

14.56%

10.17%

# Sustainable Equity Fund

# Portfolio Manager

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Class	CUSIP	Ticker
Class S	782494553	REQTX
Class A	782494579	REQAX
Class C	782494561	REQCX
Class Y	782493225	REUYX

Total net assets (all classes)§: \$286.58M

Market value (fund level)<sup>§</sup>: \$295.29M

Net asset value (Class S)<sup>§</sup>: \$51.07

Fund inception date: 05/29/1987

# Investment objective

Seeks to provide long-term capital growth.

### Investment strategy

The Fund principally invests in large and medium capitalization U.S. companies and pursues a "sustainable" investment strategy that takes into account environmental, social and governance ("ESG") considerations.

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Fund facts - class level		
3 year Sharpe ratio <sup>§, **</sup> : 1.00		
3 year Standard deviation <sup>§, **</sup> : 20.08		
3 year Alpha <sup>§, **</sup> : 0.62		
3 year Beta <sup>§, **</sup> : 0.88		
3 year R-squared <sup>§, **</sup> : 97.26		

<sup>§</sup> Data as of 12/31/2021

Performance review as of December 31, 2021 **Annualized** 5 Year 3 10 Since Quarterly to date inception vears vear vears years Sustainable Equity Fund – Class S †,(a),(b)

Annual Total Operating Expenses: 1.17% Annual Net Operating Expenses: 1.07%

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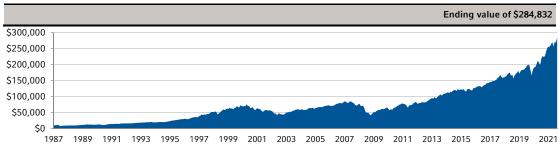
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#### **Annual returns**

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
11.58%	30.48%	12.85%	2.29%	10.31%	18.28%	-2.38%	27.74%	13.48%	25.54%

Performance information is historical and does not quarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that redeemed shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. The most recent month-end performance for Russell Investments mutual funds is available by visiting: https://russellinvestments.com/us/funds/performance-prices.

Growth of \$10,000 - Class S shares (since inception through December 31, 2021)



Top ten holdings<sup>1, 2</sup> Subject to change

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Holding	Weight
Apple Inc.	4.1%
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.5%
Microsoft Corp.	3.5%
Alphabet, Inc.	3.4%
Microchip Technology, Inc.	2.1%
Johnson & Johnson	2.1%
Intuit, Inc.	1.9%
Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.	1.6%
Adobe Inc.	1.6%
US Bancorp	1.6%
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Data as of 11/30/2021

Sector weightings<sup>1, 2</sup>

Sector	Weight
Technology	29.4%
Financial Services	21.2%
Consumer Discretionary	13.6%
Health Care	11.0%
Producer Durables	10.1%
Consumer Staples	9.8%
Utilities	2.4%
Materials and Processing	2.2%
Energy	0.2%

Data as of 11/30/2021

Mutual Fund investing involves risk, principal loss is possible.

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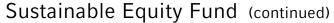
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<sup>\*\*</sup> See key terms on page two. Calculations are based upon the Fund's benchmark as stated in the prospectus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Fund first issued Class S Shares on September 2, 2008. The returns shown for Class S prior to that date are the returns of the Fund's Class I Shares.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The top ten holdings list excludes shares of the investment vehicles in which the Fund invests its cash.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Due to rounding, totals may not equal to 100%.





#### Target allocation of fund assets

The percentages below represent the target allocation of the Fund's assets to each money manager's strategy and Russell Investment Management, LLC (RIM) strategy. This does not include liquidity reserves managed directly by Russell Investments, which may constitute 5% or more of Fund assets at any given time.

	Role	Target allocation	Year assigned
Coho Partners Ltd.‡	Market-Oriented	17.0%	2015
Jacobs Levy Equity Management Inc.	Market-Oriented	30.0%	1999
Mar Vista Investment Partners, LLC‡	Market-Oriented	19.0%	2011
Russell Investment Management, LLC (RIM)*	Positioning Strategies and Cash Reserves	20.0%	2015
Sustainable Growth Advisers, LP‡	Growth	14.0%	2021

Money Managers listed are current as of December 31, 2021. Subject to the Fund's Board approval, Russell Investment Management, LLC has the right to engage or terminate a money manager at any time and without a shareholder vote, based on an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission. Investments in the Funds are not deposits with or other liabilities of any of the money managers and are subject to investment risk, including loss of income and principal invested and possible delays in payment of redemption proceeds. The money managers do not guarantee the performance of any Fund or any particular rate of return.

While the investment styles employed by the money managers are intended to be complementary, they may not in fact be complementary. A multimanager approach could result in more exposure to certain types of securities and higher portfolio turnover.

Investments in medium capitalization companies may involve greater risks because these companies generally have narrower markets, more limited managerial and financial resources and a less diversified product offering than larger, more established companies. Some medium capitalization stocks may also be thinly traded, and thus, difficult to buy and sell in the market.

Defensive style emphasizes investments in equity securities of companies that are believed to have lower than average stock price volatility, characteristics indicating high financial quality (which may include lower financial leverage), and/or stable business fundamentals.

In a limited long/short strategy, a short sale will result in a loss if the price of the security sold short increases between the date of the short sale and the date on which the borrowed security must be returned. Although the Fund's potential for gain as a result of a short sale is limited to the price at which it sold the security short less the cost of borrowing the security, its potential for loss is theoretically unlimited because there is no limit to the cost of replacing the borrowed security.

The Net Annual Operating Expense Ratio may be less than the Total Operating Expense Ratio and represents the actual expenses expected to be borne by shareholders after application of: (a) a contractual transfer agency fee or advisory fee waiver through February 28, 2022; (b) a contractual cap and reimbursement on expenses through February 28, 2022; These contractual agreements may not be terminated during the relevant periods except at the Board of Trustee's discretion. Details of these agreements are in the current prospectus. Absent these reductions, the fund's return would have been lower.

\*RIM manages Fund assets not allocated to money manager strategies and utilizes quantitative and/or rules-based processes and qualitative analysis to assess Fund characteristics and invest in securities and instruments which provide the desired exposures. This includes the Fund's positioning strategy, which is used to seek excess return and manage portfolio risks by targeting specific exposures, and the active tax management strategy that is implemented across the entire fund. These strategies are used in conjunction with allocations to third-party managers to fully reflect Russell Investments' strategic and dynamic views with integrated liquidity and risk management.

†This money manager is a non-discretionary manager. Russell Investment Management, LLC (RIM) manages this portion of the fund's assets based upon a

model portfolio provided by the money manager.

The Fund offers other classes of shares with higher fees and expenses. These other classes may charge up to a 0.75% distribution fee and a 0.25% shareholder servicing fee which will result in a higher expense ratio and lower performance than that shown above. For a full description of other available classes, please see the prospectus.

#### Effective January 1, 2019, the U.S. Defensive Equity Fund was renamed the Sustainable Equity Fund. **KEY TERMS:**

Alpha - shows how a Fund did relative to what would have been expected given the Fund's Beta and the performance of the Fund's benchmark. For example, an alpha of 1.4 means that the Fund outperformed its estimated return by 1.4%.

Beta - a measure of the Fund's sensitivity to market changes using the Fund's benchmark as an approximation of the market; beta greater than 1 is more volatile than the market; beta less than 1 is less volatile than the market.

Standard deviation - defines how widely returns varied from a daily average over a given period of time. A higher standard deviation means a more volatile Fund. For example, a Fund with a standard deviation of 6 and an average annual return of 10% saw annualized monthly returns fall within 6 percentage points of that average (or between 4% and 16%) two-thirds of the time.

Sharpe ratio - a calculation that reflects the reward per each unit of risk in a portfolio. The higher the ratio, the better the Fund's risk-adjusted return. R-squared - a statistic that indicates how much a Fund's fluctuations were attributable to movements in the Fund's benchmark.

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