

Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility

During March, the fund price rose by 1.5%. This compared with a rise of 1.3% in the FTSE All-Share Index and a fall of 2.1% in the FTSE Govt All Stocks Index (all figures total returns in sterling).

Operation Stable Door began in earnest during March as the Federal Reserve raised interest rates for the first time in four years to try to contain inflation running at a near-half century high of 7.9%. Government bond yields moved abruptly to price in the most aggressive interest rate hiking cycle since 1994. Global bonds have just endured their worst quarter ever despite war, pestilence (covid disruption in China) and growing fears of a recession. So much for conventional bonds acting as a 'safe haven'. This should not come as a surprise to regular readers of this report, as we have written about the vulnerability of conventional bonds for some time.

What was the impact on the fund? We made positive returns in each of the first three months of this year as both equities and bonds ended up in negative territory. During March long-dated inflation-linked bonds ('linkers') fell in value as yields rose faster than inflation expectations, but our interest rate options – which profit from rising yields – more than offset this fall in value. Active duration management via derivatives continues to be essential to the fund's resilience in a rising yield environment. Long linkers remain a key holding for the world we are heading into and so this balance will be maintained.

While fixed income volatility hasn't been this high since the global financial crisis, equity markets look increasingly complacent, with many recovering all losses since the start of the Ukraine war. We trimmed equity exposure to 35% reflecting greater uncertainty and profit taking in some equity derivative protections. Overall, equities were a positive contributor for the month, with energy stocks once again leading the charge.

Commodity markets continued to perform well with higher prices helping the Australian dollar, where we now have exposure of around 5%. In World war II, America was famously dubbed the 'great arsenal of democracy'. In the era ahead, Australia looks set to be the 'great arsenal of commodities' for western democratic states. On top of this, Australian pension funds may soon start to close their net short position in their domestic currency, adding a further kicker to the Aussie dollar. The allocation was funded from the US dollar.

Finally, we added 2% to bullion exposure. Gold exposure and gold mining equities were the largest positive performance driver during the month. Total gold exposure now stands at close to 10%.

Near-term the path ahead remains highly uncertain – as ever, we aim to be resilient whatever happens. Longer-term, covid and the Russia-Ukraine war mark successive great accelerations towards the more inflation-prone and volatile era ahead. We believe we have the right asset mix to deal with the challenges and capture the opportunities in this new regime.

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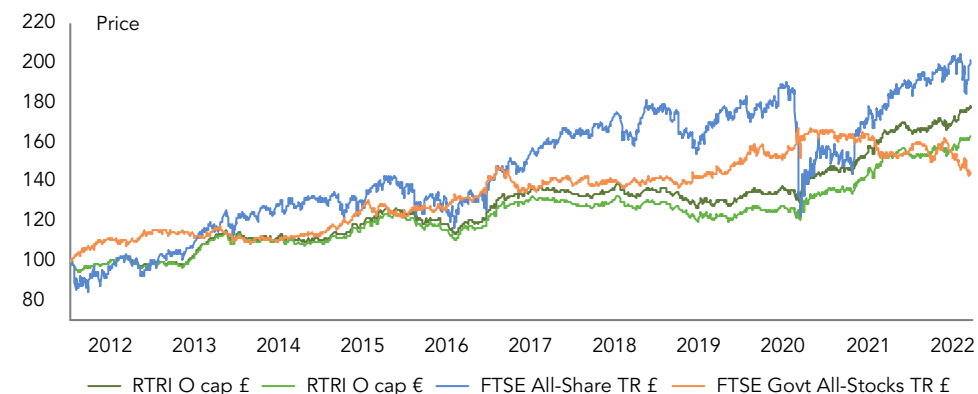


Investment objective

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

Past performance does not predict future returns



O GBP capitalisation shares	Performance %	Share price as at 31 March 2022
March 2022	1.5	O CHF Capitalisation 156.94
Year to date	5.6	O EUR Capitalisation 164.05
1 year	8.4	O EUR Capitalisation 163.98
3 years	36.7	O GBP Capitalisation 178.66
5 years	31.3	O USD Capitalisation 185.47
10 years	76.0	

12 month performance to March %	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
RTRI O cap £	-1.9	-2.1	3.2	22.2	8.4
RTRI O cap €	-2.9	-3.4	2.0	21.5	7.6
FTSE All-Share TR £	1.2	6.4	-18.5	26.7	13.0
FTSE Govt All-Stocks TR £	0.5	3.7	9.9	-5.5	-5.1

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Ruffer Total Return International as at 31 Mar 2022

Asset allocation



Currency allocation



Asset allocation %

● Index-linked gilts	14.3
● Gold exposure and gold equities	10.4
● Short-dated bonds	10.1
● Long-dated index-linked gilts	9.4
● Non-UK index-linked	7.7
● Cash	6.7
● Illiquid strategies and options	6.1

● UK/Europe equities	21.3
● North America equities	6.1
● Japan equities	5.6
● Other equities	2.3

Currency allocation %

● Sterling	62.0
● US dollar	13.6
● Yen	7.8
● Australian dollar	5.5
● Euro	0.7
● Other	10.4

10 largest equity holdings*

Stock	% of fund
BP	3.2
Shell	2.2
Bayer	1.6
Ambev SA	1.6
GlaxoSmithKline	1.2
Banco Santander	1.1
Cigna	1.0
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	1.0
ORIX Corporation	1.0
Vodafone Group	1.0

5 largest bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022	7.8
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2023	5.7
UK Treasury index-linked 2.5% 2024	4.9
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	3.5
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2065	2.8

*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 £4,921.7m

Fund information

Ongoing Charges Figure	1.45
Maximum annual management fee (O class)	1.5
Annual management fee	1.4
Maximum subscription fee	5.0
Minimum investment (or equivalent in other currency)	£1,000
O share classes	Capitalisation only (equivalent to accumulation)
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	CHF O cap LU0638558808 B4R1SD2 EUR Olcap LU2252564898 BMYP2W0 EUR O cap LU0638558717 B42NV78 GBP O cap LU0638558634 B41Y053 USD O cap LU0638558980 B449LX0
Structure	Sub-fund of Ruffer SICAV, a Luxembourg domiciled UCITS SICAV
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Investment manager	Ruffer LLP
Depository bank	Pictet & Cie (Europe) S.A.
Auditors	Ernst & Young S.A.

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Joined Ruffer in 2011, previous work included fund management and macro research at Goldman Sachs, GLG Partners and Fulcrum Asset Management. Graduated from École Centrale Paris in 1999, and holds an MSc in Mathematics from Oxford University.



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Joined Ruffer in 2006 after graduating from Exeter University with an honours degree in economics and finance. He is a member of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment. He is co-manager of two of Ruffer's flagship funds.



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