

# Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility

During July, the fund price rose by 0.4%. This compared to the FTSE All-Share TR which rose by 4.4% and a rise of 2.6% in the FTSE Govt All Stocks Index (all figures total returns in sterling).

In June almost all asset classes posted a negative return in the face of a surprise increase in the US inflation rate (US CPI rose from 8.3% to 8.6%) and the prospect of increased monetary tightening by the US Federal Reserve. In July, risk appetite roared back even as inflation increased again, from 8.6% to 9.1%, and the US Federal Reserve increased interest rates by 75bps for the second month in a row. The fund was broadly flat on the month, its defensive positioning articulated in last month's factsheet holding it back. Underneath the surface, performance contributions from the fund's equity exposure (+1.5%) and UK long-dated index-linked bonds (+1.3%) were offset by the unconventional protections (-1.6%) and gold exposure (-0.3%).

What explains the positive market outturns in a month which, according to Deutsche Bank, saw one of the steepest quarter-on-quarter declines in underlying company earnings in the last decade? We are back in the territory of bad news being good news for equity and bond markets. Over the last few months, investor expectations have shifted from stagflation risk to recession risk and are now starting to re-price the re-establishment of a Fed 'put' – the moment when the US Federal Reserve will abandon its monetary tightening and focus on growth stabilisation which will either directly or indirectly support equity markets. Interest rate futures now price that the central bank will be cutting interest rates by early next year.

How likely is this outcome? Possible, but not likely. We have been through numerous 'unprecedented' events in the last few years. 'Unprecedented' amounts of peace-time fiscal stimulus in 2020 and 2021, combined with 'unprecedented' monetary policy; but it would be truly unprecedented to slow the economy sufficiently to bring down the highest inflation rate for 40 years with an after-inflation policy rate that never goes positive. It would require a much deeper economic slowdown than is implied in 2023 earnings estimates, which have barely budged.

This bear market is not over, and we believe that we are entering its most dangerous phase. Liquidity is being drained from the financial system. Jamie Dannhauser, Ruffer's Economist, covered this in detail in the latest [Green Line](#). The interest rate on US dollar short-dated bonds is now providing a genuine alternative to taking risk. One of the pushbacks to the view that a move lower in equity markets was likely, was the already extremely bearish investor sentiment and positioning. A low-liquidity summer rally, sucking in those who can't afford relative underperformance, should see this box ticked. We have used the last month's moves to reduce direct equity exposure further to try and ensure the portfolio is robust to the risks we see. Capital preservation is at the forefront of our minds.

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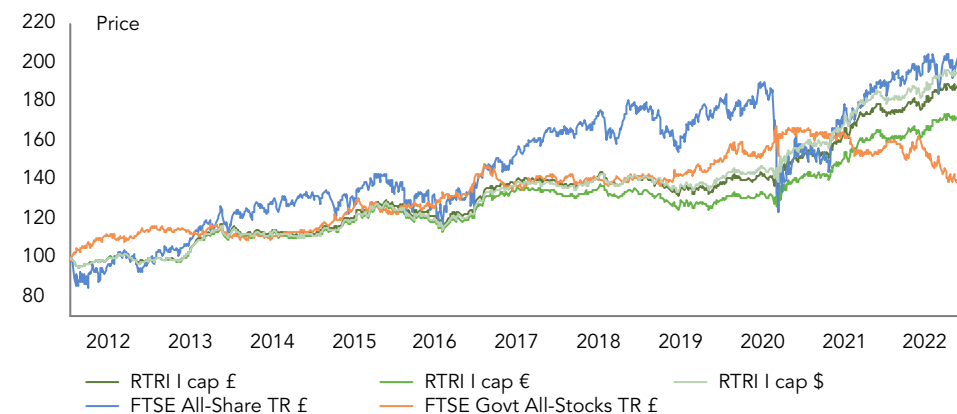


## Investment objective

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



Performance I cap shares %	GBP	EUR	USD	Share price as at 31 July 2022
July 2022	0.4	0.2	0.4	I EUR Capitalisation 166.46
Year to date	2.2	1.4	2.3	I CHF Capitalisation 159.40
1 year	4.5	3.4	4.6	I USD Capitalisation 189.40
3 years	29.8	26.4	32.1	I GBP Distribution 177.01
5 years	32.7	26.1	39.0	I SEK Capitalisation 169.76
10 years	83.2	67.9	90.9	I USD Distribution 184.95
				I CAD Capitalisation 152.71
				I SGD Capitalisation 153.17
				I GBP Capitalisation 182.28

12 month performance to June %	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
RTRI I cap £	1.5	-2.6	10.8	15.5	3.4
RTRI I cap €	0.4	-3.9	9.6	14.7	2.4
RTRI I cap \$	2.7	-1.0	12.3	15.9	3.5
FTSE All-Share TR £	9.0	0.6	-13.0	21.5	1.6
FTSE Govt All-Stocks TR £	1.9	4.9	11.2	-6.2	-13.6

Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International

# Ruffer Total Return International as at 31 Jul 2022

## Asset allocation



Asset allocation	%
Short-dated bonds	27.9
Index-linked gilts	17.5
Non-UK index-linked	9.1
Cash	8.6
Long-dated index-linked gilts	8.4
Illiquid strategies and options	6.2
Gold exposure and gold equities	1.7
UK/Europe equities	10.8
North America equities	4.4
Japan equities	3.8
Asia ex-Japan equities	0.6
Other equities	1.0
Currency allocation	%
Sterling	66.9
US dollar	12.7
Yen	10.1
Australian dollar	7.1
Euro	2.1
Other	1.1

## Currency allocation



## 10 largest equity holdings\*

Stock	% of fund
BP	1.5
Ambev SA	1.0
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	1.0
Unilever	0.8
ORIX	0.7
Hertz	0.7
Cigna	0.7
Alibaba Group ADR	0.6
Shell	0.6
NatWest Group	0.5

## 5 largest bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury 0.125% 2023	9.7
UK Treasury index-linked 2.5% 2024	8.5
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2023	7.9
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022	7.5
US Treasury FRN 2023	5.4

\*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 £5,130.3m €6,122.8m

## 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)
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