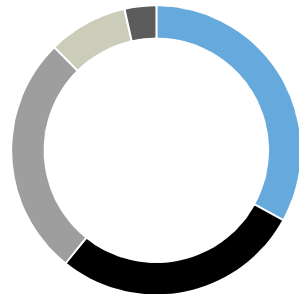


# Russell Investments Balanced Fund

Asset allocation as at  
29 February 2024<sup>3</sup>



Int Shares	33.0%
Aust Shares	27.8%
Fixed Int & Cash	26.8%
Property	8.9%
Alternatives	3.5%

## 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.

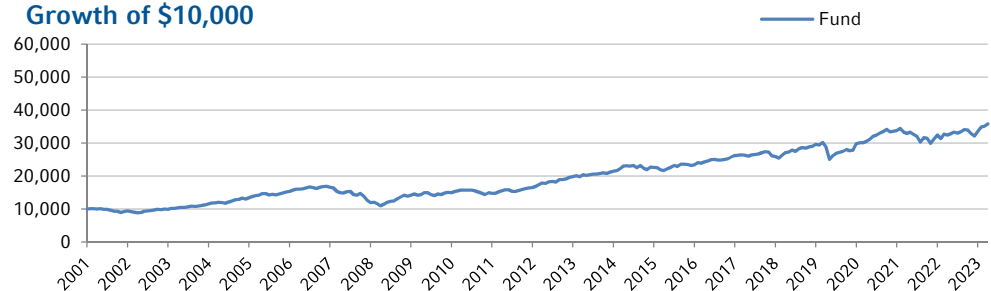
For detailed information on the Fund's ESG considerations, including applicable investment exclusions, refer to 'ESG considerations' in section 5 of the Additional Information Booklet that forms part of the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement, available at [russellinvestments.com/au/RFA/investing](https://russellinvestments.com/au/RFA/investing).

## Performance review<sup>1,2</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	2.11	6.94	10.61	5.59	5.77	5.91
Distribution	-	0.02	2.69	7.47	6.60	5.74
Growth	2.11	6.92	7.93	-1.87	-0.83	0.17

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

## Growth of \$10,000



## Fund commentary

The Russell Investments Balanced Fund outperformed the benchmark in February. 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) delivered positive absolute and excess returns over the period. The Core Fund benefited from stock selection within the industrials space, while RAOF's outperformance was driven by stock selection amongst materials and property trusts. 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 underperformed its benchmark in February; though it did record strong absolute returns for the month. The Russell Investments Multi-Asset Factor Exposure Fund also underperformed, driven in part by an overweight to the value factor. Within our traditional fixed income portfolio, the Russell Investments Australian Bond Fund performed in line with its benchmark over the period; though absolute returns were slightly negative. In contrast, the Russell Investments International Bond Fund – \$A Hedged underperformed its benchmark, driven by interest rate and active currency positioning, including a short Japanese yen exposure. 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. More broadly, the Fund benefited from its exposure to domestic listed property, while a weaker Australian dollar (relative to the US dollar) boosted the returns of the Fund's assets denominated in foreign currency.

<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 196.38m

### 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%

## Russell Investments Balanced Fund (continued)

### Actual asset allocation as at 29 February 2024<sup>3</sup>



	Russell Investments Tax Effective Global Shares Fund	20.4%		
	Russell Investments Multi-Asset Factor Exposure Fund	13.9%	International Shares	33.0%
	International Shares - Derivatives	-1.3%		
	Russell Investments Australian Shares Core Fund	17.3%		
	Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund	10.2%	Australian Shares	27.8%
	Russell Investments Australian Shares Index Fund	1.5%		
	Australian Shares - Derivatives	-1.3%		
	Russell Investments International Bond Fund - A\$ Hedged	7.7%		
	Metrics Credit Partners	3.9%		
	Russell Investments Australian Cash Fund	3.3%		
	Russell Investments Australian Bond Fund	2.9%		
	Metrics Credit Partners Secured Private Debt Fund II	2.3%		
	Russell Investments Extended Strategies Fund	1.9%	Fixed Interest and Cash	26.8%
	Russell Investments Global Bond Fund AUD Hedged	1.0%		
	Russell Investments Australian Floating Rate Fund	0.8%		
	Cash	-2.7%		
	Fixed Interest and Cash - Derivatives	5.8%		
	Russell Investments Private Assets Fund - Property Portion	4.3%		
	Vanguard International Properties Securities Fund	2.8%	Property	8.9%
	Vanguard Australian Properties Securities Fund	1.7%		
	Russell Investments Private Assets Fund - Infrastructure Portion	2.4%		
	Vanguard Global Infrastructure Fund - A\$ Hedged	1.1%	Alternatives	3.5%
	Russell Investments Global Listed Infrastructure Fund	0.0%		
	Amundi Absolute Volatility World Equities Fund	0.0%		

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

## Russell Investments Balanced Fund (continued)

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

Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund	
Allan Gray	Deep Value
Ausbil Investment Management	Style Neutral, 130/30
Firetrail Investments	Opportunistic, high conviction
L1 Capital (Catalyst)	Concentrated, activist
Platypus Asset Management	Aggressive growth
Russell Investments	Liquidity Reserve
Russell Investments	Positioning strategies
WaveStone Capital	Quality 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	
J O Hambro Capital Management	UK equity
Liquidity Reserve	Cash
Morgan Stanley	Global growth
Nissay Asset Management	Japan equity
Numeric Investors	Global core, global low volatility
Oaktree Capital	Emerging markets
PineStone Asset Management	Global growth
Redwheel	Emerging markets
Russell Investments	Positioning strategies
Sanders Capital	Global value
Amundi Absolute Volatility World Equities Fund AUD Hedged	
Amundi	Volatility
Russell Investments Global Listed Infrastructure Fund - Hedged	
Cohen & Steers	Growth, valuation sensitive
First Sentier Investors	Fundamental with growth at a reasonable price
Nuveen	Style Neutral, diversified
Russell Investments	Active risk overlay
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
Morrison & Co Infrastructure Partnership	Core plus global infrastructure

# Russell Investments Balanced Fund (continued)

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

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

<sup>4</sup> In order to manage a fund/portfolio to its investment objectives, Russell Investments retains the discretion to change the underlying investments at any time, without notice to investors. Please refer to the relevant Product Disclosure Statement for more information.

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