



Fund Update

For the quarter ended 31 December 2017

- Russell Investment Funds
- Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund

This fund update was first made publicly available on: 31 January 2018

What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. Implemented Investment Solutions Limited prepared this update in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. This information is not audited and may be updated.

Description of this fund

Objective: to provide a total return, before costs and tax, higher than the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index – New Zealand dollar Hedged over the long term (3 years plus).

Strategy: the underlying investment exposure is predominantly to debt securities issued by supranationals, international governments, quasi-government agencies and corporates as well as structured credit securities including mortgage-backed and asset backed securities. The underlying investment portfolio may also be exposed to low grade or unrated debt securities, emerging market securities and currency. Derivatives may be used to obtain or reduce exposure to securities and markets, to implement investment strategies and to manage risk. The fund targets a position of being fully hedged back to New Zealand Dollars. Due to active currency management by the underlying managers, there will generally be some foreign currency exposure.

Total value of the fund	\$NZ 517,404,036
The date the fund started	21 December 2011

What are the risks of investing?

Risk indicator for the Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund.

⇐	Potentially lower returns					Potentially higher returns	⇒
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
		⇐	Lower risk		Higher risk		⇒

The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the fund's assets goes up and down. A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way.

To help you clarify your own attitude to risk, you can seek financial advice or work out your risk profile at www.sorted.org.nz.

Note that even the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment, and there are other risks that are not captured by this rating.

This risk indicator is not a guarantee of a fund's future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for the 5 years to 31 December 2017. While risk indicators are usually relatively stable, they do shift from time to time. The risk indicator will continue to be updated in future fund updates.

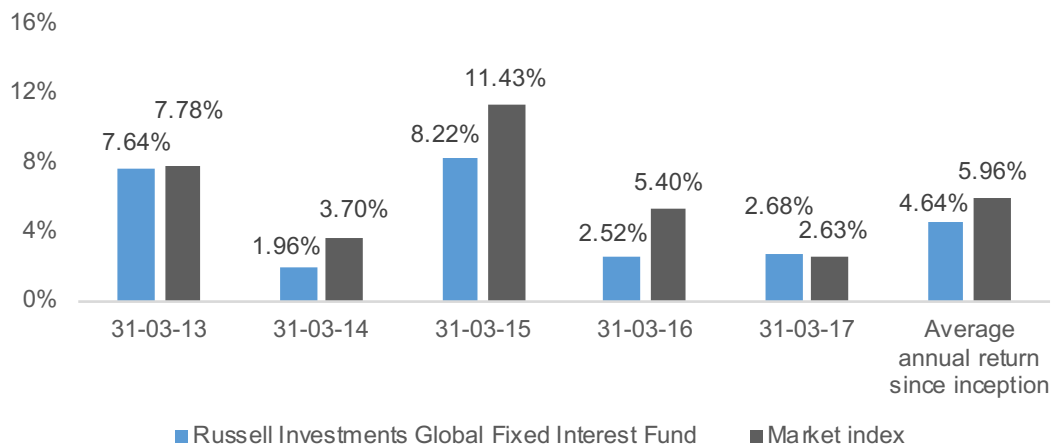
See the product disclosure statement (PDS) for more information about the risks associated with investing in this fund.

How has the fund performed?¹

	Average over past 5 years	Past year
Annual return (after deductions for charges and tax)	3.72%	3.27%
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	5.17%	4.54%
Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	5.48%	4.02%

The market index return is the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index – New Zealand dollar Hedged. Additional information about the market index is available on the offer register at www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose.

Annual Return Graph²



This shows the return after fund charges and tax for each year ending 31 March since the fund started. The last bar shows the average annual return since the fund started, up to 31 December 2017.

Important: This does not tell you how the fund will perform in the future.

Returns in this update are after tax at the highest prescribed investor rate (PIR) of tax for an individual New Zealand resident. Your tax may be lower.

What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2017 these were:

	% of net asset value
Total fund charges	0.85%
Which are made up of -	
Total management and administration charges	0.85%
Including -	
Manager's basic fee (including GST)	0.66%
Other management and administration charges (including GST)	0.19%

The 'other management and administration charges' include fees and costs charged in underlying funds. The amount of fees and costs charged in underlying funds has been estimated. See Note 3 at the end of this fund update for more information about this estimate.

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds). See the PDS for the Russell Investment Funds on the offer register at www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose for more information about those fees.

Example of how this applies to an investor

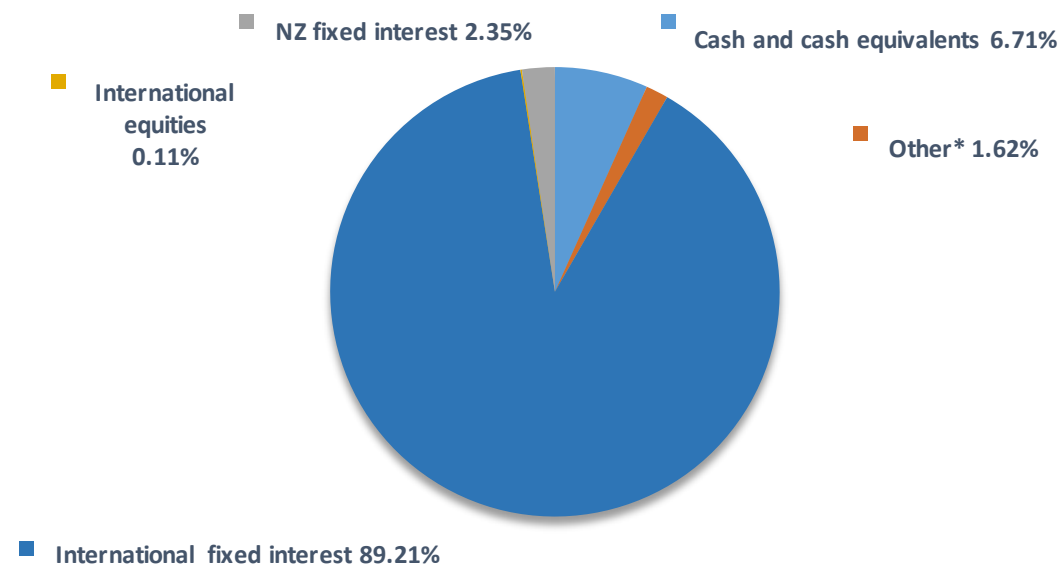
Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

Anthony had \$10,000 in the fund at the start of the year and did not make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Anthony received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$370 (that is 3.70% of his initial \$10,000). This gives Anthony a total return after tax of \$268 for the year.

What does the fund invest in?

This shows the types of assets that the fund invests in.

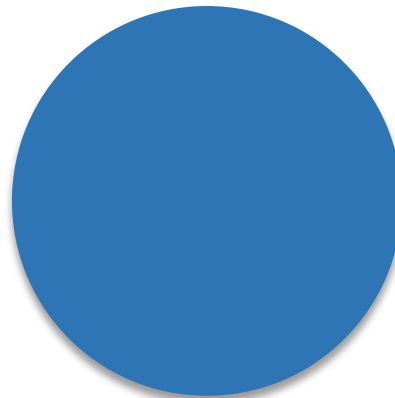
Actual investment mix



*The "Other" category contains open forward currency contracts.

Target investment mix

International fixed interest 100%



Top 10 investments⁴

	Name	% of Fund net assets	Type	Country	Credit Rating (if applicable)
1	US Dollar Cash Deposit (State Street & Trust)	3.44%	Cash and cash equivalents	US	AAA
2	New Zealand Dollar Cash Deposit (State Street & Trust)	3.03%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	AAA
3	US Treasury notes/bonds 2.00% 31/12/2021	1.87%	International fixed interest	US	AAA
4	US Treasury notes/bonds 1.63% 31/08/2019	1.41%	International fixed interest	US	AAA
5	Japan Treasury notes/bonds (2 Year Issue) 0.10% 15/08/2018	1.33%	International fixed interest	JP	A
6	FNCL 3.00% 13/02/2018	1.32%	International fixed interest	US	AAA
7	FNCL 3.50% 13/02/2018	1.23%	International fixed interest	JP	AAA
8	Japan Treasury Discount Bill 0.00% 13/02/2018	0.98%	International fixed interest	JP	A
9	Forward Currency Contract (USD180110)	0.96%	Other	US	AAA
10	Buoni Poliennali Del Tes 4.75% 1/09/2028	0.94%	International fixed interest	IT	BBB

The top 10 investments make up 16.51% of the net asset value of the fund.

Key personnel

This shows the directors and employees who have the most influence on the investment decisions of the fund.

Name	Current position	Time in current position	Previous or other current position	Time in previous or other current position
Anthony Edmonds	Managing Director, Implemented Investment Solutions Limited	7 years 2 months	Financial Services Consultant	1 years 2 months
Andrew Brockway	Investment & Product Manager, Implemented Investment Solutions Limited	6 years 8 months	Financial Services Consultant	10 months
Alister Van der Maas	Director, Implemented Investment Solutions Limited	6 years 5 months	Managing Director, Russell Investments (current)	6 years 8 months
James Mitchell	Senior Portfolio Manager, Global Fixed Income, Russell Investments	11 years 0 months	Portfolio Manager, Fixed Income, Russell Investments	3 years 0 months

Further information

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the Russell Investment Funds, and some additional information from the offer register at www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose.

Notes

- ¹ These returns are for periods to 31 December 2017.
- ² The bar chart shows fund returns after deducting fees and tax. Tax is deducted at the highest Prescribed Investor Rate of 28%. However, the market index returns are shown before deducting fees and tax.
- ³ We have taken the underlying fund's fees and costs data from the underlying fund's financial statements which are for the year to 30 June 2017. In this fund update, we have estimated the underlying fund's fees and costs for the year to 31 March 2017 on the assumption they will be the same as that disclosed in
- ⁴ We have reported the US as the country for the forward currency contract in the Top 10 Investments table, as the US dollar is the base currency being hedged by this contract.