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International Growth Assets Fund



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Suggested use

This fund can be one of the key growth drivers in your portfolio and a diversifier to UK equities. Investments include companies based in the Americas, Europe, Asia and the Emerging Markets. Companies will typically be large, stable multi-nationals with good growth prospects, such as Walt Disney or Samsung.

What happened this month?

The Fund underperformed the benchmark over the month. The Fund's value exposure was a headwind in the market environment. At the sector level, stock selection within health care was ineffective including an underweight to Eli Lilly and an overweight to Nippon Shinyaku, although an underweight to AstraZeneca was beneficial. Stock selection within information technology was also unrewarded including underweights to Nvidia and Tokyo Electron, while an underweight to Apple was positive. In industrials, the benefits from an overweight to Uber were insufficient to offset the negative impact elsewhere, including positions in JGC Holdings and MISUMI Group. However, stock selection in communication services contributed positively, notably an overweight to Meta and an off-benchmark position in Spotify.

Cumulative performance to 29 February 2024 (%)

Discrete 12 month performance (%)

Fund facts
Inception date
12 January 2010
Sector
IMA Global
Benchmark
MSCI AC World Net GBP 50% Hedged
SEDOL
B4KHP4
Ongoing Charge
1.26% (31/05/20)
Minimum investment
£1,000 initial, £500 subsequent
Currency
GBP
Distribution date
28 February

	1M	3M	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	Since Inception	31/12/18 31/12/19	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/22 31/12/23
Fund (Class C Acc)	4.1	8.9	16.4	24.1	61.8	297.5	24.4	10.3	20.4	-12.4	15.1
Benchmark	4.8	10.2	20.3	29.9	68.0	318.1	21.6	12.6	20.1	-12.7	18.1

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Russell Investments as at February 29, 2024. All returns are cumulative, in GBP, net of C Class Fees. The fund is priced at market open (7am) so Fund prices have been moved a day later with benchmarks which price at market close (7pm).

The MSCI All Country World Index, Net 50% hedged to GBP has been chosen as a comparator benchmark for fund performance because it reflects the geographical diversification of the securities held by the Fund ("Comparator Benchmark").

The Fund is not obliged to hold all constituents of the Comparator Benchmark and its performance may deviate materially from the Comparator Benchmark.

Portfolio statistics

	Fund
Number of Managers	6
Number of Holdings	822
Volatility (since inception)*	13.3%
Highest One-Year Return	49.9%
Lowest One-Year Return	-12.4%
Positive One-Year Returns	78.5%
Current Yield	1.04%
Fund Size	£141.73M

Source: Russell Investments

*Volatility describes the extent to which the fund return has fluctuated over time.

Rolling 12-month Risk & Return [†]

HIGHER RETURN THAN PEER GROUP	16%	59%
LOWER RETURN THAN PEER GROUP	7%	18%
	LOWER RISK THAN PEER GROUP	HIGHER RISK THAN PEER GROUP

Source: Morningstar, Russell Investments. Sector used is the Morningstar Europe OE Global Large-Cap Blend Equity Sector. Data as at previous quarter end.

[†] The vertical quadrants illustrate the percentage of 12-month periods the fund has delivered more or less return. The horizontal quadrants show how often the fund exhibited more or less volatility than the Morningstar Global Large-Cap Blend Equity sector.

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Top ten holdings

Security	Fund
Microsoft Corp.	4.0%
Apple Inc.	2.5%
Meta Platforms, Inc. Class A	2.2%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	1.6%
Alphabet Inc. Class A	1.4%
Alphabet Inc. Class C	1.4%
Amazon.com, Inc.	1.3%
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	1.1%
NVIDIA Corp.	1.1%
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	1.1%

Data as at 31 January 2024

Sector weights

	Fund
Information Technology	21.8%
Financials	15.2%
Consumer Discretionary	12.2%
Health Care	11.7%
Industrials	11.6%
Communication Services	8.9%
Consumer Staples	5.9%
Materials	4.8%
Energy	3.5%
Other	1.9%
Others	2.5%

Data as at 31 January 2024

Country weights

	Fund
United States	58.4%
Japan	5.7%
United Kingdom	3.8%
France	3.7%
China	3.3%
Canada	3.0%
Switzerland	2.7%
Germany	2.5%
Brazil	2.4%
Others	14.6%

Data as at 31 January 2024

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