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Global X Launches ETF for Simple Access to US Small Caps

SYDNEY, 12 February 2025 - Global X ETFs (Global X) has launched the only exchange-traded fund (ETF) in Australia to track the Russell 2000 Capped Index - the Global X Russell 2000 (ASX:RSSL).

RSSL provides exposure to 2000 small-cap stocks listed in the US, including the Financial, Health Care and Industrial sectors, ensuring diversified access to early-stage, innovative companies.

Senior Investment Strategist, Billy Leung, stated, "Small-cap equities often outperform during economic recoveries and periods of financial easing. Combined with Trump's pro-growth and pro-business stance, US small-caps are positioned to benefit significantly and offer long-term growth opportunities.

With projected GDP growth of 2.1% in 2025, the US is set to outpace other developed economies and is leading the charge globally.

By indexing the Russell 2000, RSSL gives investors exposure they might be short in, offering a diversification premium across small-cap growth and mega-cap innovation."

New Global X analysis has shown that during the first Trump administration, the Russell 2000 outperformed the S&P 500. The first six months saw Russell outperform by 2% (17% vs 15%), and over 12 months period it outperformed by 1% (21% vs 20%). [1]

Global X is strategically expanding its lineup of innovative, research-backed ETFs to meet the increasing complex needs of Australian investors. RSSL is structured to accompany numerous existing Global X funds such as FANG and U100, which embody the potential of US markets.

FANG holds a concentrated portfolio of 10 mega-cap stocks including the US's heaviest hitters such as Amazon, Alphabet, Meta, and Nvidia, while U100 captures tech-driven innovation across US exchanges which provides more extensive coverage with a basket of 100 stocks.

RSSL is the 42nd product Global X has launched in Australia and follows the launch of other first-to-market ETFs including the Global X S&P World ex Australia GARP ETF (ASX: GARP) and Global X Bank Credit ETF (ASX: BANK).

Backed by its parent company Mirae Asset, Global X is uniquely positioned in the Australian market, combining strong international presence with nuanced local market intelligence. RSSL was launched by Global X's New York team in April last year and has since gained more than US$1.5 billion in net assets.

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[1] Bloomberg. As at 7 February 2025

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Global X ETFs Australia is a leading ETF provider with a growing range of cost-effective and innovation-led products which are built to help Australian investors, and their advisers achieve investment outcomes by providing access to a successful pool of ETFs across thematic, income, commodities, digital assets and more. Global X Australia's nuanced understanding of the local market is backed by international resources and expertise to deliver a beyond ordinary experience for all stakeholders.

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Global X ETFs was founded in 2008. For more than a decade, our mission has been empowering investors with unexplored and intelligent solutions. Our product lineup features almost 400 ETF strategies worldwide and over US$96 billion in assets under management.[2] While we are distinguished for our Thematic Growth, Income, and International Access ETFs, we also offer Core, Commodity, and Alpha funds to suit a wide range of investment objectives.

Global X is a member of Mirae Asset Financial Group, a global leader in financial services, with more than $632 billion in assets under management worldwide[3]. Mirae Asset has an extensive global ETF platform ranging across the US, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Europe, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam with over $137 billion in assets under management.[4]

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[2] Assets under management as at November 2024, Global X
[3] Assets under management as at September 2024, Mirae Asset Global Investments
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