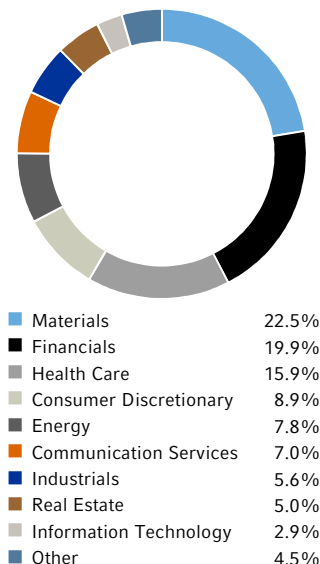


Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund

Sector allocation³



Fund objective

To significantly outperform the Fund's benchmark, before costs and tax, over the long term by providing exposure to a diversified portfolio of predominantly Australian shares.

Fund strategy

The Fund invests predominantly in shares and unit trusts listed or about to be listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. The Fund may also engage in short selling of securities. Derivatives may be used to obtain or reduce exposure to securities and markets, to implement investment strategies and to manage risk.

Performance review¹

Period ending 31/07/2022	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Total return	4.53	-7.26	-2.78	2.92	6.16	7.98

¹ Performance is net of fees and charges. Assumes reinvestment of income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Growth of \$10,000



Fund facts

Share class

Class A

Inception date

31 May 2004

Fund size

AUD 308.74m

Benchmark

S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

Portfolio manager

Andrew Zenonos and Symon Parish

Recommended investment timeframe

7 years

Tax structure

Investment - Class A

APIR code

RIM0029AU

ARSN code

108-895-469

Management fees and costs[†]

1.11%

Performance fees[‡]

0.23%

Fund commentary

The Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund underperformed the benchmark in July. However, the Fund did deliver positive absolute returns for the month.

Contributing to the Fund's underperformance was poor stock within the financials space; notably material underweights to Commonwealth Bank of Australia, National Australia Bank and Westpac Banking Corp. All three stocks recorded strong, double-digit gains for the month. A sizable overweight to QBE Insurance also weighed on returns; the stock falling more than 5.0% after a review of the company's practices revealed that, in some cases, it failed to deliver on its policy pricing promise. Performance was further impacted by an overweight exposure and poor stock selection within the energy sector. This included overweights to oil and gas producer Santos and fuel retailer Ampol. Other notable positions to impact returns were an overweight to gold miner Newcrest Mining and underweights to Wesfarmers and CSL Ltd. In contrast, the Fund benefited from an underweight to materials, including underweights to BHP Group, South32 and Rio Tinto; all of which significantly underperformed the broader market in July. Stock selection within the communication services space also added value; notably an overweight to New Zealand's Chorus Ltd. Other key holdings to add value were overweights to ResMed, Pinnacle Investment Management and IDP Education.

We prefer more balanced exposures across both value and growth and have reduced our underweight positioning in low-volatility stocks. We recently reduced our overweight to value and added to our quality growth exposure.

³ Allocations may not equal 100% due to rounding.

[†] As a percentage of net assets. Includes management fee, indirect costs and expense recoveries. Reflects RIM's reasonable estimates of the typical fees for the current financial year. All costs reflect the actual amount incurred for previous financial year and may include RIM's reasonable estimates where information was not available or where RIM was unable to determine the exact amount. Refer to the PDS for further information.

[‡] As a percentage of net assets. RIM does not charge a performance fee at the Fund level, however underlying funds and managers may charge a performance fee. This estimated fee is based on the average of actual performance fees incurred over the past 5 financial years. Refer to PDS for further information.

Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund (continued)

Detailed performance review^{1,2}

	1 year %p.a.	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Total return	-2.8	2.9	6.2	8.0
Distribution	9.7	6.3	7.2	6.8
Growth	-12.5	-3.4	-1.0	1.2

1 Performance is net of fees and charges. Assumes reinvestment of income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

2 The distribution return reflects income paid from the Fund, whilst the growth return reflects changes in the capital values of the units.

ESG data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Risk Score**	24.68	23.10
Carbon Footprint***	310.75	224.21
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 of the Scope 1 (direct) and Scope 2 (electricity consumption) carbon emissions of companies in the portfolio, measured in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂-e) divided by company revenue (USD). Tobacco exposure is defined as the weight of securities in the portfolio classified as being in the GICS tobacco subindustry.

Top ten holdings

Security
CSL LTD
BHP GROUP LTD
SANTOS LTD
QBE INSURANCE GROUP LTD
RESMED INC-CDI
AUST AND NZ BANKING GROUP
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD
GOODMAN GROUP
WOODSIDE ENERGY GROUP LTD
TELSTRA CORP LTD

Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund (continued)

Portfolio structure⁴

Manager	Style	Weight %
Allan Gray	Deep Value	12.5
Ausbil Investment Management	Style Neutral, 130/30	15.0
Firetrail Investments	Opportunistic, high conviction	14.0
L1 Capital	Opportunistic, high conviction	9.0
L1 Capital (Catalyst)	Concentrated, activist	2.5
Platypus Asset Management	Aggressive growth	17.5
Russell Investments	Liquidity Reserve	3.0
Russell Investments	Positioning strategies	9.5
Vinva	Quantitative, 130/30	17.0

⁴ Russell Investments retains the discretion to change the investment managers at any time without notice. Please check russellinvestments.com.au/disclosures for the latest list of managers.

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