

Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility



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During April, the fund price rose by 0%. This compared with a rise of 2.7% in the FTSE All-Share Index and a decline of 1.5% in the FTSE Govt All Stocks Index (all figures total returns in sterling).

Within the portfolio, positive contributions came from our equities, which outperformed the market, but gains were tempered by our defensive assets with index-linked bonds, gold and unconventional protections all down. Does it feel like we have been here before? In testament to the extreme brevity of financial memory, after two near-calamities in February and December of 2018, investors have been persuaded the environment is ripe for risk-taking and stock markets have pushed back towards all-time highs.

Last month's volte-face from the Federal Reserve on interest rates may have materially changed things in the short run. We see their actions as a promise, not just to refrain from taking away the punch bowl, but also to encourage investors to party a little harder. Good news on US/China trade relations or Brexit could give further impetus to the rally. Lastly, the political debate in the US is gravitating towards highly stimulative policies such as modern monetary theory and job guarantee schemes. In response, we have let our equity weighting drift up to above 40% whilst the sun is shining.

This environment has buoyed risk-taking and encouraged complacency: volatility selling is back, credit spreads have been crushed, currency markets are somnambulant and \$10 trillion of bonds trade on negative yields. The equities which are working are the ones playing the games which define this particular cycle: the FANGs (Facebook, Amazon, Netflix, Google), technology and those favouring corporate finance solutions such as buybacks or acquisitions over capital expenditure and investment. In a sign of the times, we are seeing a flurry of tech unicorns come to market – Uber, Lyft, WeWork, Airbnb, Pinterest and more. These businesses are ubiquitous and some have even reached the status of verbs, yet the simple concept of a profit eludes them. In a world where growth is scarce, the hope of any growth draws in capital, irrespective of its quality.

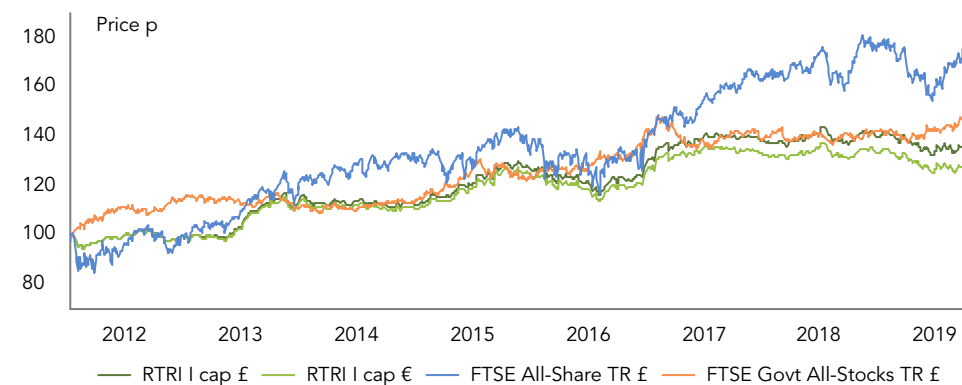
Our largest equity holding is Walt Disney, which rose 23% over the course of the month (adding 0.6%). Disney is the world's largest media company and seeks to monetise its characters and content library through movies, consumer products and theme parks. The acquisition of 21st Century Fox adds to this pool of intellectual property. The newly announced direct to consumer streaming service, Disney+, looks like a competitor to Netflix, but on a fraction of the valuation. As investors start to use their imagination and consider how big, profitable and advantageous Disney+ might become, we expect the stock to continue to do well.

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The investment objective of Ruffer Total Return International ('the fund') is to achieve positive returns with low volatility from an actively managed portfolio. The fund may have exposure to the following asset classes: cash, debt securities of any type (including government and corporate debt), equities and equity related securities and commodities (including precious metals). Pervading this objective is a fundamental philosophy of capital preservation.

Performance since fund launch on 14 July 2011



Performance %	April 2019	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years
I GBP capitalisation shares	0.0	2.6	-3.1	10.2	21.8

Percentage growth (I GBP cap)	%	Share price as at 30 April 2019	p
31 Mar 2018 – 31 Mar 2019	-1.6	I EUR capitalisation	127.88
31 Mar 2017 – 31 Mar 2018	-1.4	I CHF capitalisation	123.27
31 Mar 2016 – 31 Mar 2017	13.7	I USD capitalisation	138.16
31 Mar 2015 – 31 Mar 2016	-2.8	I GBP distribution	132.84
31 Mar 2014 – 31 Mar 2015	12.2	I SEK capitalisation	129.34
		I USD distribution	136.02
		I CAD capitalisation	112.77
		I SGD capitalisation	112.53

Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International (FTSE) †

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.

Ruffer Total Return International as at 30 Apr 2019

Asset allocation



Currency allocation



Asset allocation %

● Non-UK index-linked	14.4
● Long-dated index-linked gilts	14.3
● Short-dated bonds	8.2
● Illiquid strategies and options	8.0
● Gold and gold equities	7.1
● Cash	3.6
● Index-linked gilts	1.6

● North America equities	14.3
● Japan equities	11.6
● UK equities	9.3
● Europe equities	5.1
● Asia ex-Japan equities	2.6

Currency allocation %

● Sterling	73.9
● Yen	7.2
● Gold	6.6
● US dollar	5.8
● Euro	3.8
● Other	2.8

10 largest of 52 equity holdings*

Stock	% of fund
Walt Disney Company	3.4
Tesco	2.2
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	1.7
ArcelorMittal	1.7
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	1.6
Cigna Corporation	1.5
Whitbread	1.4
ORIX	1.2
Barrick Gold	1.2
National Oilwell	1.2

5 largest of 16 bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	8.3
UK Treasury index-linked 0.375% 2062	6.0
US Treasury 0.125% TIPS 2021	3.6
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2021	3.4
US Treasury 0.125% TIPS 2022	2.4

*Excludes holdings in pooled funds
Source: Ruffer LLP.
Pie chart totals may not equal 100 due to rounding.

Fund size **£1,916m**

Fund information

	%
Ongoing Charges Figure	0.93
Maximum annual management fee (I class)	1.0
Maximum subscription fee	5.0
Minimum investment (or equivalent in other currency)	£30m
Record date	Third Monday of November
Ex dividend dates	Next NAV following the record date
Payment	Within five business days after ex dividend date

Dealing	Weekly, every Wednesday (if not a business day, on the following business day) Plus on the first business day of each month
Cut off	4pm Luxembourg time on the day before valuation day (so typically Tuesday and the penultimate business day of the month)

ISIN and SEDOL	Currency	Cap	ISIN	SEDOL
EUR	I cap	LU0638558394	B4LVH08	
CHF	I cap	LU0638558477	B4QLM86	
USD	I cap	LU0638558550	B4L04N7	
GBP	I dis	LU0779209195	B8BHYH0	
SEK	I cap	LU0923103534	B94R6P6	
USD	I dis	LU0955560437	BCDYZK7	
CAD	I cap	LU1296766634	BYSW6J6	
SGD	I cap	LU1400661093	BD2YGL3	
AUD	I cap	LU1534125882	BDRKVG6	

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Investment manager Ruffer LLP

Depository bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) S.A.

Auditors Ernst & Young S.A.

The base currency of the fund is GBP. Share classes denominated in other currencies are hedged to reduce the impact on your investment of movements in the exchange rate between the base currency of the fund (GBP) and the currency of the share class.

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