

## Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund



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#### Fund Facts

#### Inception date

21 December 2011

### Benchmark

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (\$NZ Hedged)

### Currency

NZD

Total Annual Fund Charges incl. GST

0.58%

**Management Fees** 

0.47%

**Estimated Administration Fee** 

0.11%

**Dealing Frequency; Cut Off** 

Daily, 11am NZT

Dividend Reinvestment

Available

Yes

### **Fund Objective**

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

### **Fund Update**

Interest rates positioning contributed positively to performance (in aggregate) over the period; notably our exposures to German bunds and UK gilts. Partly offsetting this positioning was an underweight to Spanish government bonds. Credit positioning was mixed in May. Whilst the Fund benefited from overweights to collateralised loan obligations, non-agency collateralised mortgage obligations and European high-yield debt, this was offset by our exposures to US investment-grade and hard currency emerging markets debt. Active currency positioning had no material impact on overall returns in May. At the manager level, RBC UK (BlueBay), Colchester Global Investors, corporate credit specialist Schroders and Coolabah Capital Investors outperformed their benchmarks over the period, while the Russell Investments Intelligent Credit strategy underperformed.

### **Performance Review (%)**

| Period Ending 31/05/2025        | 1<br>month<br>% | 3<br>months<br>% | 1<br>year<br>% | 3<br>years<br>%p.a. | 5<br>years<br>%p.a. | Since<br>Inception<br>%p.a. |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gross Fund Performance          | -0.18           | 0.29             | 5.41           | 1.87                | 0.15                | 4.32                        |
| Net Fund Performance            | -0.23           | 0.14             | 4.79           | 1.27                | -0.49               | 3.56                        |
| Benchmark Return                | -0.42           | 0.00             | 5.48           | 2.16                | -0.16               | 3.53                        |
| Excess Fund Performance (Gross) | 0.24            | 0.29             | -0.07          | -0.29               | 0.31                | 0.79                        |

### **Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)**

| Period Ending 31/05/25 | 31/05/20<br>31/05/21 | 31/05/21<br>31/05/22 | 31/05/22<br>31/05/23 | 31/05/23<br>31/05/24 | 31/05/24<br>31/05/25 |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Gross Fund Performance | 2.54                 | -7.04                | -2.16                | 2.50                 | 5.41                 |
| Net Fund Performance   | 1.74                 | -7.68                | -2.74                | 1.90                 | 4.79                 |
| Benchmark Return       | 0.00                 | -6.94                | -1.77                | 2.89                 | 5.48                 |

Effective August 24, 2021, the Bloomberg Barclays fixed income indices were rebranded the Bloomberg indices.

Net fund performance shown is net of fees and charges. Assumes reinvestment of income

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## **Portfolio Statistics**

|                        | Fund  | Benchmark | 3 Years           | Fund  | Benchmark |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|-------------------|-------|-----------|
| Yield to Maturity      | 4.31% | 3.71%     | Volatility        | 5.93% | 5.55%     |
| Modified Duration      | 5.91  | 6.27      | Tracking Error    | 1.02% | -         |
| Average Quality\Rating | А     | AA        | Sharpe Ratio      | -0.32 | -         |
| Number of Issuers      | 587   | 4,246     | Information Ratio | -0.28 | -         |





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### **Top Ten Issuers (%)**

| lssuer                                 | Fund | Benchmark |
|--|------|-----------|
| United States Treasury Note/Bond       | 7.15 | 18.37     |
| United Kingdom Gilt                    | 2.54 | 2.95      |
| Mexican Bonos                          | 2.48 | 0.32      |
| Romanian Government International Bond | 2.08 | 0.11      |
| Japan Government Thirty Year Bond      | 1.98 | 1.55      |
| Indonesia Treasury Bond                | 1.68 | 0.34      |
| United States Treasury Bill            | 1.60 | 0.00      |
| China Government Bond                  | 1.59 | 5.40      |
| Freddie Mac Pool                       | 1.51 | 0.00      |
| New Zealand Government Bond            | 1.50 | 0.14      |

## Sector Allocation (%)

|                                   | Fund  | Benchmark |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Corporate - Investment Grade      | 28.46 | 17.18     |
| Treasuries                        | 25.57 | 45.11     |
| Securitized                       | 16.36 | 10.90     |
| Emerging Markets - Local Currency | 10.97 | 13.02     |
| Other                             | 9.25  | 2.18      |
| Emerging Markets - Hard Currency  | 6.96  | 3.00      |
| Corporate - High Yield            | 1.27  | 0.38      |
| Government Related                | 1.15  | 8.22      |

## **Regional Weights (%)**

|                       | Fund  | Benchmark |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------|
| United States         | 37.48 | 41.48     |
| Europe ex UK          | 18.70 | 26.77     |
| Emerging Markets      | 15.47 | 14.70     |
| Australia/New Zealand | 9.83  | 1.42      |
| Other                 | 8.71  | 0.00      |
| Japan                 | 3.79  | 9.49      |
| United Kingdom        | 2.85  | 2.96      |
| Canada                | 2.20  | 2.91      |
| Asia ex Japan         | 0.96  | 0.28      |

### **ESG Data**

|                  | Fund  | Benchmark |
|------------------|-------|-----------|
| Carbon Footprint | 74.51 | 136.96    |

**Carbon Footprint:** Higher score implies greater carbon exposure. 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 (CO2e/\$1M revenue USD).

### **Credit Ratings (%)**

|             | Fund  | Benchmark |
|-------------|-------|-----------|
| ААА         | 30.08 | 29.23     |
| AA          | 10.14 | 24.94     |
| A           | 21.84 | 30.18     |
| BBB         | 28.71 | 15.25     |
| BB          | 2.58  | 0.40      |
| В           | 0.99  | 0.00      |
| CCC & Below | 0.18  | 0.00      |
| Unrated     | 5.49  | 0.00      |

Note: Cash/Cash equivalents are classified as AAA from a credit ratings perspective.





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### **Portfolio Structure**

| Manager   | Style                             | Target Allocation (%) |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited                  | Rates/FX                          | 27.00                 |
| Russell Investments                                       | Positioning Strategies            | 23.00                 |
| COLCHESTER GLOBAL INVESTORS<br>(SINGAPORE) PTE. LTD       | Global Bond                       | 18.00                 |
| Schroder Investment Management North Americ<br>Inc.       | <sup>Ca</sup> Structured Products | 17.00                 |
| Coolabah Capital Institutional Investments Pty<br>Limited | Global Credit                     | 15.00                 |

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