



# **Fund Update**

# For the quarter ended 31 December 2024

- Russell Investment Funds
- Russell Investments NZ Shares Fund

This fund update was first made publicly available on: 13 February 2025

#### What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Russell Investments NZ Shares Fund has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. FundRock NZ 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 S&P/NZX 50 Index (gross and including imputation credits) over the long term.

Strategy: The underlying investment exposure is typically comprised of a broad range of shares and other equity securities listed on the NZX. This may include derivative instruments which may be used to obtain or reduce exposure to securities and to hedge any Australian dollar exposure. Investment in Australian shares will generally be in those companies which have a listing on the NZX.

Total value of the fund	\$197,981,088
The date the fund started	14 February 2013

#### What are the risks of investing?

Risk indicator for the Russell Investments NZ Shares Fund.

$\Leftrightarrow$	Potentially lower returns				Potentially higher returns ⇒		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					gher 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 <a href="https://sorted.org.nz/">https://sorted.org.nz/</a>.





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 5 years to 31 Dec 2024. 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?

Tiow has the fand performed:	Average over past 5 years	Past year
Annual return (after deductions for charges and tax)	2.73%	10.58%
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	3.39%	11.40%
Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	3.44%	12.24%

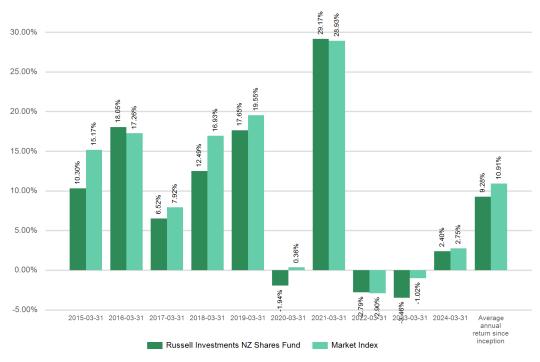
The market index return is S&P/NZX 50 Index (gross and including imputation credits). From fund inception to 1 December 2014 the market index was the NZX50 Gross Index. From 1 December 2014 to 30 June 2016 the market index was the Russell New Zealand Domestic Index.

Additional information about the market index is available on the offer register at <a href="https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz">https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</a>.





#### Annual Return Graph See note 1



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 2024.

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 NZ Shares Fund are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2024 these were:

	% of net asset value (inc. GST)
Total fund charges	0.80%
Which are made up of:	
Total manager and admin charges (inc. GST)	0.80%
Including:	
Manager's basic fee (inc. GST)	0.72%
Other management and administration charges	0.08%
Total performance-based fees	0.00%





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 Investments NZ Shares Fund on the offer register at <a href="https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz">https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</a> 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 \$1,140 (that is 11.40% of his initial \$10,000). This gives Anthony a return after tax of \$1,058 for the year.

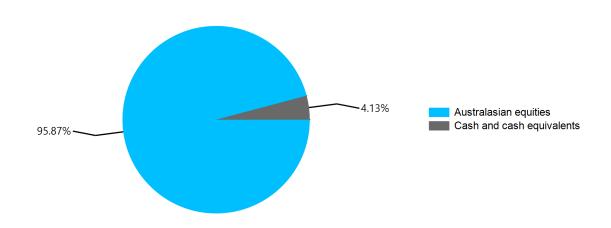




#### What does the fund invest in?

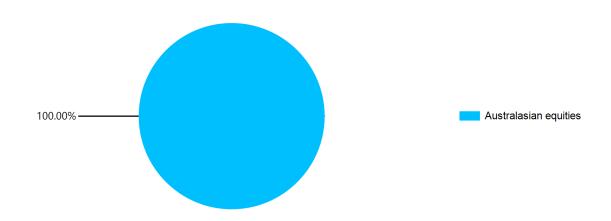
This shows the types of assets that the fund invests in.

#### **Actual Investment Mix**



Foreign currency was not hedged to New Zealand dollars as at 31 December 2024

#### Target Investment Mix







## **Top 10 investments**

	Asset Name	% of Fund net assets	Туре	Country	Credit Rating (if applicable)
1	Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd	15.65%	Australasian equities	NZ	
2	Auckland International Airport Ltd	10.39%	Australasian equities	NZ	
3	Infratil Ltd	8.44%	Australasian equities	NZ	
4	Contact Energy Ltd	7.39%	Australasian equities	NZ	
5	Mainfreight Ltd	6.13%	Australasian equities	NZ	
6	Meridian Energy Limited	4.82%	Australasian equities	NZ	
7	Ebos Group Ltd	4.40%	Australasian equities	NZ	
8	Spark New Zealand Ltd	4.31%	Australasian equities	NZ	
9	Summerset Group Holdings Ltd	4.18%	Australasian equities	NZ	
10	Cash at Bank (BNZ)	4.13%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	AA-

The top 10 investments make up 69.86% of the net asset value of the fund.

## **Key Personnel**

Name	Current position	Time in current position	Previous or other current position	Time in previous or other current position
Andrew Bascand	Managing Director, Harbour Asset Management	14 years 11 months	Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager, AllianceBernstein (NZ)	10 years 1 months
Andrew Zenonos	Portfolio Manager, Russell Investments	6 years 4 months	Associate Portfolio Manager, Equity	5 years 11 months
James Harwood	Lead Portfolio Manager, Proprietary Strategies, Russell Investments	2 years 0 months	Senior Portfolio Manager, Proprietary Strategies, Russell Investments	9 years 2 months
Mark Brown	Chief Investment Officer, Devon Funds Management Limited	7 years 5 months	Australasian Head of Equities, ANZ New Zealand Investments	3 years 7 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 <a href="https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz">https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</a>.





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 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.