

Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility

During November the fund price rose by 0.4%. This compared with a rise of 2.2% in the FTSE All-Share Index and a fall of 0.8% in the FTSE Govt All Stocks Index (all figures total returns in sterling).

At Ruffer, we recently marked our 25th anniversary of managing investments for our clients. Over the quarter century since we were founded we have broadly succeeded in our twin aims of avoiding losing money in the big market collapses (notably 2000-2003 and 2008) and delivering a decent return over and above that of cash (currently compounding at 8% pa over 25 years). This outcome has been achieved by steadfastly adhering to our investment philosophy of always holding a combination of both 'fear' and 'greed' assets in our portfolios.

The greed assets are relatively self-explanatory. They consist largely of equities, though we often shun the more expensive and crowded areas of the stock market that turn out to be the cause of maximum damage when markets reverse.

The fear side of the equation is less straightforward and, of course, changes with each market cycle. In essence, we seek to invest in those assets that investors will panic into when times get truly difficult. Such assets will normally be dull, or even costly, in the good times, but have successfully delivered for us in each major market downturn. In 1999-2000 it was long-dated conventional bonds (and no tech stocks) that protected our investors, whilst in 2008 it was Swiss government bonds and the yen. Today it is index-linked bonds, gold and credit protections we believe will do the job when markets break.

Such an approach can be harder to execute in the rare periods when both greed and fear assets rise in tandem, as has occurred this year. 2019 has seen strong returns not only from equities, but also gold and long duration inflation-linked bonds. Such a situation cannot last, you cannot both have your cake and eat it, despite the blandishments of politicians, and accordingly we have adjusted our portfolios to reflect this. We have taken some profits in gold mining stocks, and similarly, after making significant gains from index-linked gilts earlier this year, we took some profits here too, thereby reducing the overall duration of our portfolios. Supporting this move is an appreciation that a Conservative victory in the coming election, combined with some relief at avoiding a 'no deal' Brexit, plus a likely fiscal boost to the domestic economy, could see both sterling and gilt yields rise, at least temporarily.

Following these tactical adjustments, we remain confident that we still hold sufficient protection to preserve investors' capital should markets fall precipitously. In the meantime, by holding close to 40% in equities (often those in more economically sensitive areas) we should be able to make money if markets continue to gorge on 'cake'.

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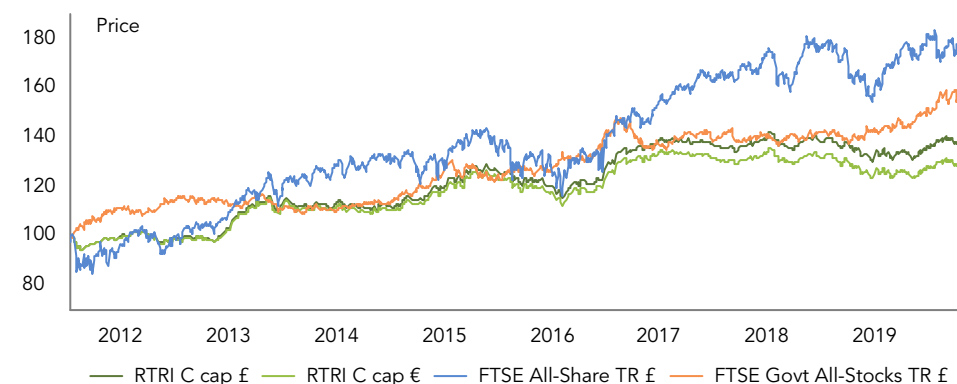


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Investment objective

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



Performance %	November 2019	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years
C GBP capitalisation shares	0.4	6.1	4.3	2.1	15.4

Percentage growth (C GBP cap)	%	Share price as at 30 November 2019
30 Sep 2018 – 30 Sep 2019	0.2	C CHF capitalisation 124.44
30 Sep 2017 – 30 Sep 2018	2.2	C EUR capitalisation 129.43
30 Sep 2016 – 30 Sep 2017	1.1	C EUR distribution 127.63
30 Sep 2015 – 30 Sep 2016	11.3	C GBP capitalisation 138.61
30 Sep 2014 – 30 Sep 2015	4.6	C GBP distribution 135.45
		C USD capitalisation 142.11
		C USD distribution 140.23

Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International (FTSE) †

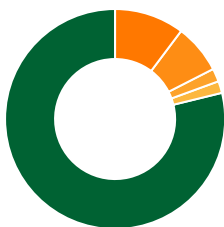
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Ruffer Total Return International as at 30 Nov 2019

Asset allocation



Currency allocation



Asset allocation %

● Non-UK index-linked	17.0
● Cash	8.9
● Long-dated index-linked gilts	8.6
● Illiquid strategies and options	8.0
● Gold and gold equities	7.3
● Short-dated bonds	6.4
● Index-linked gilts	1.7

● UK equities	13.0
● North America equities	12.5
● Japan equities	10.1
● Europe equities	4.5
● Asia ex-Japan equities	2.0

Currency allocation %

● Sterling	78.8
● Yen	10.2
● Gold	7.4
● Euro	1.8
● Other	1.8

10 largest of 54 equity holdings*

Stock	% of fund
Walt Disney Company	2.3
Bristol-Myers Squibb	2.2
iShares Physical Gold	1.5
Hennes & Mauritz	1.5
Fujitsu	1.5
ORIX Corporation	1.4
Tesco	1.3
Lloyds Banking Group	1.3
Royal Bank of Scotland	1.3
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	1.2

5 largest of 15 bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	5.4
US Treasury TIPS 1.25% 2020	4.0
US Treasury 0.125% TIPS 2021	3.8
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2021	3.6
UK Treasury index-linked 0.375% 2062	3.2

*Excludes holdings in pooled funds

Source: Ruffer LLP.

Pie chart totals may not equal 100 due to rounding.

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Fund size **£1,831.1m**

Fund information

Ongoing Charges Figure	1.12
Maximum annual management fee (C class)	1.2
Maximum subscription fee	5.0
Minimum investment (or equivalent in other currency)	£10,000,000
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 calendar 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 C cap LU0638557743 B45L1M4 EUR C cap LU0638557669 B4MRCS8 EUR C dis LU0779208544 B8BHY14 GBP C cap LU0638557586 B4XQ109 GBP C dis LU0638558048 B4X19Y4 GBP C inc LU1220904186 BWXC1G9 USD C cap LU0638557826 B4WPBZ2 USD C dis LU0779208890 B8BHY81
Structure	Sub-fund of Ruffer SICAV, a Luxembourg domiciled UCITS SICAV
Management company, administrative agent, registrar and transfer agent, paying and domiciliary agent	FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A.
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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