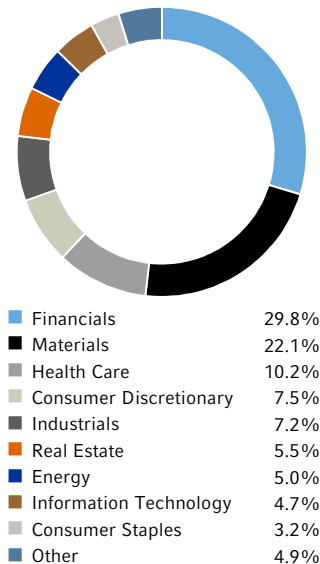


# Russell Investments Australian Shares Fund

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



## Fund objective

To provide a total return, before costs and tax, higher than the Fund's benchmark over the long term by providing exposure to a diversified portfolio of predominantly Australian shares.

## Fund strategy

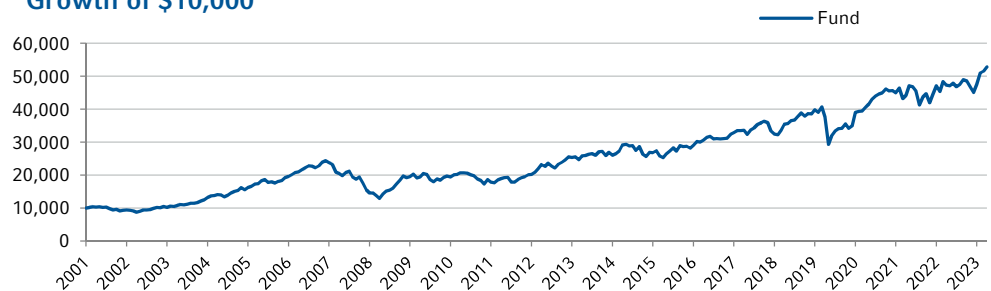
The Fund invests predominantly in shares and unit trusts listed or about to be listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. Derivatives may be used to obtain or reduce exposure to securities and markets, to implement investment strategies and to manage risk.

## 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	2.41	11.07	11.60	9.22	8.29	7.77

<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 Australian Shares Fund significantly outperformed the benchmark in February.

Stock selection within the industrials space contributed positively to performance over the period, including overweights to plumbing supplies group Reece Ltd. and engineering firm Worley Ltd. Both stocks posted very strong gains for the month. A material overweight to the strong-performing information technology sector also added value; notably overweights to names like NEXTDC, takeover target Altium and software company Xero. Stock selection amongst property trusts, materials and financials added further value over the period. This included overweights to industrial property giant Goodman Group, underweights to iron ore majors Fortescue and BHP Group and an overweight to Afterpay parent Block. Other key holdings to add value were overweights to gold miner Newmont and insurer Suncorp Group. In contrast, stock selection amongst consumer-related names detracted from overall performance in February; notably an underweight to Wesfarmers, which gained almost 17% following a better-than-expected earnings result. Wesfarmers owns the Bunnings, Kmart and Officeworks brands. Other consumer-related positions to impact returns were overweights to poultry producer Inghams and agriculture company GrainCorp. Stock selection within the communication services space also weighed on performance over the period. This included an overweight to Telstra and underweights to Car Group and Seek. Other notable positions to impact returns were underweights to Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Mineral Resources.

<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.

## Fund facts

### Share class

Class C

### Inception date

30 November 2001

### Fund size

AUD 4.29m

### Benchmark

S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

### Portfolio manager

James Harwood

### Recommended investment timeframe

7 years

### Tax structure

Investment - Class C

### APIR code

RIM0015AU

### ARSN code

092-807-728

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

0.89%

### Performance fees<sup>‡</sup>

N/A

## Russell Investments Australian Shares Fund (continued)

### Detailed performance review<sup>1,2</sup>

	1 year %p.a.	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Total return	11.6	9.2	8.3	7.8
Distribution	2.2	4.3	4.1	7.4
Growth	9.4	4.9	4.2	0.4

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2 The distribution return reflects income paid from the Fund, whilst the growth return reflects changes in the capital values of the units.

### ESG data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Risk Score**	23.55	22.59
Carbon Footprint***	134.11	144.55
Tobacco Exposure	0.00%	0.00%

\*\* Higher scores imply higher ESG risk

\*\*\* Higher score implies greater carbon exposure

The ESG Risk Score is the weighted average of the Sustainalytics' Risk Score for companies in the portfolio. The Sustainalytics' Risk Score focuses on ESG issues that are financially material to the company and incorporates both risk exposure and issue management. The scores range from 0 to 100 where higher scores imply higher ESG risk. The Carbon Footprint 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 (CO<sub>2</sub>e/\$1M revenue USD). Tobacco exposure is defined as the weight of securities in the portfolio classified as being in the GICS tobacco subindustry.

### Top ten holdings

Security
BHP GROUP LTD
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD
CSL LTD
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUST
ANZ GROUP HOLDINGS LTD
GOODMAN GROUP
WESTPAC BANKING CORP
RIO TINTO LTD
WOODSIDE ENERGY GROUP LTD
QBE INSURANCE GROUP LTD

## Russell Investments Australian Shares Fund (continued)

### Portfolio structure<sup>4</sup>

Manager	Style	Weight %
Ausbil	Core, earnings revisions focus	23.0
DFA	Deep value small cap	14.0
Liquidity Reserve	Cash	3.0
Numeric Investors	Quantitative	20.0
Platypus	Aggressive growth	20.0
Russell Investments	Active positioning strategy	10.0
Russell Investments	Systematic positioning strategy - defensive	10.0

<sup>4</sup> Russell Investments retains the discretion to change the investment managers at any time without notice. Please check [russellinvestments.com.au/disclosures](https://russellinvestments.com.au/disclosures) for the latest list of managers.

Manager strategic weights sum to 100% and exclude the 3% risk sleeve allocation.

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