# CF Ruffer European Fund

Providing capital growth by investing in a diversified pan-European portfolio

During November the fund's O accumulation shares decreased by 0.9% from 502.89 to 498.61. This compares to a 2.1% increase in the STOXX Europe 600 in euro terms and a 0.1% increase on a comparable, sterling-adjusted basis. The fund's equity exposure was 72.4% at the end of November; with 0.7% of that figure in index put options, the underlying 'long' equity exposure was 71.7%. At the end of October, the headline figure was 78.0%, with 0.8% in index put options.

This month our equity exposure fell from 78% to 72% as we took advantage of share price moves to trim several of our positions that have performed well and sell a few of our more cyclical stocks outright. We also added to our holding in PureTech Health, a company listed in the UK but based in Boston, with an unusual top-down thematic-based approach to IP commercialisation. Thus bridging the gap between the burgeoning output of academic scientific research and commercial solutions. Pure-Tech identifies an unmet medical need and then finds the best scientific solution and business model to address it. Its Boston location provides easy access to a network of highly experienced individuals. This approach has, so far, resulted in a portfolio of twelve interesting companies, seven of which are more advanced with upside potential if the technology proves successful. This includes Vedanta, a company that is developing drugs based on human microbiomes to treat a broad range of diseases. The lead candidate is VE202 which is licensed to Janssen (part of Johnson and Johnson) for inflammatory bowel disease, providing third-party validation of the microbiome opportunity. PureTech's 87% stake in Vedanta is valued at \$67m, a discount to its separately listed microbiome peers. PureTech is currently trading at 1.2x the aggregate value of its portfolio companies plus its net cash position.

This month we also attended the Emmi capital markets day in Bern, among other company site visits. We have held Emmi since 2005 and it has performed well over this period but particularly so in recent months. It is the largest milk processor in Switzerland with leading positions in premium dairy product categories such as cheese, yoghurt, fresh dairy and milk. It also offers innovative products including Caffé Latte, a cold milk coffee drink, and Kaltbach, cheese aged in a sandstone cave. Emmi has complemented its stable core business in Switzerland with an international growth strategy, with organic expansion in its target premium and niche dairy markets enhanced by a series of bolt-on acquisitions. The capital markets day demonstrated that Emmi remain confident in their ability to continue to grow internationally and to innovate.

Going into December, it seems that investors were positioned for an end of the year rally given the sharp fall in European equity markets following the latest announcement from the European Central Bank that was less expansionary than expected. We have plenty of cash in the fund to take advantage if this bout of equity market weakness continues.

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#### Investment objective

The fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in a diversified pan-European portfolio of predominantly equities, though fixed income securities may also be utilised if the Investment Manager believes they will assist in meeting the overall objective of the fund.





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The fund's prospectus and key investor information documents are provided in English and available on request or from www. ruffer.co.uk. Please note that CF Ruffer Investment Funds is a UK UCITS. The CF Ruffer European Fund is not registered for distribution in any country other than the UK.

# CF Ruffer European Fund as at 30 November 2015

#### Portfolio structure



Asset allocation	%		
<ul> <li>UK index-linked gilts</li> </ul>	14	• UK	;
Cash	11	• France	
	2	Germany	
Gold	2	• Sweden	
Options	1	<ul> <li>Switzerland</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Norway</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Italy</li> </ul>	



Options	1	• Switze
		• Norwa
		• Italy
Currency allocation	%	
Sterling	78	
• Swedish krona	10	
Swiss franc	8	
Norwegian krone	2	
• US dollar	2	

#### 10 largest holdings (3 bonds and 59 equities)

Stock	% of fund	Stock	% of fund
IP Group	5.7	ORPEA	4.2
Aurelius	5.4	Loomis	4.1
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2024	4.8	Earthport	3.2
UK Treasury index-linked 1.1875% 2022	4.7	4d pharma	2.9
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2019	4.6	Raisio	2.9

#### Source: Ruffer LLP

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### Fund size £269.8m

#### Fund information

%		O class	C class	
Ongoing Charges Figure		1.55	1.25	
Annual management charge		1.50	1.20	
Maximum initial charge		5.0	5.0	
Yield		0.00	0.26	
Minimum investment			£1,000	
Ex dividend d	ates	15 M	ar, 15 Sep	
Pay dates		15 Ma	iy, 15 Nov	
	the month to O cla		of the month C class	
ISIN	GB003167816		B84JVJ48	
SEDOL	316781	6	B84JVJ4	
Investment ac	lviser		Ruffer LLP	
ACD	Capita Financial Managers Limited			
Depositary		BNY Mellon Trust & Depositary (UK) Limited		
Auditors		Grant Thornton UK LLP		
Structure		Sub-fund of CF Ruffer Investment Funds (OEIC) UK domiciled UCITS Eligible for ISAs		

### Fund Managers

# Timothy Youngman

Moved into European equity research in 1985, after a period with McKinsey & Co and at Manchester Business School. He moved from Savory Milln to SG Warburg in 1988, then to an independent research

boutique in 1999, before joining Ruffer in 2003.

## Guy Thornewill

INVESTMENT DIRECTOR

Began at Threadneedle Investments in 1996. After four years in Paris at Jefferies International as a pan-European stock-picking analyst on the sell side, returned to London in 2007 to work for Alliance-



Bernstein, researching European mid-cap companies. A CFA charterholder, he joined Ruffer in 2009.

#### Ruffer LLP

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