

LF Ruffer Diversified Return Fund

Positive absolute returns with low volatility

During November the fund was up 1.5% compared to the return on the UK Bank Rate of 0.2%.

Following three consecutive negative quarters across almost all asset classes, the final quarter of 2022 is at last delivering some seasonal cheer for investors. November saw strong gains in both equities and bonds, though obviously not digital assets thanks to the collapse of FTX. This late burst of optimism is founded on the hope that inflation is finally peaking, though by now it clearly no longer warrants either the 'transitory' or 'temporary' labels. Evidence supporting the long-awaited peak in inflation arrived mid-month with US CPI below expectations and crucially lower than previous year on year readings. This sparked a sharp rally in both equities and bonds, as did US Federal Reserve Chair Powell's unexpectedly dovish speech on the very last day of the month. Investors may want to consider, however, whether such short-term volatility (one day gains for US equities of 5% and 3%) really constitutes a sound base for a sustained rally.

We have no argument with the idea that inflation (at least in the US) may have peaked and could fall quite sharply in coming months. Where we disagree with both central bank forecasts and market expectations is in their faith that inflation will return to target anytime soon. We think wage rises will make inflation stickier than predicted and see evidence for this in the strength of both US and UK private sector wage inflation, plus the depressing sight of increasing numbers of strikes here in the UK. This, plus concerns that markets currently underestimate the impact on corporate profits of a likely recession next year, has made us nervous of adding to equities. Instead, we added risk into portfolios through long-duration inflation linked bonds, principally in the US. These holdings performed strongly in the recent market rally.

Ruffer aims to deliver 'all weather' returns whatever happens in financial markets, and we do this by holding a combination of fear (protection) and greed (growth) assets. Over the last 20 years this approach has delivered a positive correlation to stock markets when they are healthy, so we aim to harvest a proportion of equity gains in the good times. However, we have been negatively correlated to equities when times are more difficult, protecting investors in each of the major stock market crises of the last quarter century. This year has been no exception. Ruffer portfolios were negatively correlated to both equities and bonds as they fell sharply earlier in the year. Adjustments to the portfolio meant it was positively correlated to equities in November, as markets staged a recovery. Such 'perfect' shifts in correlation cannot be expected every month, but it is reassuring to see both sides of our investment approach in good working order.

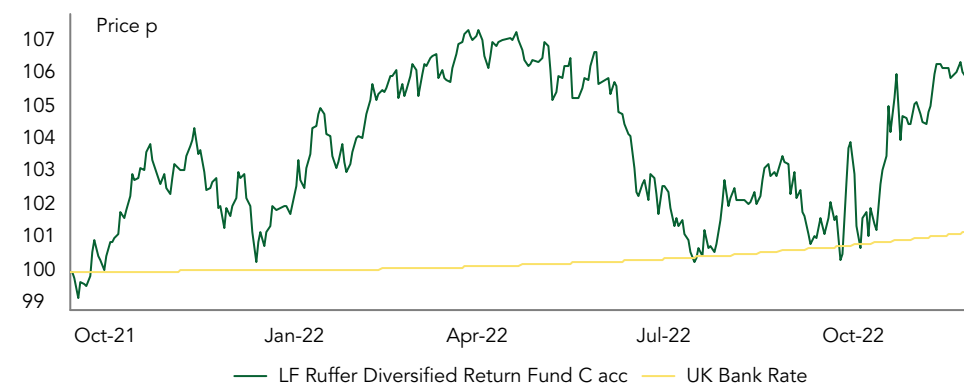


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Investment objective

To seek to achieve positive returns in all market conditions over any 12 month period, after all costs and charges have been taken. Underlying this objective is a fundamental philosophy of capital preservation. Capital invested is at risk and there is no guarantee that a positive return will be delivered over any one or a number of 12 month periods.

Performance since fund launch on 15 September 2021



C accumulation shares	Performance %	Share price as at 30 November 2022	p
November 2022	1.5	C accumulation	106.03
Year to date	4.2	C income	105.15
1 year	4.6		

12 month performance to September %	2022
LF Ruffer Diversified Return Fund C acc	3.4
UK Bank Rate	0.8

Source: Ruffer LLP, Bloomberg. The comparator benchmark shown in this document is as stated in the fund's prospectus.

Ruffer performance is shown after deduction of all fees and management charges, and on the basis of income being reinvested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of the shares and the income from them can go down as well as up and you may not get back the full amount originally invested. The value of overseas investments will be influenced by the rate of exchange.

LF Ruffer Diversified Return Fund as at 30 Nov 2022

Asset allocation



Asset allocation	%
Short-dated bonds	22.3
Index-linked gilts	20.2
Cash	14.5
Non-UK index-linked	11.1
Long-dated bonds	7.3
Long-dated index-linked gilts	6.6
Gold exposure and gold equities	3.5
Protection strategies and options	1.4
UK equities	4.8
North America equities	4.6
Europe equities	2.0
Japan equities	1.4
Other equities	0.3
Currency allocation	%
Sterling	65.4
US dollar	13.1
Yen	11.2
Australian dollar	5.1
Euro	2.8
Other	2.4

Currency allocation



10 largest equity holdings

Stock	% of fund
BP	1.9
Shell	0.7
Haleon	0.5
Cigna	0.4
Unilever	0.4
Agnico Eagle Mines	0.4
American Express	0.4
Activision Blizzard	0.4
Glencore	0.4
Fujitsu	0.4

5 largest bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2024	9.8
UK Treasury index-linked 2.5% 2024	7.3
US Treasury 0.125% TIPS 2052	6.1
US Treasury FRN 2024	4.9
US Treasury FRN 2023	3.8

Source: Ruffer LLP.
Pie chart totals may not equal 100 due to rounding.

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Fund size **£1,776.1m**

Fund information

		%
Ongoing Charges Figure (capped)		1.13
Annual management charge		1.1
Yield (historic)		0.85
Minimum investment		£1,000
Ex dividend dates		15 Mar, 15 Sep
Pay dates		15 May, 15 Nov
Dealing frequency		Daily
Valuation point		12:00
ISIN	Accumulation GB00BMWLQT53	Income GB00BMWLQS47
SEDOL	BMWLQT5	BMWLQS4
Investment manager	Ruffer LLP	
Auditors	Ernst & Young LLP	
Authorised Corporate Director	Link Fund Solutions	
Depository	The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited	
Structure	Sub-fund of LF Ruffer Managed Funds (OEIC) UK domiciled UCITS Eligible for ISAs	

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