

Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility

During September, the fund price rose by 2.8%. This compared with a return on the FTSE All-Share of -5.9%, a return on the HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index of 3.4%, and a return on the Bloomberg Barclays Global-Aggregate Total Return of -3.4%.

A seamless succession from the late Queen Elizabeth II to King Charles III stood in stark contrast to growing instability in financial markets as the long reign of low inflation and easy money ends. Stocks and bonds both fell once again as the toxic cocktail of persistent inflation, central bank hawkishness, rising recession risk and political uncertainty left investors with few hiding places.

August's 8.3% US inflation print proved hotter than expected, dashing remaining hopes of a Fed 'pivot' away from aggressive monetary tightening. Stock markets suffered their biggest one-day drop since the depths of COVID and all the time the liquidity noose continues to tighten. Fed hikes took US rates to 3.25% and heading higher, with markets now predicting over 4% by the year end. Quantitative tightening (QT) – where the Fed drains liquidity by running down its holdings of government bonds – doubled to \$95bn per month. Lower liquidity means less money is available to support asset prices. Consequently, the fund retains a record low equity weight of c.15%, which detracted 1.1% from performance. Our downside derivative protections were the biggest positive, adding 3.0%. We have taken some profits here.

Against this febrile backdrop the new British government popped its head above the parapet with a 'mini-budget' requiring extra borrowing at a time of rapidly rising rates, high inflation and a large current account deficit. A market storm ensued: sterling touched an all-time low whilst UK bond yields surged, triggering a doom-loop of disorderly selling by Liability Driven Investing (LDI) pension strategies scrambling for cash to meet derivative margin calls. Real (inflation-adjusted) yields on the longest-dated UK index-linked bonds (held in the fund) rocketed to nearly 2%. This gave us the opportunity to add to these key assets at extraordinarily distressed prices, before the Bank of England was forced to step in to restore order. At one point down over 85% year to date, the 2073 index-linked gilts rallied nearly 250% from their trough to the month end, adding significantly to performance. They remain an option on long-term inflation expectations un-anchoring. We also added new positions in long-dated US inflation-protected TIPS and conventional bonds totalling c.6%. The combination of higher yields and growing recession risk now makes these bonds more attractive than for many years. We also increased our US dollar weighting after the pound recovered from its 'mini-budget' meltdown. For now, the dollar offers defensive characteristics in a world of deepening risks.

Britain's gilt market seizure is a warning from the future. As the liquidity tide continues to recede, other crises will emerge. Housing markets are one obvious area where rapid rate rises are already causing trouble. As the Bank of England has just discovered, central banks may have to choose between controlling inflation or protecting financial stability. Ending the reign of easy money was never going to see a smooth succession. The fund remains defensively positioned with the liquidity to take opportunities as they arise.

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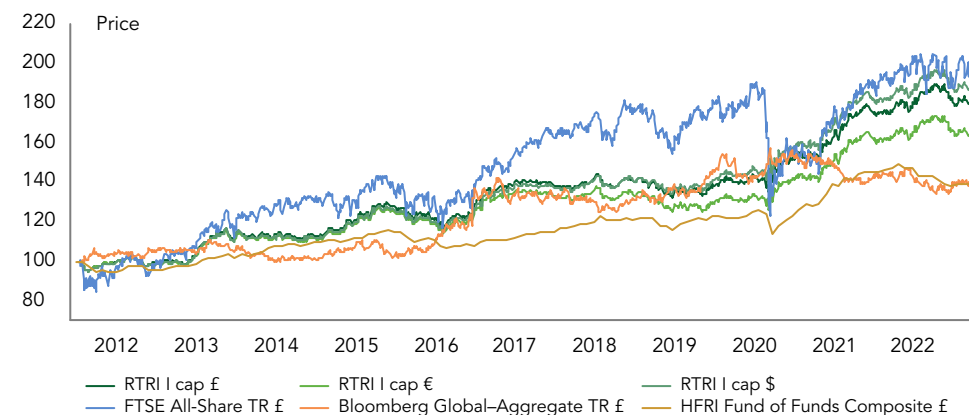


Investment objective

The investment objective of the Ruffer Total Return International ('the fund') is to achieve low volatility, positive returns 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). Overriding this objective is a fundamental philosophy of capital preservation. Investors should note that there can be no assurance that the investment objective will be achieved.

Performance since fund launch on 14 July 2011

Past performance does not predict future returns



Performance I cap shares %	GBP	EUR	USD	Share price as at 30 September 2022
September 2022	2.8	2.6	2.9	I EUR Capitalisation 171.70
Year to date	5.7	4.6	6.0	I CHF Capitalisation 164.38
1 year	7.0	5.7	7.3	I USD Capitalisation 196.28
3 years	33.6	30.0	35.9	I GBP Distribution 183.12
5 years	37.3	30.3	43.8	I SEK Capitalisation 175.35
10 years	88.3	72.3	96.6	I USD Distribution 191.67
				I CAD Capitalisation 158.34
				I SGD Capitalisation 158.70
				I GBP Capitalisation 188.56

12 month performance to September %	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
RTRI I cap £	2.4	0.4	8.9	14.6	7.0
RTRI I cap €	1.3	-1.0	8.0	14.0	5.7
RTRI I cap \$	3.8	2.0	10.1	15.0	7.3
FTSE All-Share TR £	5.9	2.7	-16.6	27.9	-4.0
Bloomberg Global-Aggregate TR £	1.5	13.9	1.3	-5.0	-3.9
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite £	6.0	5.8	0.8	9.6	14.1

Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International, Bloomberg, Hedge Fund Research Inc

Ruffer Total Return International as at 30 Sep 2022

Asset allocation



Asset allocation	%
Index-linked gilts	21.6
Short-dated bonds	21.5
Long-dated index-linked gilts	10.6
Cash	9.7
Illiquid strategies and options	8.1
Non-UK index-linked	8.1
Long-dated bonds	4.8
Gold exposure and gold equities	1.4
UK/Europe equities	7.9
North America equities	3.1
Japan equities	2.1
Asia ex-Japan equities	0.3
Other equities	0.9

Currency allocation	%
Sterling	69.3
Yen	10.1
US dollar	9.2
Australian dollar	6.5
Euro	2.8
Other	2.1

Currency allocation



10 largest equity holdings*

Stock	% of fund
BP	1.7
Ambev SA	0.9
Unilever	0.6
Hoya	0.5
Ryanair	0.5
Deutsche Post	0.4
Glencore	0.4
Fujitsu	0.4
Yara International	0.4
NEC	0.4

5 largest bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2023	7.6
UK Treasury index-linked 2.5% 2024	7.3
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022	6.7
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2024	6.3
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	4.5

*Excludes holdings in pooled funds

Source: Ruffer LLP. Pie chart totals may not equal 100 due to rounding. 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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Fund size £5,728.2m €6,527.2m

Fund information

Ongoing Charges Figure	0.94
Maximum annual management fee (I class)	1.0
Annual management fee	0.9
Maximum subscription fee	5.0
Minimum investment (or equivalent in other currency)	£25m
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 last 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	ISIN
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	
GBP	I cap	LU0638558121	B4WP6Q8	

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