

Russell Investments

Global Small Cap Equity Fund



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The team manages a wide range of U.S., non-U.S developed, emerging market, frontier market, and global equity mandates.

Fund facts

Share class; Dealing ccy

Class N; EUR

Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2.00pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

USD 37.82m

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE00BYXJPQ28; FRUSSNE ID

Fund launch date

13 June 1997

Share class launch date

24 June 2016

Management fee

0.65%

Share class NAV

EUR 2,090.14

Fund objective

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation by investing in equity securities worldwide, with a focus on investments in small and medium sized companies. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI World Small Cap Index (USD) - Net Returns (the "Index") which it seeks to outperform by 2% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments has full discretion to select investments for the Fund.

Fund update

The Fund is dynamically managed in alignment with our cycle, valuation, sentiment framework to take advantage of tactical opportunities within each manager's excess return cycle. The Fund maintains exposure to both growth and value factors and also holds a tilt towards quality and momentum. In alignment with Russell Investments' strategic equity beliefs, stock selection of the underlying active managers, based on their long-term assessment of each individual company, continues to be the primary driver of the Fund's expected risk and return.

Performance review (%)

Performance to period end Returns shown in EUR	1 month	3 months	Year to date	12 months	3 years	5 years	Since inception*
Return gross of management fee Class N	4.3	12.2	4.6	6.8	6.8	9.6	10.9
Return net of management fee Class N	4.2	12.0	4.4	6.1	6.1	8.9	10.1
MSCI World Small Cap Index (USD) - Net Returns	3.7	11.1	2.6	7.1	2.4	7.5	9.5

*Inception: 24 June 2016

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Discrete rolling 12 month performance (%)

Returns shown in EUR	31/12/23 31/12/22	31/12/22 31/12/21	31/12/21 31/12/20	31/12/20 31/12/19	31/12/19 31/12/18
Return gross of management fee Class N	10.9	-11.5	36.8	3.9	27.0
Return net of management fee Class N	10.2	-12.1	35.9	3.2	25.9
MSCI World Small Cap Index (USD) - Net Returns	13.3	-15.6	23.2	9.6	27.3

Returns shown in EUR	31/12/18 31/12/17	31/12/17 31/12/16	31/12/16 31/12/15	31/12/15 31/12/14	31/12/14 31/12/13
Return gross of management fee Class N	-7.1	2.1	-	-	-
Return net of management fee Class N	-7.9	1.2	-	-	-
MSCI World Small Cap Index (USD) - Net Returns	-6.9	0.3	-	-	-

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the MSCI World Small Cap Index (USD) - Net Returns. Prior to 31st July 2023 the benchmark was the Russell 2000 Net 30%. Prior to 1 October 2012 the benchmark was Russell 2500 Net 30%.

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Portfolio statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	892	1958
Price/earnings	21.6	27.7
Dividend yield	1.2	0.0
Price to book	2.4	2.4
EPS growth (1 year)	4.5	2.6

Data as at 31 January 2024
Source: Factset

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	16.8	18.3
Tracking error	3.2%	-
Sharpe ratio	0.4	0.2
Information ratio	1.0	-
3 year return (net)	6.1%	2.4%
3 year excess return (net)	3.7%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Security	Fund	Benchmark
Pandora A/S	0.8%	-
Bekaert SA	0.7%	0.0%
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.	0.6%	-
Balfour Beatty	0.6%	0.0%
Bank of Ireland Group Plc	0.6%	-
Ipsos SA	0.5%	0.0%
4Imprint Group Plc	0.5%	0.0%
Ringkjøbing Landbobank A/S	0.5%	0.1%
Rexel Sa	0.4%	0.1%
Super Micro Computer, Inc.	0.4%	-

Data as at 31 January 2024

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Industrials	22.9%	20.0%
Information Technology	15.2%	11.3%
Financials	15.1%	15.1%
Health Care	10.2%	9.9%
Consumer Discretionary	9.9%	13.3%
Materials	7.0%	7.3%
Energy	5.3%	4.8%
Real Estate	5.1%	8.1%
Communication Services	4.1%	2.9%
Consumer Staples	3.3%	4.7%
Utilities	1.2%	2.4%
Other	0.8%	0.1%

Data as at 31 January 2024

ESG data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	25.1	25.0
Carbon footprint	98.8	128.0

Data as at 31 January 2024

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).

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Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Role in fund	Target	Actual
Copeland	Focuses on companies with a history of strong dividend growth	14.0%	14.1%
Four Seasons	Japan Pragmatic Small/Micro	15.0%	14.9%
Liontrust	Growth with a quality bias	9.0%	9.2%
AllianceBernstein	Fundamental-based approach that seeks relative value within an IRR framework	9.0%	9.9%
Berenberg	Aims to identify high quality companies with long-term sustainable growth	6.0%	5.6%
Boston Partners	Pursues micro and small caps undergoing positive change at attractive valuations	18.0%	17.6%
Calamos	Targets stocks with strong revenue growth, estimate revisions, and price momentum	9.0%	7.8%
Russell Investments	Positioning strategy to align fund characteristics with preferred positioning	20.0%	16.2%
Russell Investments (cash & other)		-	4.7%

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