

# CF Ruffer Gold Fund

Achieving capital growth by investing principally in gold and precious metal related companies

During September, the fund's O accumulation shares rose 4.7% from 74.24p to 77.76p. This compares to a 1.7% fall in the FTSE Gold Mines Total Return Index in sterling terms. Over the period the gold price fell by 1.8% in US\$ and 0.4% in sterling.

The CF Ruffer Gold Fund team attended the Denver Gold Conference, the largest event of the year bringing together precious metals mining companies and investors. As always, it was an excellent conference, albeit noticeably quieter and more down-beat than last year. The overwhelming theme of the conference reflected by gold mining management teams was of cost-cutting, capital allocation discipline and improving shareholder returns. This reinforced our view of an industry changing for the better. We met more than 50 management teams over the course of the conference and were heartened by the extent to which these changes in philosophy have permeated the industry.

The performance of the fund was driven by a sharp re-rating of our Australian miners in the week following the Denver conference. The fall in the Australian dollar, the turn in the general mining cycle and the restructuring of the industry over the past few years have combined to produce a very favourable operating environment for Australian precious metals miners, as well as a number of highly investable companies with shareholder-aligned management teams. In contrast, the industry in North America generally sees the current gold price as unsustainably low and is only beginning to adapt to the new circumstances now. These dramatically differing circumstances were plainly displayed at the Denver conference and global investors appear to have taken note.

The largest contributors to our positive performance this month were the Australian mid-capitalisation miners, Northern Star (+32%) and Regis Resources (+23%). Both of these miners are net cash, produce healthy free cash flow and pay material dividends.

The largest negative contribution came from our position in Metals Exploration (-28%). Delays in commissioning its new mine in the Philippines has required the company to raise more capital. The construction of the mine is complete but the company has encountered unexpectedly onerous last minute permitting requirements which it is working through.

During the month we have successfully absorbed significant inflows into the fund. We have added to existing large capitalisation positions such as Silver Wheaton, Gold Fields, AngloGold Ashanti and Kinross where we believe the relative valuation discounts over-compensate for the risks involved. We came away from the Denver conference with new ideas and have already started several positions in smaller capitalisation companies which we hope to be able to discuss in future.

Last month we noted the Chinese decision to alter its FX regime, loosening the renminbi peg to the US dollar, as a potentially significant event for gold. Whilst the decision of the Federal Reserve not to raise interest rates in September can hardly be characterised as a shock, the degree to which expectations for future rate rises were marked down by some Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) members felt like another potentially significant event. Both of these events may quickly fade into history and we will continue to position the portfolio to perform in a range of gold price scenarios rather than optimising for a rising gold price. However, we cannot help but be a little bit more optimistic about the structural outlook for gold than we were six months ago!

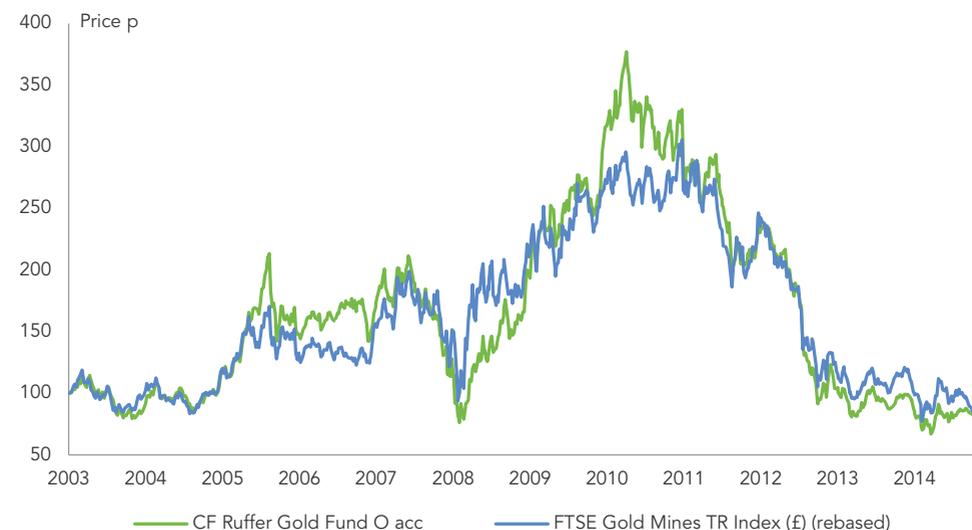
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## Investment objective

The fund aims to achieve capital growth over the long term by investing principally in gold and precious metal related companies within the mining industry.

## Performance since launch on 1 October 2003



Performance %	September 2015	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
O accumulation shares	4.7	6.7	-8.4	-67.1	-75.5	-36.7

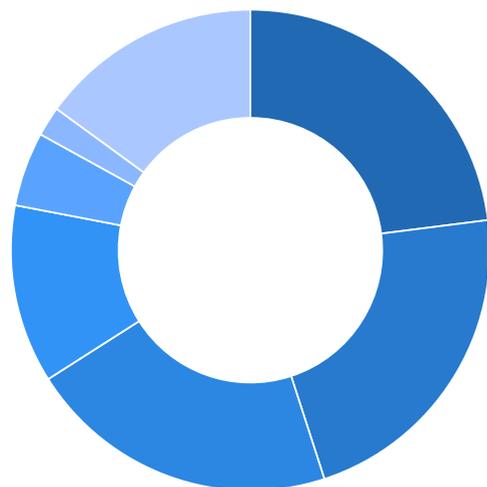
Percentage growth (O acc)	%	Share price as at 30 September 2015	p
30 Sep 2014 – 30 Sep 2015	-8.4	<b>O accumulation</b>	<b>77.76</b>
30 Sep 2013 – 30 Sep 2014	-18.7	<b>C accumulation</b>	<b>78.51</b>
30 Sep 2012 – 30 Sep 2013	-55.8		
30 Sep 2011 – 30 Sep 2012	63.7		
30 Sep 2010 – 30 Sep 2011	70.4		

Source: Ruffer LLP

Ruffer performance is shown after deduction of all fees and management charges, and on the basis of income being reinvested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of the shares and the income from them can go down as well as up and you may not get back the full amount originally invested. The value of overseas investments will be influenced by the rate of exchange.

# CF Ruffer Gold Fund as at 30 September 2015

## Portfolio structure



	%
• Africa	23
• North America	22
• Australia	21
• Asia	12
• South America	5
• Other	2
• Cash	15

### Capitalisation breakdown

% market exposure	Size	Market cap
12	Large	US\$5bn+
18	Mid	US\$1-\$5bn
62	Small	US\$0-\$1bn

## 10 largest of 81 holdings (representing 68 companies)

Stock	% of fund	Stock	% of fund
Regis Resources	5.2	AngloGold Ashanti	3.5
Silver Wheaton	5.1	Newcrest Mining	2.9
Northern Star Resources	4.9	Lake Shore Gold	2.9
Gold Fields	3.7	Evolution Mining	2.7
Endeavour Mining	3.6	Mandalay Resources	2.6

Source: Ruffer LLP

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Fund size £260.2m

## Fund information

%	O class	C class
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.64	1.33
Annual management charge	1.5	1.2
Maximum initial charge	5.0	5.0
Yield	0.00	0.00
Minimum investment	£1,000	
Ex dividend dates	15 Mar, 15 Sep	
Pay dates	15 May, 15 Nov	
Dealing	Weekly forward to 10am Wednesday, based on NAV Plus forward from 10am on last Wednesday of the month to last business day of the month	
ISIN	O class GB0033628156	C class GB00B8510Q93
SEDOL	3362815	B8510Q9
Investment adviser	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	

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## Ruffer LLP

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