# CF Ruffer European Fund

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

During May, the fund's O accumulation shares decreased by 0.6% from 500.17p to 497.31p. This compares to a 1.3% increase in the STOXX Europe 600 in euro terms and a 1.1% decrease on a comparable, sterling-adjusted basis. The fund's gross equity exposure was 72.2% at the end of May, with an additional 1.0% in index put options. At the end of April, the gross figure was 73.6%, with 0.8% in index put options.

May was a relatively benign month for European equity markets as investors contemplated the possibility of a June rate rise by the US Federal Reserve and the risk of 'Brexit' from the EU offset by the potential for a meaningful expansion of fiscal policy in Japan following the announced fiscal expansion in Canada. In this environment, we continue to look for companies that should do well independent of macroeconomic conditions. We believe one such company to be SCA, a long-standing position for the fund, with a portfolio of products including incontinence care, feminine care, baby diapers and tissue where demand should be relatively independent of the economic environment. We attended the capital markets day of SCA in Sweden. This focused on the hygiene products business and the three strategic priorities: profitable growth, innovation and efficiency.

SCA has undergone significant structural change over the last five years, transforming from a cyclical paper and packaging company to a more focused hygiene products company. This has driven a re-rating of the shares. SCA is also one of the largest private forestry owners in Europe with 2.6m hectares forestry land. A natural conclusion of the strategy to focus on higher return and higher growth hygiene products could be a partial spin-out of its forestry asset which is weighing on group returns, something sell-side analysts have been speculating about for some time. It remains a key holding for the fund.

Elsewhere in the fund, we took some profit in Emmi following a sharp rise in the share price which brought the valuation in-line with Nestle, though we still retain a 3% weighting in Emmi which is another of our less-cyclical companies. Emmi is leveraging its strong but mature Swiss dairy business internationally both through organic growth and acquisitions, focused on niche speciality dairy products, therefore avoiding competition with large food producers.

We also added to our position in Kaufman & Broad when its major shareholder placed a significant stake, improving liquidity, increasing visibility and aligning management interests with shareholders as they participated in the placing. Kaufman & Broad benefits from high visibility of growth in the buoyant French housing market which is driven by political support and low interest rates. As the third largest property developer in France it has the opportunity to outgrow the market through expansion geographically in residential and commercial construction. The business model is low-risk as French property developers acquire options on land (rather than build up a land bank) and construction activity is outsourced, meaning operating leverage is low.



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### Investment objective

Source: Ruffer LLP

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.

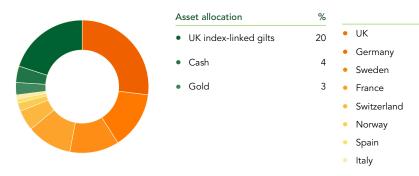
#### Performance since launch on 5 June 2002 450 350 250 150 50 2006 2002 2007 2008 2009 2012 2013 CF Ruffer European Fund O acc STOXX Europe 600 TR rebased £ Performance % May 2016 Year to date 10 years O accumulation shares 15.3 26.8 137.3 Percentage growth (O acc) Share price as at 29 February 2016 31 Mar 2015 - 31 Mar 2016 -0.5 O accumulation 497.31 0.4 31 Mar 2014 - 31 Mar 2015 C accumulation 503.01 16.1 31 Mar 2013 - 31 Mar 2014 31 Mar 2012 - 31 Mar 2013 13.0 31 Mar 2011 - 31 Mar 2012 -2.7

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# CF Ruffer European Fund as at 31 May 2016

#### Portfolio structure





# 10 largest holdings (3 bonds and 58 equities)

Stock	% of fund	Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2024	7.6	Loomis	4.0
UK Treasury index-linked 1.1875% 2022	7.4	IP Group	3.7
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2019	5.3	Svenska Cellulosa	3.6
Aurelius	5.1	Emmi	2.9
ORPEA	4.5	Deutsche Post	2.8

#### Source: Ruffer LLP

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# Fund size £235.9m

#### **Fund information**

%

27

14

12

11

2

%		O class	C class	
Ongoing Charges Figure		1.57	1.27	
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 N	1ar, 15 Sep	
Pay dates		15 M	ay, 15 Nov	
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SEDOL	31678	16	B84JVJ4	
Investment ac	lviser		Ruffer LLP	
ACD	Capita Fi	Capita Financial Managers Limited		
Depositary		BNY Mellon Trust & Depositary (UK) Limited		
Auditors		Grant Thornt	on UK LLP	
Structure				

# **Fund Managers**

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Joined Ruffer in 2005 after graduating with a first class honours degree in economics and finance. Joined the CF Ruffer European Fund team in 2011, becoming co-manager in 2016.



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