

# Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility

During January, the fund price rose by 1.5%. This compared with a fall of 0.3% in the FTSE All-Share Index and a fall of 3.9% in the FTSE Govt All Stocks Index (all figures total returns in sterling).

Investors returned from the holiday period to face the prospect of much tighter financial conditions led by the US Federal Reserve. There are signs that higher inflation is embedding itself across the US economy, notably the labour market, and will not necessarily ease once supply chain disruptions abate. With interest rates close to zero and consumer price inflation at 7%, US policymakers are reacting to the realisation that conditions have been too accommodative for too long. Current expectations see four rate hikes in 2022, up from two at the turn of the year. Investors are forced to adapt to a world where the Fed now shows greater willingness to withstand financial market volatility in combatting inflation. The anticipation of rising rates provided a difficult backdrop for our inflation-linked bonds during the month, but this headwind was offset by the positive contribution from interest rate options. These options remain a key portfolio component and allow us to manage the fund's interest rate sensitivity in what we expect will be a volatile period for bond markets. The fund's duration remained close to zero as we ended the month.

Global equities offered little respite for investors, recording their worst monthly return (-4.5%) since March 2020. The declines were even greater for the technology focused Nasdaq composite (-9.0%), confirming our fears that the faster growing and more speculative parts of the equity market would be most acutely impacted by a rising cost of capital. Growing geopolitical tensions emanating from Russia and Ukraine did little to improve risk appetite. On a historical basis, inflation above 3% sees the correlation between bonds and equities turn positive and January provided a brief taste of the challenges conventional portfolios will encounter as monetary conditions tighten.

We are pleased to have delivered a positive return over the month when index level returns for both bonds and equities were negative. Despite the challenging backdrop, there were pockets of resilience as more cyclically exposed equities, which had been out of favour for much of the last decade, returned to prominence. Our equities, which are heavily tilted to this part of the market, contributed a positive return over the month. The most significant drivers of performance were the energy majors, which continued to rally as oil prices reached a seven year high. Demand remains strong and supply constrained, supporting our continued exposure across the energy sector. Elsewhere, bank stocks benefited from the rise in yields, supporting their position as an offset to the inflation-linked bonds. We resisted the urge to add meaningfully to equities during the recent weakness and instead maintain the current exposure at just below 40%.

The Federal Reserve may be the first mover, but the current inflationary pressures are not confined to the US. Other central banks will face pressures to join them in attempting to remove the stimulus punchbowl. The coming interest rate cycle is unlikely to be as well choreographed or as smooth as the last, resulting in continued uncertainty and a testing time for financial assets. We believe we have the right toolkit to survive and perhaps thrive in this environment.

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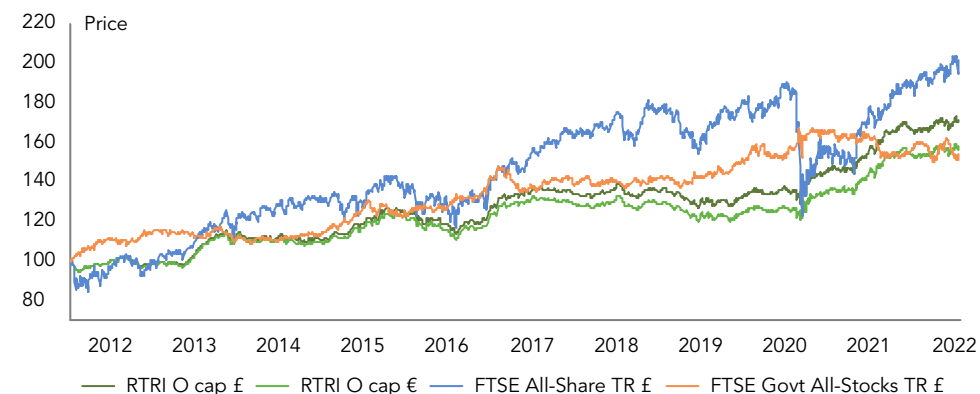


## Investment objective

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 January 2022
January 2022	1.5	O CHF Capitalisation 151.13
Year to date	1.5	OI EUR Capitalisation 157.97
1 year	11.2	O EUR Capitalisation 157.91
3 years	30.1	O GBP Capitalisation 171.71
5 years	25.8	O USD Capitalisation 178.26
10 years	71.5	

12 month performance to December %	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
RTRI O cap £	0.7	-6.7	7.8	12.7	9.2
RTRI O cap €	-0.3	-7.8	6.3	11.9	8.5
FTSE All-Share TR £	13.1	-9.5	19.2	-9.8	18.3
FTSE Govt All-Stocks TR £	1.8	0.6	6.9	8.3	-5.2

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# Ruffer Total Return International as at 31 Jan 2022

## Asset allocation



Asset allocation	%
Index-linked gilts	14.7
Long-dated index-linked gilts	10.4
Non-UK index-linked	8.1
Gold exposure and gold equities	7.8
Short-dated bonds	7.7
Cash	6.5
Illiquid strategies and options	6.3
UK/Europe equities	23.5
Japan equities	6.5
North America equities	6.3
Other equities	2.2

Currency allocation	%
Sterling	79.6
Yen	8.1
US dollar	2.9
Euro	0.2
Other	9.2

## Currency allocation



## 10 largest equity holdings\*

Stock	% of fund
Royal Dutch Shell	2.6
NatWest Group	2.4
BP	2.2
GlaxoSmithKline	1.7
Ambev SA	1.5
Lloyds Banking Group	1.4
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	1.4
ORIX Corporation	1.3
Bayer	1.0
Bristol-Myers Squibb	1.0

## 5 largest bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022	8.6
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2023	6.2
UK Treasury 0.125% 2023	5.7
UK Treasury index-linked 2.5% 2024	4.4
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	4.2

\*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 £4,402.1m

## Fund information

Ongoing Charges Figure	1.45
Maximum annual management fee (O class)	1.5
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 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)
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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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## Fund Managers

### Jacques Hirsch

INVESTMENT DIRECTOR

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.



### Alex Lennard

INVESTMENT DIRECTOR

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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