



# Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund

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31 May 2024

## **Fund objective**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital growth over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3-5 years, by predominantly investing globally in the shares of companies listed on stock exchanges that are deemed to make a positive contribution to society. Investments in the Fund will adhere to the Investment Manager's ethical and sustainable investment policy. The Fund's performance target is to outperform, after the deduction of charges, the MSCI All Countries World Net Total Return Index GBP (the "Index") by 2.5% p.a. over rolling 3-year periods.

# **Cumulative performance %**

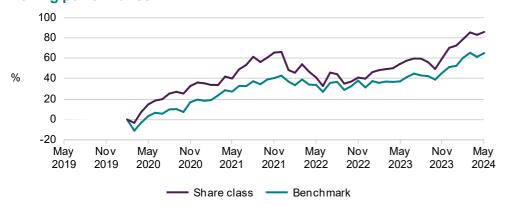
# Annualised %

	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	SI	3Y	SI
Share class	4.05	16.25	20.25	32.47	74.60	9.82	13.96
Benchmark	3.11	13.46	20.28	29.69	59.04	9.04	11.49
IA Sector	2.16	12.29	15.58	17.77	-	5.60	-
Quartile Rank	1	1	1	1	-	1	-

# Year on year performance % (12 months to 31 May)

	31/05/2023 - 31/05/2024				31/05/2019 - 31/05/2020
Share class	20.25	9.34	0.76	22.15	-

### **Rolling performance**

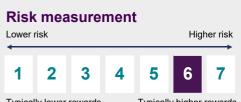


Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them is not guaranteed and may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Fund performance is shown on a mid to mid price basis, net of fees and gross of taxes, with gross income reinvested unless otherwise stated. Benchmark performance is shown gross of fees and taxes. The impact of commissions, fees and other charges can be material on the performance of your investment. Rolling performance data shown using month end returns.

25 February 2020
£346.32m
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Yes
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25 February 2020
MSCI All Countries World Net Total Return Index GBP
N/A
Global
0.720%
£100,000
174.60p
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#### Risk and return characteristics

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	3Y	5Y
Alpha (%)	(1.01)	
Beta (%)	1.31	
Tracking error (%)	6.17	
Information ratio	0.23	



Typically lower rewards Typically higher rewards

The indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile. The category shown may change over time. The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'.





# **Top holdings**

	Weight %
Microsoft Corporation	4.27
Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation	3.59
Schneider Electric SE	3.49
MercadoLibre, Inc.	3.29
NVIDIA Corporation	3.10
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	3.00
Texas Instruments Incorporated	2.92
ASML Holding NV	2.71
Visa Inc. Class A	2.71
HDFC Bank Limited Sponsored ADR	2.63

## **Fund characteristics**

Dividend yield	1.23%
P/E ratio - LTM	26.38
P/E ratio – FY1	21.88
P/CF ratio	16.76
P/B ratio	4.19
P/S ratio	3.25
Market cap. – Weighted avg.	£342,795m
Market cap. – Median	£66,225m

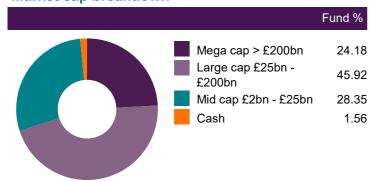
# **Sector weights**

	Fund %	Relative %	
Industrials	23.72	13.01	
Health care	16.56	5.63	
Cash	1.56	1.56	
Consumer discretionary	11.63	1.16	1
Information technology	24.00	-0.08	
Utilities	2.28	-0.37	1
Financials	13.29	-2.73	
Consumer staples	3.35	-3.12	
Communication services	2.40	-5.42	
Other	1.21	-9.64	

# **Regional weights**

	Fund %	Relative %	
UK	17.75	14.24	
Europe	12.14	0.02	
Canada	2.11	-0.68	1
Asia Pacific ex Japan	6.04	-2.76	
Japan	2.38	-2.92	
US	59.58	-4.44	
Africa	-	-0.27	
Australia	-	-1.66	
Latin America	-	-0.78	I
Middle East	-	-0.75	1

# Market cap breakdown













#### **ESG** characteristics

Royal London Asset Management has a controversial weapons exclusion across all investments. Our full policy can be found on our website:

www.rlam.com/globalassets/media/literature/policies/controversial-weapons-policy.pdf

	Yes	No
ESG integration	✓	
Promotes environmental or social characteristics		✓
Sustainable fund objective	✓	
Additional exclusions	✓	

#### **Additional exclusions**

Adult entertainment	1
Y Alcohol	✓
Animal welfare	✓
Armaments	1
Fossil fuels	✓
Gambling	1

High environmental impact	✓
Human rights issues	1
Nuclear power	1
Nuclear weapons	1
Tobacco	1

#### **Climate metrics**

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference %
Financed emissions (tCO2e)	4,500.30	n/a	n/a
Financed emissions coverage	100.00%	n/a	n/a
Carbon footprint (tCO2e/\$M invested)	10.34	50.70	(79.61)
Carbon footprint coverage	100.00%	99.16%	0.85
Weighted average carbon intensity (tCO2e/\$M sales)	42.58	118.65	(64.11)
Weighted average carbon intensity coverage	100.00%	99.19%	0.81

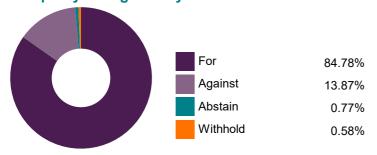
All climate metrics presented above are for Scope 1-2 emissions. Unless specified in the objective, the data is for information only and should not be taken to mean they are being managed to/controlled.

# **Engagements**

Engagement activity	Fund 3 months	Fund 12 months
Number of entities engaged	10	28
Number of engagements	11	62

This is an estimate. Some engagements at the issuer level may not have been attributed to the specific bond held in the fund, resulting in a lower number of engagement activities.

#### **Total proxy voting activity**



#### **ESG** characteristics rationale

The Fund focuses on the sustainability of the products and services of the companies it invests in, as well as their standards of environmental, social, governance ("ESG") management, alongside financial analysis. investment approach is fundamentally based on positive screening; identifying companies that are making a positive contribution towards a cleaner, healthier, safer and more inclusive society, through assessing both what a company does and how it does it, and through active engagement to encourage continual improvement. The fund will not invest in companies that undertake business activities deemed to be detrimental to society. Further details of the Funds Sustainable Investment process can be found in the ethical and sustainable investment policy at www.rlam.com

For further information on our responsible investments, please click on the icon below or visit our website www.rlam.com/uk/intermediaries/respon sible-investment/



Please visit our Ethical and Sustainable Investment Policy: https://www.rlam.com/globalassets/media/literature/policies/rlam-ethical-and-sustainable-investment-policy.pdf





## Key concepts to understand

Carbon footprint: Exposure to high emitters in the portfolio, expressed in tCO2e/\$M invested. Financed emissions (explained above) are divided by the portfolio value, the same approach for listed companies and private issuers is applied in this metric.

Derivatives: A financial instrument whose price is dependent upon or derived from one or more underlying asset.

**Environmental, social and governance:** A list of predefined criteria that determines how a company operates in terms of sustainability and overall corporate governance.

**Financed emissions:** The emissions from activities in the real economy that are financed through lending and investment portfolios, expressed in tCO2e. Emissions are attributed to a portfolio based on the portion of the company's value the portfolio holds, and using different accounting values for public and private corporates. We provide financed emissions for scope 1 and 2 emissions.

Sector weights: Breakdown of holdings by FTSE ICB (Industry Classification Benchmark) sector relative to the benchmark index.

Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI): Portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive companies, expressed in tCO2e / \$M revenue. Scope 1 and scope 2 GHG emissions are divided by companies revenues, then multiplied based on portfolio weights (the current value of the investment relative to the current portfolio value). The WACI is calculated as a weighted average sum of the holdings with carbon intensity coverage.

#### **Fund risks**

**Concentration risk:** The price of Funds that invest in a reduced number of holdings, sectors, or geographical areas may be more heavily affected by events that influence the stockmarket and therefore more volatile.

**Counterparty risk:** The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

**EPM techniques risk:** The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. Whilst intended to reduce risk, the use of these instruments may expose the Fund to increased price volatility.

**Emerging markets risk:** Investing in Emerging Markets may provide the potential for greater rewards but carries greater risk due to the possibility of high volatility, low liquidity, currency fluctuations, the adverse effect of social, political and economic instability, weak supervisory structures and accounting standards.

Exchange rate risk: Changes in currency exchange rates may affect the value of your investment.

**Investment risk:** The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

Liquidity risk: In difficult market conditions the value of certain fund investments may be difficult to value and harder to sell, or sell at a fair price, resulting in unpredictable falls in the value of your holding.

**Responsible investment risk:** The Fund can only invest in holdings that demonstrate compliance with certain sustainable indicators or ESG characteristics. This reduces the number securities in which the Fund can invest and there may as a result be occasions where it forgoes more strongly performing investment opportunities, potentially underperforming non-sustainable funds.





Share class fees and charges			
Share class	ISIN	Fee	Minimum investment
M Acc GBP	GB00BL6V0581	0.720%	£100,000
Z Acc GBP	GB00BL6V1001	0.570%	£3,000,000
Z Inc GBP	GB00BPJLYK64	0.570%	£3,000,000

#### **Further information**



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