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Russell US Equity Fund



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The team's current research focus is on strategies that offer upside potential with a measure of downside protection.

Fund facts

Share class; Dealing ccy

Class A Acc; USD

Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2.00pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

USD 917.93m

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE0002190993; FRUUSAI ID

Fund launch date

30 January 1998

Share class launch date

30 January 1998

Management fee

0.80%

Share class NAV

USD 19.67

Fund objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing in the shares of US companies, using a multi-strategy investment approach. The Fund is broadly diversified across different US companies and industry sectors, and may also invest in the shares of newly listed companies.

Russell fund update

The Fund gave back some of its year-to-date gains this quarter, as our growth focused managers all underperformed their relative benchmarks. On a sector basis, stock selection within the technology and health care sectors detracted the most from relative returns. An underweight to the utilities sector mitigated further underperformance. We recently started to implement a slight value tilt into the Fund given the significant run of growth stock performance. We maintain an optimistic medium to long term outlook for US equities, as macroeconomic data continues to indicate a recovery in the US economy.

Performance review

Performance to period end	1 month	3 months	Year to date	12 months	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Returns shown in USD	%	%	%	%	%p.a.	%p.a.	%p.a.
Return gross of management fee Class A Acc	2.5	9.8	33.4	33.4	15.2	18.3	5.1
Return net of management fee Class A Acc	2.5	9.6	32.3	32.3	14.3	17.4	4.3
Benchmark							
Russell 1000 Net 30%	2.6	10.1	32.3	32.3	15.6	17.9	5.7

Performance history



Portfolio statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	301	1007
Price/earnings	18.1	18.5
Dividend yield	1.9	1.9
Price to book	2.4	2.6
EPS growth (1 year)	9.7	9.0

	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	13.8	12.3
Tracking error	2.1%	-
Sharpe ratio	0.9	1.1
Information ratio	-0.1	-
3 year return	15.2%	15.6%
3 year excess return	-0.4%	-

Data as at 30 November 2013

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Ten largest holdings by weight

Security	Fund	Benchmark
Pfizer, Inc.	2.7%	1.1%
General Electric Co.	2.5%	1.5%
Apple, Inc.	2.2%	2.8%
Exxon Mobil Corp.	2.1%	2.4%
Citigroup, Inc.	2.1%	0.8%
Google, Inc.	1.7%	1.6%
Cisco Systems, Inc.	1.4%	0.6%
Time Warner Inc	1.4%	0.3%
Oracle Corp.	1.4%	0.7%
Schering-Plough Corp.	1.4%	0.8%

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Consumer Discretionary	18.1%	15.1%
Financial Services	17.3%	18.6%
Technology	15.9%	15.6%
Health Care	14.8%	12.4%
Producer Durables	10.6%	11.6%
Energy	9.8%	9.6%
Consumer Staples	6.7%	7.9%
Materials & Processing	3.6%	4.3%
Utilities	3.3%	5.0%

Portfolio structure

Manager	Style	Target weight	Actual weight
Ceredex	Value, yield emphasis	17.0%	17.6%
Columbus Circle	Growth	16.0%	13.0%
Cornerstone	Growth	10.0%	8.7%
HS Management	Consistent growth	6.0%	7.3%
Institutional Capital Corporation	Value	20.0%	19.0%
Levin	Market - oriented with value bias	10.0%	10.9%
Pzena	Deep value, long-term view	6.0%	6.3%
Russell	Select exposures, defensive large cap	4.0%	4.9%
Suffolk Capital Management	Market - oriented	11.0%	8.8%
Russell (cash & other)		-	3.4%

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