# TM Ruffer Portfolio

#### Positive returns with low volatility

We are pleased to announce that the fund launched earlier this month with the first price being calculated on 8 December.

The sharp decline in bond yields seen at the end of November continued into early December, as the discovery of the new Omicron variant threatened the vaccine-led economic recovery globally.

Nonetheless, equities contributed positively to the monthly return (with financials being the largest contributor) as evidence grew that Omicron might be less dangerous than first thought. Our derivative protection was also a positive contributor as the addition and subsequent appreciation of our interest rate swaptions towards the end of the month, more than outweighed the compression in credit spreads.

Inflation-linked bonds detracted from the monthly return as bond yields rose and inflation expectations did not. This is a dynamic that may persist in 2022 as economic strength continues and central banks begin to tighten. As a result, we reduced portfolio duration significantly, to nearly zero by the month end, using the aforementioned interest rate options.

At the same time, we retain our high conviction in both financial and energy equities. For financials, many investors cannot contemplate buying them and this is providing some spectacular prospective return opportunities. UniCredit's decision (and ability) to return 50% of its market cap to shareholders within the next three years shows just how undervalued they are. Rising real yields, which hurt index-linked bonds (which we own) and highly valued growth and tech stocks (which we do not own), should be accompanied by rising earnings for financial stocks. The picture for energy stocks is similar. There is something of a catch-22 in energy markets: energy demand continues to rise even as the world navigates the path to net zero, but there is a lack of investment in reliable supply, even though it is crucial to the net zero solution. This leaves higher energy prices the likely outcome and cheap valuations the entry point. We continue to focus on engaging with these companies to help and encourage them on the energy transition journey.

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#### Investment objective

To achieve positive returns over a 12 month period, after all costs and charges have been taken, regardless of market conditions. 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.



Source: Ruffer LLP

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## TM Ruffer Portfolio as at 31 Dec 2021

# Asset allocation Currency allocation

Asset allocation	%
Non-UK index-linked	14.0
Long-dated index-linked gilts	12.7
<ul> <li>Gold exposure and gold equities</li> </ul>	8.0 7.0 6.9 6.8
<ul> <li>Short-dated bonds</li> </ul>	
• Cash	
<ul> <li>Illiquid strategies and options</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>Index-linked gilts</li></ul>	1.8
UK equities	15.8
North America equities	10.1
Europe equities	8.3 7.1 0.4
<ul> <li>Japan equities</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Asia ex-Japan equities</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Other equities</li> </ul>	1.2
Currency allocation	%
Sterling	83.2
• Yen	9.2
• Euro	1.7
US dollar	0.9
Other	5.0

## 10 largest equity holdings\*

Stock	% of fund
BP	2.5
Lloyds Banking Group	2.4
NatWest Group	1.6
Royal Dutch Shell	1.5
UniCredit	1.3
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	1.1
Bristol-Myers Squibb	1.1
Cigna	1.0
GlaxoSmithKline	0.9
Volkswagen	0.9

#### 5 largest bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
US Treasury FRN 2023	5.1
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	4.5
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2065	4.3
US Treasury 0.125% TIPS 2022	3.9
US Treasury 0.125% TIPS 2023	3.0
*Excludes holdings in pooled funds	

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

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#### Fund size £655.3m

#### Fund information

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Ongoing Charges Figure (capped)			1.23	
Annual management charge			1.20	
Yield				NA
Minimum in	vestment			£100,000
Ex dividend	dates		30	Jun, 31 Dec
Pay dates			28	Feb, 31 Aug
Dealing frec	luency	Weekly, every Wednesday where this is a business day Plus the final business day of the month		
Valuation po	oint		12.00 each	dealing day
ISIN		cumulation BP4DCZ8		Income 00BP4DJF75
SEDOL		BP4DCZ	8	BP4DJF7
Investment i	manager			Ruffer LLP
Auditors			Er	nst & Young
Authorised (	Corporate	Director		sis Unit Trust nent Limited
Depositary			Bank of New (Internation	York Mellon onal) Limited
Structure		Non-UCITS Retail Scheme Investment Funds (OEIC)		

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HEAD OF UK WEALTH Joined Ruffer in 2011, after spending four years at Lehman Brothers, and then Nomura, where he worked in equity financing and delta—one sales.



He graduated from the University of Oxford in 2006 with a degree in philosophy, politics and economics and is a member of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment.

# Alexander Chartres

Joined Ruffer in 2010 after graduating from Newcastle University with a first class honours degree in history and politics. In 2012, he became a



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### **Investment Specialist**

# Kate Forsyth INVESTMENT MANAGER

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#### Ruffer LLP

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