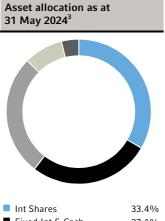
# **Russell Investments Balanced Fund**



Int Shares	33.4%
Fixed Int & Cash	27.1%
Aust Shares	27.0%
Property	8.7%
Alternatives	2 90

### **Fund objective**

To provide returns over the medium to long term, with moderate to high volatility, consistent with a

diversified mix of predominantly growth oriented assets and some defensive assets.

### Fund strategy

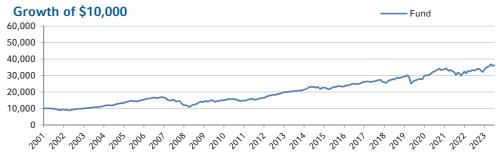
The Fund typically invests in a diversified portfolio mix with exposure to growth investments of around 70% and defensive investments of around 30%. Derivatives may be used to implement investment strategies.

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.

### Performance review<sup>1,2</sup>

Period ending 31/05/2024	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Total return	1.09	1.09	9.83	3.75	5.66	5.90
Distribution	-	0.22	2.52	7.41	6.63	5.69
Growth	1.09	0.87	7.31	-3.66	-0.97	0.21

1 Performance is net of fees and charges. Assumes reinvestment of income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. 2 The distribution return reflects income paid from the Fund, whilst the growth return reflects changes in the capital values of the units.



# **Fund commentary**

The Russell Investments Balanced Fund underperformed the benchmark in May. However, the Fund did deliver positive absolute returns for the month. The Fund's 70% allocation to growth assets such as Australian and global equities and listed property tends to drive returns.

The Fund's equity portfolio was mixed. In terms of domestic equities, both the Russell Investments Australian Shares Core Fund and the Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund (RAOF) underperformed their respective benchmarks over the period; though absolute returns were positive. Both the Core Fund and RAOF were impacted by stock selection amongst financials; including an underweight to Commonwealth Bank of Australia, which hit a record high in May. The Russell Investments Australian Shares Index Fund tracked the broader equity market higher. Within our global equity portfolio, the Russell Investments Tax Effective Global Shares Fund delivered positive absolute returns for the month but underperformed its benchmark. In contrast, the Russell Investments Multi-Asset Factor Exposure Fund performed well over the period, benefiting from overweights to quality and value factors. Within our traditional fixed income portfolio, both the Russell Investments International Bond Fund - \$A Hedged and the Russell Investments Australian Bond Fund delivered positive absolute and excess returns in May. In terms of our extended fixed income exposure, Metrics Credit outperformed cash and traditional fixed income assets over the period, with Australian loans continuing to generate income-like returns. The Russell Investments Australian Floating Rate Fund also performed well; the Fund outperforming cash as floating rate assets continued to benefit from a higher interest rate environment. More broadly, our exposures to global listed infrastructure and global and Australian listed property added value, while a stronger Australian dollar (relative to the US dollar) weighed on the returns of the Fund's assets denominated in foreign currency.

3 Allocations may not equal 100% due to rounding.
<sup>1</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>4</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.

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#### Share class

Class C

Inception date

30 November 2001

Fund size

AUD 190.60m

Portfolio manager

Daniel Choo

**Recommended investment** timeframe

5 years

Tax structure

Investment - Class C

APIR code

RIM0011AU

ARSN code

094-799-345

Management fees and costs<sup>†</sup>

0.88%

Performance fees<sup>‡</sup>

0.02%

COMMITTED TO **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT** 











### Actual asset allocation as at 31 May 2024<sup>3</sup>



	Russell Investments Tax Effective Global Shares Fund	20.3%		
	Russell Investments Multi-Asset Factor Exposure Fund	14.5%	International Shares	33.4%
	International Shares - Derivatives	-1.5%		
	Russell Investments International Bond Fund - A\$ Hedged	7.8%		
	Metrics Credit Partners	4.1%		
	Russell Investments Australian Bond Fund	3.0%		
	Metrics Credit Partners Secured Private Debt Fund II	2.5%		
	Russell Investments Australian Cash Fund	1.9%		
	Russell Investments Extended Strategies Fund	1.9%	Fixed Interest and Cash	27.1%
	Russell Investments Global Bond Fund AUD Hedged	1.0%		
	Russell Investments Australian Floating Rate Fund	0.8%		
	Cash	-1.9%		
	Fixed Interest and Cash - Derivatives	6.0%		
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	Russell Investments Australian Shares Core Fund	17.6%		
	Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund	10.3%	Australian Shares	27.0%
	Russell Investments Australian Shares Index Fund	1.0%		
	Australian Shares - Derivatives	-2.0%		
	Russell Investments Private Assets Fund - Property Portion	4.4%		
	Vanguard International Properties Securities Fund	3.3%	Property	8.7%
•	Vanguard Australian Properties Securities Fund	1.0%		
	Russell Investments Private Assets Fund - Infrastructure Portion	2.5%		
	Vanguard Global Infrastructure Fund - A\$ Hedged	1.2%		
	Russell Investments Global Listed Infrastructure Fund	0.2%	Alternatives	3.8%
	Amundi Absolute Volatility World Equities Fund	0.0%		



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

Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund	
Allan Gray Australia Pty Ltd	Value
Ausbil Investment Management Limited	Market Oriented
Firetrail Investments Pty Limited	Market Oriented
L1 Capital Pty Ltd	Fundamental
Platypus Asset Management Pty Limited	Growth
Russell Investments	Liquidity Reserve
Russell Investments	Positioning strategies
WaveStone Capital	Growth
Russell Investments Australian Shares Core Fund	
Ausbil	Core, earnings revisions focus
DFA	Deep value small cap
Liquidity Reserve	Cash
Numeric Investors	Quantitative
Platypus	Aggressive growth
Russell Investments	Active positioning strategy
Russell Investments	Systematic positioning strategy - defensive
Russell Investments Australian Shares Index Fund	
Russell Investments	Core
Russell Investments Multi-Asset Factor Exposure Fund	
Russell Investments	Core
Russell Investments Tax Effective Global Shares Fund	
Brandywine Global Investment Management	Classic large cap value
Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG	European all cap
Morgan Stanley	Global growth
Nissay Asset Management	Japan equities
Numeric Investors	Global core, global low volatility
Oaktree Capital	Emerging markets
PineStone Asset Management	Core global equities
Redwheel	Global emerging markets
Russell Investments	Positioning strategies
Sanders Capital	Global value
Amundi Absolute Volatility World Equities Fund AUD He	dged
Amundi	Volatility
Russell Investments Global Listed Infrastructure Fund - H	ledged
Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.	Public Market Equity
First Sentier Investors (Australia) IM Ltd	Public Market Equity
Nuveen Asset Management, LLC	Public Market Equity
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies
Russell Investments Private Assets Fund	
Brookfield Premier Real Estate Partners Australia	Core plus Australian office property
Charter Hall Prime Industrial Fund	Core Australian industrial property
DEXUS Wholesale Property Fund	Core Australian diversified property, office focus
IFM Australian Infrastructure Fund	Core diversified Australian infrastructure

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

Morrison & Co Utilities Trust of Australia	Core diversified Australian & UK infrastructure
Vanguard Global Infrastructure Fund (Hedged)	
Vanguard	Passive
Vanguard International Property Securities Index Fund (H	edged)
Vanguard	Passive
Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund	
Vanguard	Passive
Metrics Credit	
Metrics Credit	Australian Corporate Loans
Metrics Credit Partners Secured Private Debt Fund II	
Metrics Credit Partners Secured Private Debt Fund II	Australian Corporate Loans
Russell Investments Australian Bond Fund	
Macquarie Asset Management	Alpha seeking
Russell Investments	Positioning strategies
UBS	Alpha seeking
Western Asset Management	Alpha seeking
Russell Investments Australian Floating Rate Fund	
Perpetual	Floating rate income strategy
Russell Investments	Positioning strategies
Russell Investments Australian Cash Fund	
Russell Investments	Cash Management
Russell Investments International Bond Fund - \$A Hedged	
BlueBay	Country selection
Russell Investments	Integrated Global Governments
Russell Investments	Intelligent Credit (Systematic)
Russell Investments	Liquidity
Schroders	Securitised specialist
Western Asset Management	Security selection
RIC Global Bond Fund Class AUDH	
BlueBay	Country & credit selection
Colchester	Rates & currency – value
Insight	Broad market approach, currency & rates
Russell Investments	Positioning strategies
Schroders	Securitised specialist
Voya	Diversified alpha
Russell Investments Extended Strategies Fund	
Russell Investments	Inflation Linked Bonds
Liquidity Reserve	

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