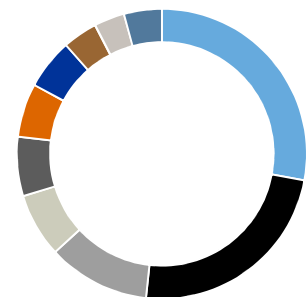


# Russell Investments Australian Shares Fund

## Sector allocation<sup>3</sup>



Financials	27.9%
Materials	23.8%
Health Care	11.4%
Consumer Discretionary	7.2%
Energy	6.6%
Real Estate	6.0%
Industrials	5.6%
Information Technology	3.9%
Communication Services	3.4%
Other	4.2%

## Fund facts

### Share class

Class A

### Inception date

31 December 1997

### Fund size

AUD 64.41m

### Benchmark

S&amp;P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

### Portfolio manager

James Harwood and Symon Parish

### Recommended investment timeframe

7 years

### Tax structure

Investment - Class A

### APIR code

RIM0006AU

### ARSN code

092-807-728

### Management fees and costs<sup>†</sup>

0.84%

### Performance fees<sup>‡</sup>

N/A

## Fund objective

To provide a total return, before costs and tax, higher than the Fund's benchmark over the long term by providing exposure to a diversified portfolio of predominantly Australian shares.

## Fund strategy

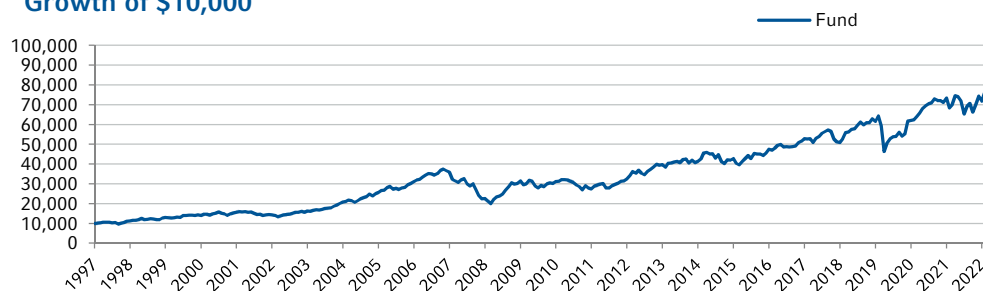
The Fund invests predominantly in shares and unit trusts listed or about to be listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. Derivatives may be used to obtain or reduce exposure to securities and markets, to implement investment strategies and to manage risk.

## Performance review<sup>1</sup>

Period ending 31/01/2023	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Total return	6.52	8.75	11.81	5.92	7.74	8.44

<sup>1</sup> 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 commentary

The Russell Investments Australian Shares Fund outperformed the benchmark in January. Contributing to the Fund's outperformance was strong stock selection amongst property trusts, including material overweights to industrial property giant Goodman Group and Charter Hall Group; both of which posted large, double-digit gains for the month. Stock selection within the consumer discretionary space also added value in January; notably overweights to strong-performing names like Aristocrat Leisure, IDP Education and ARB Corp. Other notable positions to add value were overweights to healthcare informatics company Pro Medicus and plumbing supplies group Reece Ltd. More broadly, the Fund benefited from an underweight to the utilities sector, which significantly underperformed the broader market over the period. In contrast, stock selection within the materials space detracted from overall performance in January. This included underweights to lithium producer Pilbara Minerals and iron ore major Fortescue Metals Group. Both stocks posted strong gains for the month. An overweight to the energy sector also weighed on returns; notably names like oil and gas producer Santos and engineering firm Worley Ltd. Other key holdings to impact performance were overweights to Aurizon, QBE Insurance and Suncorp Group.

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.

<sup>3</sup> Allocations may not equal 100% due to rounding.

<sup>†</sup> 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.

<sup>‡</sup> 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 Shares Fund (continued)

### Detailed performance review<sup>1,2</sup>

	1 year %p.a.	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Total return	11.8	5.9	7.7	8.4
Distribution	7.6	4.7	4.3	5.8
Growth	4.2	1.2	3.4	2.6

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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**	23.61	23.36
Carbon Footprint***	214.51	211.61
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 (CO<sub>2</sub>-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
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD
ANZ GROUP HOLDINGS LTD
MACQUARIE GROUP LTD
WESTPAC BANKING CORP
WOODSIDE ENERGY GROUP LTD
GOODMAN GROUP
ARISTOCRAT LEISURE LTD

## Russell Investments Australian Shares Fund (continued)

### Portfolio structure<sup>4</sup>

Manager	Style	Weight %
Ausbil	Core, earnings revisions focus	23.0
DFA	Deep value small cap	14.0
Liquidity Reserve	Cash	3.0
Numeric Investors	Quantitative	20.0
Platypus	Aggressive growth	20.0
Russell Investments	Active positioning strategy	10.0
Russell Investments	Systematic positioning strategy - defensive	10.0

<sup>4</sup> Russell Investments retains the discretion to change the investment managers at any time without notice. Please check [russellinvestments.com.au/disclosures](https://russellinvestments.com.au/disclosures) for the latest list of managers.

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