

Russell Investments

Unconstrained Bond Fund



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The team manages cash and multi-strategy fixed income portfolios, which include global, regional, investment grade, high yield, emerging market debt and absolute return mandates.

Fund facts

Share class; Dealing ccy

Class I Acc; USD

Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2.00pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

USD 742.50m

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE00B9HH8J19; RUSABRI ID

Fund launch date

09 April 2013

Share class launch date

09 April 2013

Management fee

0.85%

Share class NAV

USD 1,154.36

Fund objective

The aim of the Fund is to achieve an absolute return on your investment in excess of 3-Month USD Interest Rate LIBOR, by investing at least 70% of its assets worldwide in bonds, and debt instruments, including mortgage and asset backed securities (a financial security backed by loans, leases and other assets) while using financial derivatives (complex financial instruments). The Fund is actively managed with the aim to achieve a total return of 3% over the 3-Month USD Interest Rate LIBOR (the "Index"). Russell Investments/ Money Managers have full discretion to select investments for the Fund.

Fund update

The Fund recorded a positive return this quarter. The core yield engine was the primary driver of performance. Both Hermes and Post recorded positive returns. The overweight to corporate high yield industrials was a notable contributor this period. The Russell Investments rates-value positioning strategy benefitted from underweights to low real yield markets. The Russell Investments currency strategy was also additive with an underweight to the Swiss franc a key driver. Putnam contributed positively in an improving environment. The Fund's US duration exposure weighed on additional outperformance. This detracted in a period where the 30-year Treasury yield increased.

Performance review (%)

Performance to period end Returns shown in USD	1 month	3 months	Year to date	12 months	3 years	5 years	Since inception*
Return gross of management fee Class I Acc	0.2	0.6	0.6	9.9	4.1	-	3.9
Return net of management fee Class I Acc	0.1	0.4	0.4	9.0	3.2	-	3.0
LIBOR 3M USD Rate +3%	0.3	0.8	0.8	3.4	4.7	-	4.6

*Inception: 06 September 2016

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Discrete rolling 12 month performance (%)

Returns shown in USD	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
Return gross of management fee Class I Acc	-	3.4	4.5	-2.0	9.9
Return net of management fee Class I Acc	-	2.6	3.7	-2.8	9.0
LIBOR 3M USD Rate +3%	-	4.5	5.6	5.1	3.4

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The Fund was originally launched on 9th April 2013. However the Fund was subject to a material change to the investment policy on 6 September 2016, at which point it adopted a new name and an amended investment policy. Accordingly, the performance data for the period ending 6 September was achieved in circumstances which no longer apply.

Portfolio statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Effective duration	1.6	0.2
Average maturity	3.3	0.2
Average credit rating	A	n/a
Yield to worst	3.6	0.2

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	4.4	0.3
Tracking error	4.5%	-
Sharpe ratio	0.4	11.2
Information ratio	-0.3	-
3 year return (net)	3.2%	4.7%
3 year excess return (net)	-1.5%	-

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Ten largest holdings by weight

Security	Fund
Us Treasury N/B 1.75 31-Dec-2024	5.2%
Us Treasury N/B 1.125 15-Feb-2031	4.3%
G2sf 3 21-Apr-2021	3.1%
Treasury Bill 0 17-Jun-2021	2.1%
Fnc1 3 14-Apr-2021	1.9%
Fnc1 3.5 13-May-2021	1.8%
Fnc1 2 14-Apr-2021	1.4%
Fnc1 2 13-May-2021	1.4%
Us Treasury N/B 0.25 31-Aug-2025	1.3%
Fnc1 3 13-May-2021	1.1%

Source: State Street

Sector weights

	Fund
Corporate HY	38.8%
Securitized	34.4%
IG	19.0%
EMD Hard	3.0%
Gov-related	2.7%
Governments and Cash	2.1%

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Credit quality weights

	Fund
AAA & Cash	27.8%
AA	4.2%
A	8.3%
BBB	16.6%
BB	29.0%
B	8.3%
CCC	1.1%
NR/Other	4.6%

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Market weights (ccy)

	Fund
USD	87.7%
EUR	10.9%
GBP	1.8%
CAD	0.0%
Other	0.0%
JPY	-0.1%
AUD	-0.4%

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Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Role in fund	Target	Actual
Putnam	Mortgage-backed securities and prepayment risk strategies	20.0%	23.0%
Post Advisory	Short dated High Yield credit. US focus	20.0%	16.4%
Hermes	Short-dated High Yield credit. Global perspective	25.0%	36.4%
Russell Investments	Positioning strategy targeting currency and rate factors	35.0%	24.1%

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