2023	1 month	3 months	1 year p.a.	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	Since inception p.a.
Gross fund performance	3.72	8.08	18.48	7.18	11.18	11.93
Net fund performance	3.65	7.84	17.43	6.09	9.83	10.40
Benchmark return <sup>*</sup>	4.00	8.93	21.41	6.48	11.11	11.26
Excess fund performance (gross)	-0.28	-0.85	-2.93	0.70	0.07	0.67

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	763	2921
Price / earnings	16.70	18.63
Dividend yield	2.66%	2.00%
Price to book	2.54	2.89

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## Top ten holdings (%)

Security	Fund	Benchmark
MICROSOFT CORP	4.39	3.95
APPLE INC	2.54	4.47
META PLATFORMS INC-CLASS A	1.83	1.17
ALPHABET INC-CL C	1.77	1.09
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR-SP ADR	1.63	0.71
ALPHABET INC-CL A	1.55	1.23
AMAZON.COM INC	1.33	2.10
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	1.32	0.43
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	1.24	0.72
NVIDIA CORP	1.14	1.82

## Regional weights (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
United States	58.52	62.01
Europe ex UK	13.58	12.80
Emerging Markets	12.30	10.58
Japan	5.21	5.40
UK	3.59	3.46
Canada	2.87	2.93
Australia/New Zealand	1.76	1.90
Other	1.24	0.07
Asia ex Japan	0.93	0.85

## Sector weights (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	21.86	22.93
Financials	15.12	15.92
Health Care	12.55	11.24
Consumer Discretionary	11.91	11.08
Industrials	9.84	10.65
Communication Services	9.02	7.34
Consumer Staples	6.32	6.76
Materials	5.53	4.52
Energy	3.43	4.54
Real Estate	1.89	2.38
Utilities	1.30	2.62
Other	1.23	0.02

## ESG data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Risk Score**	21.69	21.58
Carbon Footprint***	119.06	128.68
Tobacco Exposure	0.00%	0.53%

\*\* 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 (CO<sub>2</sub>e/\$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%
Nissay Asset Management	Japanese equities	10%
Man Numeric Investors	Core global equities, global low volatility	10%
Oaktree Capital	Emerging markets	11%
Russell Investments	Positioning strategies	14%
Redwheel Partners	Global emerging markets	7%
Sanders Capital, LLC	Core global value	16%
Wellington Management Company LLP	Core global growth horizons	8%
Liquidity Reserve	Cash	3%

### Footnotes

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