

31 May 2021

Real Assets Fund



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Fund facts

Inception date

30 November 2009

Sector

IMA Specialist

Benchmark

UK Retail Price Index

SEDOL

B4KQS12

Ongoing Charge

1.22% (31/05/20)

Minimum investment

£1,000 initial, £500 subsequent

Currency

GBP

Distribution date

28 February

The Real Assets Fund combines a range of investments that are indirectly linked to physical (real) assets. Real assets include commodities (metals, oil, agricultural produce, property companies and infrastructure companies e.g. toll roads, power networks). We manage total risk using UK inflation-linked bonds and cash. Capital invested in the Fund is at risk and there is no guarantee that the investment objective will be met. The Fund may use currency hedging techniques to reduce exposure to currencies other than Sterling. The fund utilises both active management and passive strategies in its implementation.

Suggested use

Using only equities in a portfolio can be a riskier approach than constructing a portfolio which includes both equities and non-equities. Including real assets will help diversify some of the risk from other parts of the portfolio but this fund is not appropriate for stand-alone investment.

What happened this month?

The Fund delivered a positive return in May. It was another positive month for the global listed property market. The malls, residential and office sectors performed well as the gradual reopening of the global economy gathered pace alongside the Covid-19 vaccine rollout. Our listed infrastructure exposure was negative as a strong month for sterling counteracted the slightly positive local return. The Fund's exposure to commodities was beneficial, as oil prices and industrial metals continued to benefit from increased demand. Gold also continued to perform well in a period where investor inflation concerns remained pronounced.

Cumulative performance to 31 May 2021 (%)

	1M	3M	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	Since Inception	Discrete 12 month performance (%)				
							31/03/16 31/03/17	31/03/17 31/03/18	31/03/18 31/03/19	31/03/19 31/03/20	31/03/20 31/03/21
Fund (Class C Acc)	0.7	7.6	17.6	6.2	18.1	45.5	11.3	-3.0	5.9	-16.6	20.5
Benchmark	1.4	2.2	2.9	7.7	14.7	38.5	3.2	3.2	2.5	2.5	1.4

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Russell Investments as at May 31, 2021. 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 UK Retail Price Index is the target benchmark against which the performance of the Fund has been set. The benchmark was chosen because the Fund will invest in investments that are inflation-linked.

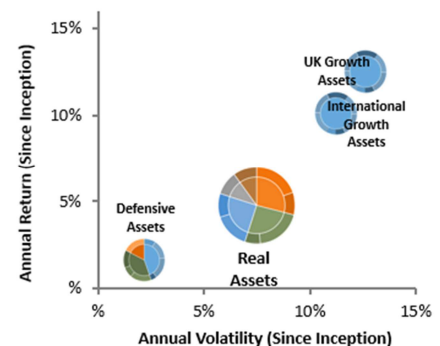
Portfolio statistics

	Fund
Number of Managers	5
Number of Holdings	370
Volatility (since inception)*	9.0%
Highest One-Year Return	20.5%
Lowest One-Year Return	-16.6%
Positive One-Year Returns	64.8%
Current Yield	1.95%
Fund Size	£40.77M

Source: Russell Investments

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

Real Assets Complete a Portfolio †



Source: Russell Investments. Performance and Risk of the UK Growth Asset Fund, International Growth Assets Fund, Defensive Assets Fund and Real Assets Fund shown from 1/2/2010 to last quarter end. Data in GBP net of C class fees.

† Real assets bridge the gap in terms of risk and return between defensive assets and growth assets, meaning a portfolio with improved diversification.

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Real Assets Fund (continued)

Portfolio structure

Portion of fund	Allocation to fund portion	Monthly return of fund portion	Managers allocated to each portion, and their weight in the total fund	
Commodities	15.3%			
Commodities	11.5%	4.5%	ETFs Long Dated 11.5%	
Commodities	3.8%	4.4%	iShares Gold 3.8%	
Infrastructure	35.2%			
Infrastructure	17.8%	-1.3%	Russell Investments EPI 17.5%	Russell Investments 0.2%
Infrastructure (Passive)	17.4%	-2.1%	Deutsche Bank 17.4%	
Real Estate	18.4%			
Real Estate	0.0%	0.0%	Russell Investments 18.4%	
Real Estate	17.9%	1.5%	iShares 17.9%	
Cash	13.3%			
	13.3%	0.0%	Russell Investments 13.3%	

Russell Investments may trade a portion of the Fund's assets based on a model portfolio provided by the investment advisor. By employing this emulated portfolio approach, the Fund leverages off the implementation capabilities of Russell Investments in order to manage the funds in an efficient manner.

Source: Russell Investments, Morningstar. Figures may not sum correctly due to rounding.

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Infrastructure by Region

	Fund
North America	49.5%
EMEA EX UNITED KINGDOM	26.2%
ASIA/PACIFIC EX JAPAN	12.3%
Emerging	7.5%
United Kingdom	3.8%
Japan	0.6%

Source: Factset

Real Estate by Region

	Fund
North America	58.6%
ASIA/PACIFIC EX JAPAN	12.9%
EMEA EX UNITED KINGDOM	12.8%
Japan	10.3%
United Kingdom	5.2%
Emerging	0.1%

Source: Factset

Real Estate Top 10 Subsectors

	Fund
Retail Reits	14.1%
Residential Reits	13.6%
Industrial Reits	12.4%
Specialized Reits	10.8%
Diversified Reits	10.1%
Real Estate Operating Companies	9.7%
Office Reits	9.0%
Health Care Reits	7.9%
Diversified Real Estate Activities	5.8%
Hotel & Resort Reits	3.4%

Source: Factset

Infrastructure Top 10 Subsectors

	Fund
Electric Utilities	26.4%
Highways & Railtracks	16.7%
Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation	14.8%
Multi-Utilities	11.1%
Airport Services	13.9%
Marine Ports & Services	2.2%
Gas Utilities	4.9%
Water Utilities	1.7%

Source: Factset

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