

LF Ruffer Diversified Return Fund

Positive absolute returns with low volatility

During October, the fund's C accumulation shares rose from 100.33p to 102.69p. This compared with a return on the UK Bank Rate of 0.0%.

The last two months represent a good outcome for performance – we held our own in September as equity and bond markets fell in tandem, and then captured the bounce in October. Performance in October was driven by inflation-focused assets – particularly gold, energy companies and inflation-linked bonds.

The policy landscape is shifting. In the last week of October there was a whiff of panic amongst fixed income investors. Short yields rose sharply as fears mounted that central bankers are behind the curve in tackling inflation. This led to some extraordinary moves. The Reserve Bank of Australia was forced to abandon its policy of yield curve control and the Bank of Canada stopped its quantitative easing programme. The Bank of England now seems likely to raise rates, the Fed has dropped the word 'transitory' from its narrative and is likely to taper its \$120bn monthly asset purchase scheme. Until recently, the sure message was that inflation would wash out and no action was required.

In other markets there is broad insouciance on inflation, and while inflation assets have performed well, so has almost everything else. According to the Bank of America Investor Survey a record number of portfolio managers are bearish on bonds, but the volume of renewables and infrastructure issuance would suggest they still love bond proxies. The gold price is down 5% year to date, the US 10-year yield is still only at 1.5% and the S&P 500 is trading at a 21x P/E multiple. This all suggests that markets are comfortable with inflation reverting lower relatively soon.

While Central Bank credibility is being threatened at the short end, perversely it seems that it is strengthening at the long-end of the yield curve. The expectation of near-term tightening is anchoring longer-term inflation expectations and long-term bond yields. Essentially the market is saying that despite lower credibility on their recent actions, Central Banks have the willpower and means to tame inflation. This emphasises the power and complacency of the belief in central bank omnipotence and underscores just how shocking it might be were that to change. Citigroup strategist Matt King summarised: 'Expect tantrums in risk [assets] if central banks respond to inflation – and tantrums in bonds if they don't.' Monetary policy setters are firmly wedged between a rock and a hard place.

While we expect inflation and real rate volatility to increase, it will not be a straightforward journey. This will necessitate a nimble portfolio. To use one example, interest rate options have allowed us to manage the fund's duration this year – making money in bonds even as yields were rising. This flexibility will be useful going forwards.

We are holding a meeting for shareholders on 30 November at our office in London. If you would like to attend please [click here](#) or email ruffer@ruffer.co.uk

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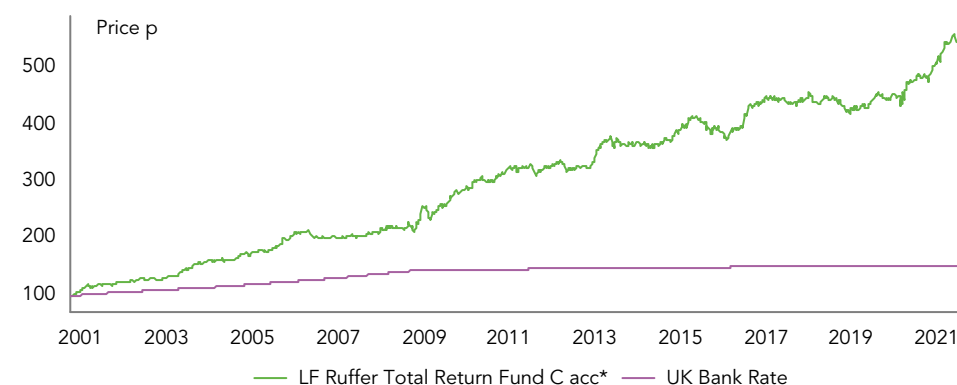


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Investment objective

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 based on LF Ruffer Total Return Fund* since launch on 29 Sep 2000



*All figures refer to simulated past performance based on the actual performance of the LF Ruffer Total Return Fund and include reinvested income.

C accumulation shares*	Performance %	Share price as at 29 October 2021	p
October 2021	2.6	C accumulation	102.69
Year to date	10.1	C income	102.80
1 year	17.4		
3 years	28.9		
5 years	27.1		
10 years	73.0		

12 month performance to September %	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
LF Ruffer Total Return Fund C acc*	0.3	1.6	1.7	7.3	12.6
UK Bank Rate	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.1

Source: Ruffer LLP. Current UK regulations require that any information provided on past performance must be based on, and show complete 12 month periods, starting after the first complete calendar quarter. Therefore the performance charts and other relevant performance data will be provided after 30 September 2022. As such, the performance chart is that of the existing fund, LF Ruffer Total Return Fund, whereas the share price laid out above is of LF Ruffer Diversified Return Fund. Ruffer performance is shown in GBP after deduction of all fees and management charges, and on the basis of income being reinvested. Calendar quarter data has been used up to the latest quarter end and monthly data thereafter.

LF Ruffer Diversified Return Fund as at 29 Oct 2021

Asset allocation



Asset allocation %

Index-linked gilts	15.2
Long-dated index-linked gilts	13.5
Cash	12.5
Non-UK index-linked	9.9
Gold and gold equities	7.3
Options	2.6
UK equities	15.0
Japan equities	8.9
North America equities	7.5
Europe equities	6.5
Other equities	1.2

Currency allocation

Sterling	82.9
Gold	7.3
Yen	4.5
US dollar	1.3
Euro	1.3
Other	2.7

Currency allocation



10 largest equity holdings

Stock	% of fund
BP	2.7
Royal Dutch Shell	2.7
iShares Physical Gold	2.6
Barclays	1.9
NatWest Group	1.9
GlaxoSmithKline	1.6
Cigna	1.3
Kinross Gold	1.3
Bristol-Myers Squibb	1.0
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	1.0

5 largest bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022	6.8
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	6.7
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2024	5.2
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2065	5.0
Government Of United Kingdom 0.125%...	3.2

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

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Fund size £44.7m

Fund information

Ongoing Charges Figure (capped)	1.13	
Annual management charge	1.1	
Yield (historic)	NA	
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 GB00BMWQLQT53	Income GB00BMWQLQS47
SEDOL	BMWQLQT5	BMWQLQS4
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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