

Russell Investments Balanced Fund

Fact sheet | 31 August 2020

Fund facts	
Asset class	Diversified - growth
Inception date	10 September 2004
Investment menu code	UF10
Fund size	\$25.02 million
APIR code	ALL0014AU
Investment management cost (ICR) ¹	0.87%p.a.
Buy/sell spread	0.17% / 0.24%
Suggested minimum investment period	5 Years
Risk level	6 - High
Underlying strategy	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

¹ 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 9 June 2020, but excludes indirect transactions and operation costs (see latest copy of the PDS).

²Past 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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Performance² (after tax and management fees)

	Performance
1 month (%)	1.57
3 months (%)	2.88
6 months (%)	-2.39
1 year (%)	-1.65
2 year (p.a. %)	0.31
3 year (p.a. %)	2.40
5 year (p.a. %)	3.02
10 Year (p.a. %)	4.83
Since Inception (p.a. %)	3.81

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Growth of \$1,000 since inception



Fund commentary

Global share markets made good gains in August, with the MSCI World Index \square Net returning 3.5% for the period (or 6.1% in hedged AUD terms). Stocks rose amid expectations ongoing government and central bank policy support will continue to drive the global recovery; even as the number of new coronavirus infections in some countries showed no real signs of easing. Stocks also benefited from some encouraging developments on the vaccine front, further evidence the post-coronavirus recovery in China is gathering momentum and a series of better-than-expected US earnings results; though the bar for company earnings had been set relatively low due to the anticipated impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Limiting the advance were ongoing second wave virus concerns, with the likes of Germany, France and the UK all recording material increases in new cases over the period, while the death toll in the US surpassed the 180,000 mark. Stocks were also impacted by the US Congress's failure to agree a new stimulus package, escalating US-China tensions and disappointing growth in the UK and Japan. Australian shares made further gains in August, with the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index closing the month up 3.0%. The local market's gains were driven by expectations both the Federal Government and the Reserve Bank of Australia will continue to do whatever is necessary to maintain confidence in financial markets and achieve a return to growth. Sentiment was further buoyed by some encouraging domestic earnings updates and improving Chinese economic data. Meanwhile, global bonds fell over the period, with the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index down 0.7% in hedged AUD terms. Australian bonds also underperformed in August, with the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Year Index returning -0.4%. The domestic cash market closed the month flat.

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Investment guidelines

	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

	%
Cash	7.38
Australian fixed interest	8.16
International fixed interest	12.17
Property	8.58
Australian shares	28.95
International shares	27.93
Other	6.83

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