

# Russell Investments Balanced Fund

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Fund facts	
Asset class	Diversified - growth
Inception date	10 September 2004
Investment menu code	UF10
Fund size	\$27.21 million
APIR code	ALL0014AU
Investment management cost (ICR) <sup>1</sup>	0.79%p.a.
Buy/sell spread	0.17% / 0.15%
Suggested minimum investment period	5 Years
Risk level	6 - High
Invests into	Russell Investments Balanced Fund (APIR: RIM0001AU)

## Recent Fund History

Please note this investment option changed name from Generation Life Sectoral Blend Fund to Russell Investments Balanced Fund on 20 May 2019

## Notes

<sup>1</sup> The Indirect Cost Ratio (ICR) includes the investment manager's fees, estimated performance fee (if applicable), estimated expense recoveries and other indirect costs as a percentage of total average assets of the investment option as at 20 May 2019, but excludes indirect transactions and operation costs (see latest copy of the PDS).

<sup>2</sup> Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

## Investment objective

To outperform (before fees and tax) an internal benchmark comprising the weight combination of relevant market indexes.

## Investment approach

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

## About the investment manager

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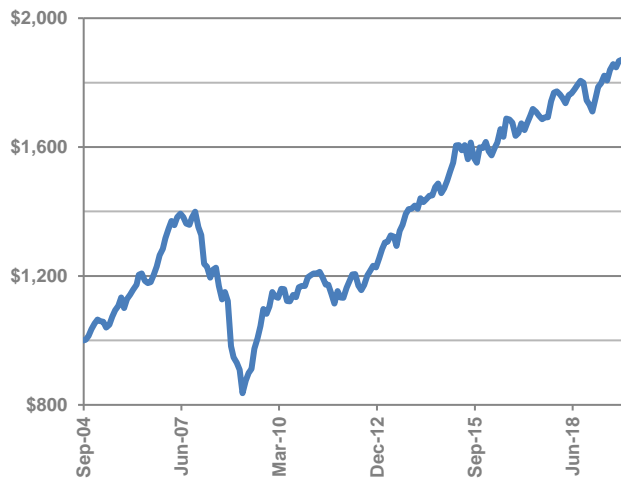
## Performance<sup>2</sup> (after tax and management fees)

	Performance
1 month (%)	0.25
3 months (%)	0.77
6 months (%)	2.72
1 year (%)	7.26
2 year (p.a. %)	3.66
3 year (p.a. %)	4.61
5 year (p.a. %)	4.92
10 Year (p.a. %)	5.62
Since Inception (p.a. %)	4.22

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## Growth of \$1,000 since inception



## Fund commentary

Global share markets made modest gains in October with the MSCI World Index – Net closing the month up 0.4%. Stocks performed better in hedged AUD terms; the index returning 1.8%. Much of the gains were driven by optimism surrounding US-China trade negotiations after the two countries announced a partial trade deal. Stocks also benefited from the US Federal Reserve's decision to cut interest rates for a third time this year and some encouraging US earnings updates. Australian shares lagged their global counterparts in October; the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index falling 0.4% on the back of weakness across the major banks and miners. Stocks were also impacted by a series of mixed domestic earnings results, news both the US and Chinese economies slowed in the September quarter and ongoing Brexit uncertainty. Elsewhere, global bonds were slightly weaker in October, with the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index returning -0.3% in hedged AUD terms. Australian bonds also underperformed over the period, with the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Year Index returning -0.5%, while the domestic cash market returned 0.1%.

## Target asset allocation

	Range
Cash	0-20%
Fixed interest	0-40%
Australian shares	0-60%
International shares	0-40%
Property	0-20%
Other	0-20%

## Actual asset allocation

	Range %
Cash	1.32
Australian fixed interest	8.56
International fixed interest	12.27
Australian property	5.67
Australian shares	32.72
International shares	32.74
Other	6.72

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