

# Russell Investments Emerging Markets Equity Fund

**Article 8**

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## 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 outperformed in a positive start to the year for Emerging Markets. The Fund's positive exposure to momentum and value was rewarded. Country allocation underpinned positive returns. Underweights to Taiwan (TSMC) and India suited the market environment, although this was slightly negated by unrewarded stock selection. An overweight to and selection within Brazil, alongside positive selection within South Africa (overweight AngloGold Ashanti), were additional contributors. China specialist Bin Yuan was the standout performer at the manager level, benefitting from its growth exposure and strong stock selection.

## Performance Review %

Performance to period end Returns shown in EUR	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 EUR-M Accumulation	-2.8	-0.6	-0.8	-0.6	7.8	1.3	8.2	-	3.9
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns (EUR)	-3.1	-1.3	-2.2	-1.3	8.1	2.4	8.3	3.8	4.6

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

## Fund facts

### Share Class; Dealing ccy

EUR-M Accumulation; EUR

### Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2:00 pm GMT

### Domicile; Category

Ireland; UCITS

### Fund size

USD 869.25m

### Fund launch date

20 December 1994

### Share class launch date

04 October 2019

### Management fee

0.75%

### ISIN; Bloomberg

IE00BKT6RW93;

### Share class NAV

EUR 47.70m

## Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in EUR	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 EUR-M Accumulation	7.76	6.85	-9.63	-4.81	49.82
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns (EUR)	8.07	8.80	-8.55	-6.37	47.87

  

Returns shown in EUR	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 EUR-M Accumulation	-	-	-	-	-
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) - Net Returns (EUR)	-15.77	-	-	-	-

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	539	1206
Price/Earnings	14.1	14.6
Dividend Yield	2.6	2.6
Price to Book	1.7	1.8
EPS Growth (1 Year)	31.8	51.4

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	17.7	17.7
Tracking error	2.2	2.2
Sharpe ratio	-	-
Information ratio	-0.8	-0.8
3 year return (net)	1.6%	2.4%
3 year excess return (net)	-0.9%	-

## Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	6.1%	8.6%
Tencent Holdings Ltd	4.4%	5.3%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	3.1%	3.4%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	2.2%	2.7%
MediaTek Inc	1.4%	0.8%
HDFC Bank Ltd	1.1%	1.5%
Bharti Airtel Ltd	1.1%	0.7%
BYD Co Ltd	1.1%	0.9%
SK Hynix Inc	1.0%	0.9%
China Merchants Bank Co Ltd	1.0%	0.4%

## Country weight

	Fund	Benchmark
China/Hong Kong	33.5%	31.4%
India	14.9%	18.6%
Taiwan	12.7%	16.8%
Korea, Republic of	9.4%	9.0%
Brazil	6.8%	4.4%
South Africa	3.0%	2.8%
Saudi Arabia	2.6%	4.1%
Thailand	2.0%	1.2%
United Arab Emirates	1.8%	1.4%
Mexico	1.4%	1.9%

## Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Financials	24.0%	24.4%
Information Technology	18.1%	21.7%
Consumer Discretionary	15.5%	14.6%
Communication Services	10.7%	10.3%
Industrials	7.6%	6.3%
Materials	7.0%	5.7%
Consumer Staples	6.3%	4.8%
Health Care	3.2%	3.4%
Real Estate	3.1%	1.7%
Energy	3.0%	4.5%
Utilities	1.5%	2.6%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

## ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	22.6	22.8
Carbon Footprint	146.7	308.7

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
Axiom Investors LLC	Growth	12.0%	11.7%
Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss, LLC	Value	12.0%	10.8%
Bin Yuan Capital (Cayman) Limited	Growth	5.0%	3.7%
Numeric Investors LLC	Market-Oriented	18.0%	19.0%
Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.	Market-Oriented	14.0%	14.0%
Pzena Investment Management, LLC	Value	10.0%	9.1%
RWC Asset Advisors (US) LLC	Market-Oriented	8.0%	7.7%
Sands Capital Management, LLC	Growth	8.0%	8.9%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	13.0%	15.1%

Russell Investments may trade a portion of the Fund's assets based on a model portfolio provided by the investment advisor. By employing this emulated portfolio approach, the Fund leverages off the implementation capabilities of Russell Investments in order to manage the funds in an efficient manner.

Cash is equitized using MSCI Emerging Markets Equity Futures contracts.

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