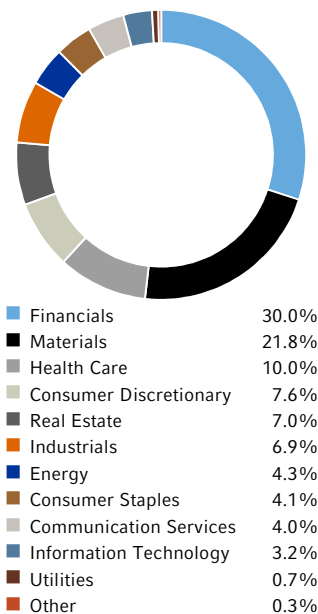


# Russell Investments Low Carbon Australian Shares Fund

## Sector allocation<sup>3</sup>



## Fund facts

### Share class

Class A

### Inception date

08 February 2019

### Benchmark

S&amp;P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

### Portfolio manager

Andrew Zenonos

### Recommended investment timeframe

7 years

### Tax structure

Investment - Class A

### ARSN code

630-694-405

### Management fees and costs<sup>†</sup>

0.29%

### Performance fees<sup>‡</sup>

N/A



## Fund objective

To provide a total return, before costs and tax, in line with the Fund's benchmark over rolling three year periods with a focus on reducing the Fund's exposure to carbon relative to benchmark.

## Fund strategy

The Fund invests predominantly in a broad range of Australian shares listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. The Fund targets a reduction in carbon exposure compared to the Benchmark. The Fund also employs certain investment exclusions. Derivatives may be used by the Fund to obtain or reduce exposure to securities and markets, to implement investment strategies and to manage risks.

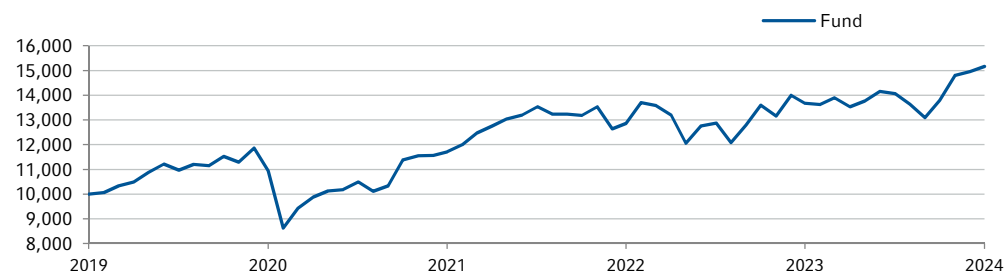
For further information on how the Fund seeks to achieve a reduced carbon exposure and the investment exclusions employed, refer to ESG considerations in the 'How we invest your money' section of the Additional Information Booklet.

## Performance review<sup>1</sup>

Period ending 29/02/2024	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Total return	1.32	9.87	10.89	8.98	8.68	9.14

<sup>1</sup> Performance is net of fees and charges. Assumes reinvestment of income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

## Growth of \$10,000



## Fund commentary

The Russell Investments Low Carbon Australian Shares Fund returned 1.4% in February, outperforming the benchmark by 0.4%.

The Fund's structural underweight to the energy space contributed positively to performance over the period; the sector significantly underperforming the broader market in February. Stock selection within the sector also added value, including nil holdings in Whitehaven Coal, Strike Energy and New Hope Corp. Stock selection amongst materials added further value over the period; notably underweights to diversified miner South32 and iron ore major Rio Tinto. Both stocks posted sharp declines for the month. Other key positions to contribute positively to performance were a nil holding in national carrier Qantas and an overweight to online retailer Kogan, which jumped almost 38% after returning to profitability in the December half and reinstating its dividend. In contrast, stock selection within the financials sector detracted from overall returns in February. This included an underweight to Commonwealth Bank of Australia and an overweight to Medibank Private. Stock selection within utilities also weighed on performance; notably an underweight to Origin Energy, which climbed almost 6% after management announced a 17-fold increase in first-half profit. Returns were further impacted by stock selection within the communication services space, including our holding in Telstra. Other notable positions to impact performance were overweights to leading miner Fortescue, metals and electronics recycling company Sims Ltd. and Champion Iron.

<sup>3</sup> Allocations may not equal 100% due to rounding.

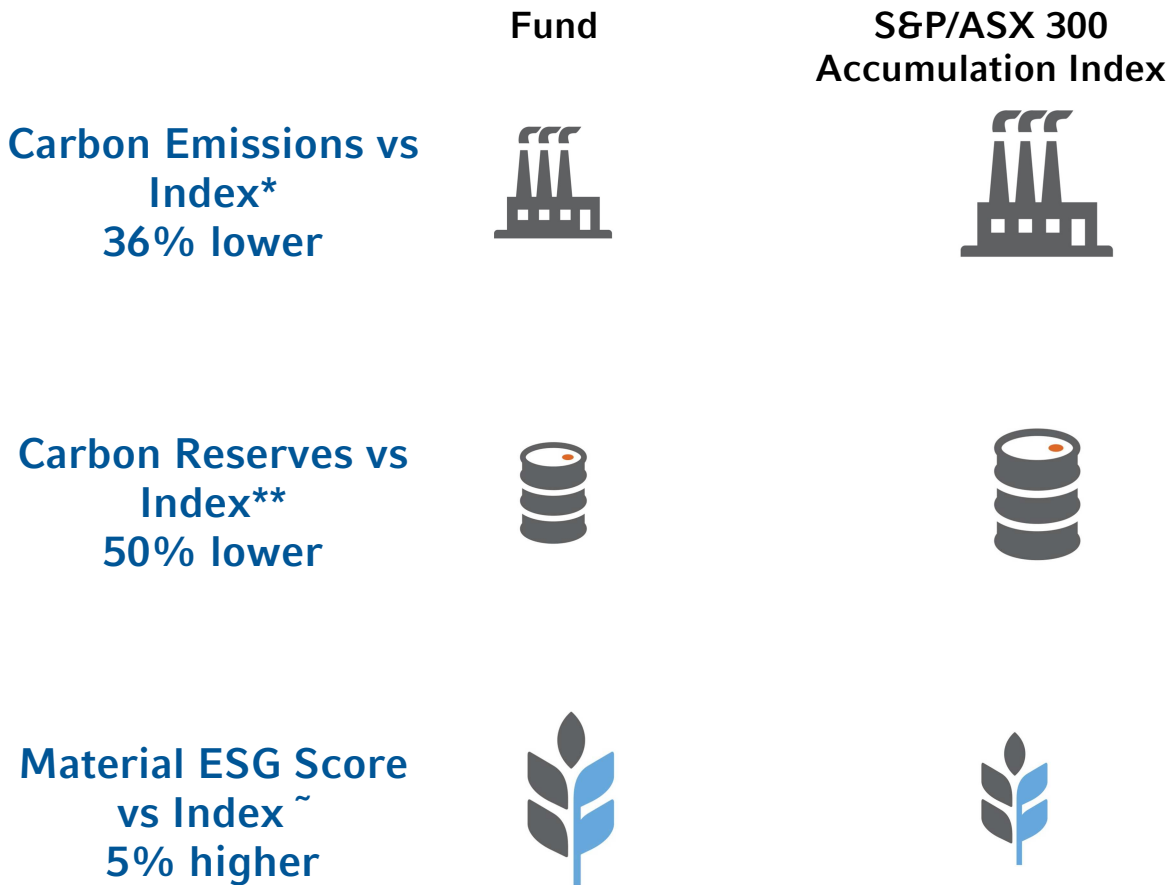
<sup>†</sup> As a percentage of net assets. Includes management fee, indirect costs and expense recoveries. Reflects RIM's reasonable estimates of the typical fees for the current financial year. All costs reflect the actual amount incurred for previous financial year and may include RIM's reasonable estimates where information was not available or where RIM was unable to determine the exact amount. Refer to the PDS for further information.

<sup>‡</sup> As a percentage of net assets. RIM does not charge a performance fee at the Fund level, however underlying funds and managers may charge a performance fee. This estimated fee is based on the average of actual performance fees incurred over the past 5 financial years. Refer to PDS for further information. <

<sup>^</sup> We license and apply the SASB® Materiality Map™ General Issue Categories in our work.

# Russell Investments Low Carbon Australian Shares Fund (continued)

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Index is the fund benchmark, the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index.

\* Carbon Emissions is the Weighted Average Carbon Intensity which we define as relative carbon emissions as the weighted average of portfolio companies' Scope 1 & 2 GHG emissions divided by revenue (CO2e/\$1M revenue USD).

\*\* We refer to relative carbon reserves as the asset relative fossil fuel reserves of a company. Specifically it is defined as: Fossil fuel reserves (m tonnes) divided by total company assets (USD).

~Using Russell Investments proprietary material ESG scores. Further details of our Material ESG scoring approach and methodology is contained in our research paper **Materiality Matters: Targeting the ESG issues that impact performance – the Material ESG score.**

<https://russellinvestments.com/-/media/files/au/about-us/responsible-investing/materiality-matters.pdf>

**ESG Considerations**

For detailed information on the Fund's ESG considerations, including applicable investment exclusions, refer to 'ESG considerations' in section 5 of the Additional Information Booklet that forms part of the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement, available at [russellinvestments.com/au/RFA/investing](https://russellinvestments.com/au/RFA/investing).

# Russell Investments Low Carbon Australian Shares Fund (continued)

## Top ten holdings

Security	Fund	Benchmark
BHP GROUP LTD	9.3%	9.5%
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUST	8.3%	8.3%
CSL LTD	5.9%	5.9%
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD	4.5%	4.5%
WESTPAC BANKING CORP	3.9%	3.9%
ANZ GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	3.6%	3.6%
WESFARMERS LTD	3.2%	3.2%
MACQUARIE GROUP LTD	3.0%	3.0%
WOODSIDE ENERGY GROUP LTD	2.5%	2.5%
GOODMAN GROUP	2.3%	2.2%

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