

Russell Investments Continental European Equity Fund

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Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing in the shares of European companies (excluding UK), or companies that carry out a majority of their business in Europe. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI Europe ex UK Index (Eur) Net Returns (the index) which it seeks to outperform by 1.75% 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 underperformed the benchmark in the first quarter. The tilt towards small cap and quality stocks was unfavourable. In sectors, stock selection within industrials (underweight Rheinmetall) was a key detractor, followed by selection within communication services (overweight Publicis Groupe). An overweight to consumer discretionary firm Pandora was also unhelpful. However, an underweight allocation to the Dutch chipmaker ASML and Danish pharmaceutical firm Novo Nordisk contributed positively.

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 A Acc	-3.7	4.9	1.7	4.9	4.1	6.9	14.4	6.2	7.8
MSCI Europe ex UK Index (Eur) - Net Returns	-4.3	6.1	2.3	6.1	4.7	8.2	13.3	6.0	-

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Fund facts
Share Class; Dealing ccy
A Acc; EUR
Dealing frequency; Cut off
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT
Domicile; Category
Ireland; UCITS
Fund size
EUR 97.68m
Fund launch date
19 January 1998
Share class launch date
29 March 1996
Management fee
0.80%
ISIN; Bloomberg
IE0007356250; FRUCEAI ID
Share class NAV
EUR 11.66m

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 A Acc	4.06	13.09	3.88	9.22	46.66
MSCI Europe ex UK Index (Eur) - Net Returns	4.73	15.78	4.47	6.30	38.69

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 A Acc	-15.51	-0.04	1.03	20.56	-9.76
MSCI Europe ex UK Index (Eur) - Net Returns	-10.68	3.95	1.07	18.35	-13.47

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the MSCI Europe ex UK Index () - Net Returns. Prior to 1st January 2018 the benchmark was the Russell Dev Europe Large cap NR Index. Prior to 1st April 2011 the benchmark was MSCI Europe NR.

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	290	326
Price/Earnings	17.1	18.2
Dividend Yield	3.3	3.3
Price to Book	2.0	2.2
EPS Growth (1 Year)	11.2	21.5

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	13.3	13.3
Tracking error	1.7	1.7
Sharpe ratio	-	-
Information ratio	-0.1	-0.1
3 year return (net)	8.0%	8.2%
3 year excess return (net)	-0.2%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
SAP SE	2.4%	3.1%
Roche Holding AG	2.2%	2.8%
Sanofi SA	2.0%	1.4%
Novo Nordisk A/S	1.9%	2.5%
Novartis AG	1.9%	2.5%
TotalEnergies SE	1.7%	1.6%
Nestle SA	1.5%	3.0%
Schneider Electric SE	1.3%	1.4%
Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft AG in Muenchen	1.3%	1.0%
Siemens AG	1.3%	2.0%

Country weight

	Fund	Benchmark
France	24.1%	22.2%
Germany	18.4%	19.5%
Switzerland	14.8%	19.3%
Netherlands	9.6%	9.2%
Italy	6.3%	5.8%
Spain	5.7%	6.1%
Sweden	5.5%	6.7%
Denmark	4.8%	4.6%
Finland	2.9%	1.5%
Norway	2.5%	1.3%

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Financials	22.1%	22.0%
Industrials	18.3%	18.8%
Health Care	15.0%	14.8%
Consumer Discretionary	11.2%	9.8%
Information Technology	7.7%	8.7%
Consumer Staples	6.7%	8.3%
Materials	6.4%	5.4%
Communication Services	5.1%	4.6%
Energy	4.3%	2.8%
Utilities	3.2%	4.1%
Real Estate	0.1%	0.8%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	18.4	18.3
Carbon Footprint	63.2	81.7

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
INVESCO Asset Management Limited	Market-Oriented	14.0%	12.2%
Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG	Growth	13.0%	15.1%
Liontrust Investment Partners LLP	Market-Oriented	13.0%	12.4%
Numeric Investors LLC		24.0%	26.4%
Pzena Investment Management, LLC	Value	13.0%	10.1%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	23.0%	23.8%

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