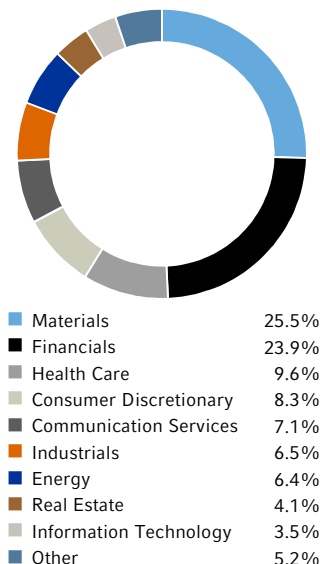


Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund

Sector allocation



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 31/07/2021	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Total return	0.52	3.63	28.56	6.90	8.54	8.64

Growth of \$10,000



Fund facts

Share class

Class A

Inception date

31 May 2004

Fund size

AUD 487.73m

Benchmark

S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

Portfolio manager

Symon Parish

Recommended investment timeframe

7 years

Tax structure

Investment - Class A

APIR code

RIM0029AU

ARSN code

108-895-469

Management cost[†]

1.20%

Performance-related fee[‡]

0.08%

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 were cyclical exposures within the value part of the market, including overweights to materials stocks Nufarm and Sims Ltd. Stock selection within the materials space more broadly also weighed on returns, including underweights to BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto; both of which hit record highs as surging iron ore prices underpinned stronger earnings. Performance was further impacted by poor stock selection within the industrials sector; notably an underweight to takeover target Sydney Airport. Another key position to detract from returns was an overweight to Crown Resorts, which fell almost 30% after the company said it expected to post a loss this financial year as lockdowns and two royal commissions took their toll. In contrast, the Fund benefited from an underweight to the 'Big Four' banks; all which traded lower over the period. An underweight exposure and positive stock selection within the poor-performing information technology sector also added value, including underweights to Computershare and Afterpay.

There were no material changes to the Fund's overall positioning during the month. We continue to favour cyclical exposures across both value and growth (with a preference for the former) and remain underweight quality and low-volatility stocks.

[†] For the year ending 30/6/2020 as a percentage of net assets. Includes performance-related fees. Refer to PDS for further information.

[‡] For the year ending 30/6/2020. May be charged if performance targets are met. 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	28.6	6.9	8.5	8.6
Distribution	7.4	5.5	7.0	6.6
Growth	21.2	1.4	1.6	2.1

ESG data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Risk Score**	24.33	23.82
Carbon Footprint***	283.71	208.81
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
BHP GROUP LTD
CSL LTD
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA
NEWCREST MINING LTD
QBE INSURANCE GROUP LTD
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD
AUST AND NZ BANKING GROUP
TELSTRA CORP LTD
OIL SEARCH LTD
RESMED INC-CDI

Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund (continued)

Portfolio structure*

Manager	Style	Weight %
Allan Gray	Deep Value	15.0
Ausbil Investment Management	Style Neutral, 130/30	15.0
Firetrail Investments	Opportunistic, high conviction	15.0
L1 Capital	Opportunistic, high conviction	7.5
Liquidity Reserve	Cash	3.0
Platypus Asset Management	Aggressive growth	17.5
Russell Investments	Positioning strategies	9.5
Vinva	Quantitative, 130/30	17.5

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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.
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