

Russell Investments Global High Yield Fund

Article 8



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Fund facts

Share class; Dealing ccy

Class SH - B Acc; GBP

Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2.00pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

EUR 482.18m

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE00B761WB08; RUSGSYS ID

Fund launch date

31 July 1998

Share class launch date

08 December 2009

Management fee

1.00%

Share class NAV

GBP 1,584.88

Fund objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term income and growth by investing in high yield corporate bonds issued by companies in both developed and emerging markets. The Fund invests in bonds issued which pay either a fixed or variable rate of interest. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the ICE BofA Developed Markets HY Constrained Index (EUR) (the "Index") which it seeks to outperform by 0.75% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments/ Money Managers have full discretion to select investments for the Fund.

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Fund update

The Fund underperformed the benchmark over the quarter. Credit spreads tightened further during the period, aided by positive equity market performance. As at the end of 2023, high yield credit outperformed investment grade amid continued investor conviction of a "soft landing" for the US economy. In US credit, although an overweight to investment grade (financials, industrials) contributed positively, this was offset by underweights to high yield, particularly industrials, which was a notable detractor. In Europe, overweights to investment grade financials and industrials was effective while an underweight to high yield financials was unrewarded. In hard currency emerging market debt, an overweight to Latin America was additive.

Performance review (%)

Performance to period end Returns shown in GBP	1 month	3 months	Year to date	12 months	3 years	5 years	Since inception*
Return gross of management fee Class SH - B Acc	1.2	1.4	1.4	10.4	2.0	3.9	6.0
Return net of management fee Class SH - B Acc	1.1	1.1	1.1	9.3	1.0	2.9	4.9
ICE BofA Developed Markets HY Constrained Index (GBP Hdg)	1.0	1.6	1.6	11.0	1.6	3.1	5.7

*Inception: 08 December 2009

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Data as at 31 March 2024

Discrete rolling 12 month performance (%)

Returns shown in GBP	31/03/24 31/03/23	31/03/23 31/03/22	31/03/22 31/03/21	31/03/21 31/03/20	31/03/20 31/03/19
Return gross of management fee Class SH - B Acc	10.4	-3.9	0.2	25.8	-9.4
Return net of management fee Class SH - B Acc	9.3	-4.9	-0.8	24.6	-10.3
ICE BofA Developed Markets HY Constrained Index (GBP Hdg)	11.0	-4.6	-0.9	22.4	-9.3

Returns shown in GBP	31/03/19 31/03/18	31/03/18 31/03/17	31/03/17 31/03/16	31/03/16 31/03/15	31/03/15 31/03/14
Return gross of management fee Class SH - B Acc	3.4	3.2	15.9	-0.8	1.1
Return net of management fee Class SH - B Acc	2.4	2.2	14.8	-1.7	0.1
ICE BofA Developed Markets HY Constrained Index (GBP Hdg)	3.5	2.9	15.2	-0.9	3.0

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the ICE BofA Developed Markets HY Constrained Index (GBP Hdg). Prior to 31st March 2019 the benchmark was BofAml Global High Yield 2% Constrained GBPH Index. Prior to 3rd December 2015, the composite benchmark was 70% BofAml Global High Yield 2% Constrained GBPH, 30% JP Morgan EMBIG GBPH..

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Portfolio statistics

	Fund Benchmark	
Effective duration	3.4	3.0
Average maturity	7.7	6.0
Average credit rating	BB	B
Yield to worst	5.5	6.6

Data as at 29 February 2024

3 years	Fund Benchmark	
Volatility	7.7	7.9
Tracking error	1.5%	-
Sharpe ratio	0.1	0.1
Information ratio	-0.4	-
3 year return (net)	1.0%	1.6%
3 year excess return (net)	-0.6%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Security	Fund
Us Treasury N/B 0.25 31-May-2025	3.1%
Us Treasury N/B 2.875 15-Jun-2025	2.9%
United Kingdom Gilt 1 22-Apr-2024	1.1%
Us Treasury N/B 1.875 31-Aug-2024	0.8%
Global Air Lease Co Ltd 6.5 15-Sep-2024	0.5%
Travelex Issuerc Ltd 0.5 05-Aug-2025	0.5%
Cellnex Telecom Sa 0.75 20-Nov-2031	0.5%
Treasury Bill 0 30-May-2024	0.5%
Ball Corp 2.875 15-Aug-2030	0.5%
Icahn Enterprises/Fin 6.25 15-May-2026	0.5%

Source: State Street
Data as at 31 March 2024

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Corporates	85.7%	96.1%
Treasuries	8.8%	-
EMD Hard	5.8%	3.1%
Gov-related	2.0%	0.9%
Loans	0.4%	-
Securitised	0.1%	-
Other	-2.8%	-

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Credit quality weights

	Fund	Benchmark
AAA & Cash	3.4%	-
AA	1.2%	-
BBB	8.9%	0.7%
BB	53.1%	46.8%
B	24.3%	41.0%
CCC	6.8%	11.5%
NR/Other	2.4%	0.0%

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Market weight (ccy)

	Fund	Benchmark
USD	62.1%	74.0%
EUR	30.9%	22.2%
GBP	6.8%	2.9%
CHF	0.2%	-
CAD	0.0%	0.8%
ARS	0.0%	-
JPY	0.0%	-
AUD	0.0%	-

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ESG data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	22.1	23.5
Carbon footprint	200.1	227.4

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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).

Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Role in fund	Target	Actual
Hermes	Global top-down tactical approach. Emphasis on capital structure trades	35.0%	34.9%
Barings	Focus on credit selection; accessing illiquidity and value premia	35.0%	36.1%
Russell Investments	Positioning strategy	30.0%	26.2%
Russell Investments (cash & other)		-	2.7%

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