

# Key Investor Information



This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

## Russell Sterling Bond Fund (the "Fund")

A sub-fund of Russell Investment Company plc (the "UCITS") managed by Russell Investments Ireland Limited

Class A  
(ISIN: IE0002191744)

Currency: British Pounds

## Objectives and Investment Policy

The Fund aims to achieve growth on your investment by investing mainly in Sterling-denominated bonds, using a multi-strategy investment style.

"Multi-strategy" means that the Fund uses several different money managers and/or strategies managed by Russell Investments to achieve its objective. Each money manager or Russell-managed strategy has a complementary investment style, with a focus on the U.K. bond market.

The Fund mainly invests in bonds issued by companies, governments and their agencies. Most bond holdings will have an investment grade rating but the fund may invest up to 30% in non-investment grade issues.

At least two-thirds of the Fund's assets are invested in bonds which are denominated in Sterling.

The Fund may gain market exposure indirectly through the use of financial derivative instruments. Derivatives may be used to manage the Fund's exposures, to reduce risk, or to manage the

Fund more efficiently.

Income of the Fund will be declared as a dividend and then re-invested to increase the value of your investment.

You may sell your shares in the Fund on any day on which banks are normally open for business in Ireland. For further information please refer to "**Repurchases of Shares**" section of the prospectus.

**Recommendation:** this Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

## Risk and Reward Profile



The risk category for this Fund was calculated using historical data and is based on how volatile the Fund's shares are likely to be. The risk category may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile. The risk category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may change over time.

The numerical scale is complex, for example 2 is not twice as risky as 1. The gap between 1 and 2 might not be the same as the gap between 5 and 6. A category 1 fund is not a risk-free investment - the risk of losing your money is small, but the chance of making gains is also limited.

The Fund is in category 4 as it invests in U.K. bonds that pay interest (income). The Fund aims to produce income on your investment while spreading risk.

The risk category does not take into account the following material risks:

**Credit risk:** there is a risk that bond or debt security issuers may not be able to pay interest or repay their debt. The risk is greater where the Fund invests in an investment with a low credit rating, as measured by rating agencies. There is also a risk of a bond being down-graded (rated as being of lower quality) and the value of your investment may fall.

**Market risk:** bond prices can go down as well as up due to global economic, currency and interest rate conditions and the creditworthiness (as measured by rating agencies) of the bond

issuer.

**Interest rate risk:** the value of fixed income securities (bonds) will rise and fall in response to changes in interest rates. Interest rate movements affect the value of fixed income securities (bonds). Longer maturity bonds are more sensitive to changes in interest rates, everything else held constant.

**Derivative risk:** the Fund uses specialist financial techniques (known as derivatives) to both reduce or "off-set" risk and for investment purposes. The value of a derivative contract depends primarily on the performance of the underlying asset. A small movement in the value of the underlying asset may cause a large movement in the value of the derivative. Derivatives also involve counterparty risk and the Fund may suffer a loss if a counterparty does not meet its obligations. Derivatives may also be used to manage exchange rate risk within the Fund.

**Emerging market risk:** investing in emerging markets or lesser developed countries exposes the Fund to higher levels of possible risk and return. It may be difficult to buy and sell investments in such countries. The Fund may be exposed to price instability, currency fluctuations and changes in economic, political, regulatory and governmental conditions which may affect the performance of the Fund.

**Exchange rate risk:** the Fund invests in assets denominated in currencies other than the Fund's base currency British Pounds. Changes in exchange rates may adversely affect the value of your investment.

For a more detailed explanation of risks, please refer to the "**Risk Factors**" section of the prospectus.

## Charges for this Fund

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested and before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.	
Charges taken from the Fund over each year	
Ongoing charges	0.48%
Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	20.00% This fee is payable to some, but not all, money managers of the Fund. The fee may be up to 20% of any increase in the value of the portion of the Fund's assets managed by a money manager. Set interest rate or other levels (known as hurdle rates) may affect whether a fee is payable and how much is payable. In determining the fee, account will also be taken of any previous negative performance (known as clawing-back).

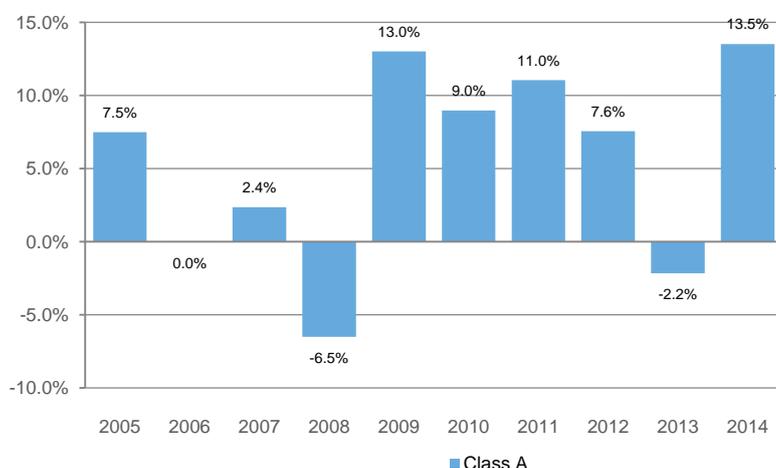
The **entry** and **exit charges** shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less. You can find this out from your financial adviser or distributor.

A charge of up to 5.00% may be payable when switching shares from the Fund to another sub-fund. In the Fund's last financial year ending 31 March 2014 no **performance fee** was charged.

The **ongoing charges** figure is based on the expenses for the year ending June 2015. This figure excludes portfolio transaction costs (except for entry/exit charges paid when buying/selling shares in other schemes) and performance fees. This figure may vary from year to year.

You can find out more details about the charges by looking at the "**Fees and Expenses**" section of the prospectus, which is available at [www.russell.com](http://www.russell.com).

## Past Performance



The past performance will not take into account any entry, exit or switching charges but will take into account the ongoing charges, shown in the Charges section.

The performance of this class is calculated in British Pounds.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

The Fund launched on 24 November 1998. This class started to issue shares on 24 November 1998.

## Practical Information

The custodian is State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited.

The share price is published on each business day and is available online at [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com).

Further information about the Fund and copies of the prospectus, the latest annual and semi-annual reports in English, German, French and Italian may be obtained free of charge by writing to Russell Investments, P.O. Box 786055, Rex House, 10 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4PE, England, and are available online at [www.russell.com](http://www.russell.com).

This Fund is subject to tax laws and regulations of Ireland. Depending on your home country of residence, this might have an impact on your personal tax position. For further details, please speak to your financial adviser.

You may switch your shares to the shares of another sub-fund of the UCITS subject to a 5% handling charge. For further information please refer to the "**Administration of the Funds**" section of the prospectus.

This key investor information is specific to this share class. Shares other than Class A are offered by the Fund, as set out in the prospectus. The prospectus, annual and semi-annual reports are prepared for the entire UCITS.

Russell Sterling Bond Fund is a sub-fund of the UCITS. The assets and liabilities of each sub-fund are segregated which means the assets of a sub-fund cannot be used to meet the liabilities of another sub-fund.

Russell Investments Ireland Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for the UCITS.

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This key investor information is accurate as at 6 August 2015.