

# CF Ruffer Gold Fund

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



During February, the fund's O accumulation shares rose 28.0% from 84.99p to 108.76p. This compares to a 36.9% rise in the FTSE Gold Mines Total Return Index in sterling terms. Over the period the gold price rose by 10.8% in US\$ and by 13.3% in sterling.

The upward gold price trend which had been building through January accelerated in February as the market re-appraised its view of the path of US interest rates and the US dollar weakened sharply. Although the US dollar recovered much of the lost ground in the second half of the month, gold maintained its gains as gold ETFs attracted inflows at a rate unseen since 2010. Having lagged the gold price in January, gold mining equities surged higher in February. Rather than the short-covering rallies which we have seen over the past year, this rally in gold mining stocks showed the characteristics of fresh money entering the sector- the large, liquid go-to names moved violently higher at the beginning of February and then the rally filtered down to the less obvious mid/small capitalisation stocks as the month progressed. This month, gold demonstrated that it can still act as a hedge against other asset classes and so it does not seem unreasonable to believe that we have seen a partial re-assessment of the part the optionality to gold offered by gold mining stocks can play in a balanced portfolio.

Our largest positive contributions this month came principally from our North American listed holdings- Kinross (+83%), AngloGold Ashanti (+57%), Endeavour Mining (+50%), Silver Wheaton (+37%) and Goldcorp (+29%), all in sterling terms. Astonishingly, the Kinross and Goldcorp share price performances both incorporate sharp corrections as Kinross took the opportunity to issue shares and raise capital and Goldcorp welcomed its new CEO with an even more extreme kitchen-sinking exercise than had been feared.

We also started to see significant moves in less well-known parts of the sector as investors started to show more interest in non-producing assets. For example, West Kirkland Mining, a company in our portfolio which holds an interesting gold project in Nevada which can be put into development at short notice, was up 99% in sterling terms over the month.

We are very much aware that sentiment towards gold can change quickly and, if it does, the correction in the gold mining sector will be savage. On the other hand, we find that, despite the dramatic moves in some stocks, the gold mining sector as a whole remains attractively valued at spot gold prices. This is indicative of the dramatic change which a move in the gold price from \$1,061 per oz at the beginning of the year to \$1,239 per oz at the end of February makes to the prospective cash flow generation of a large part of the sector. In this situation, and in view of the apparently improved portfolio case for gold mining equities, we are loathe to take a strongly defensive position in the fund although we have trimmed our higher beta exposure.

## 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



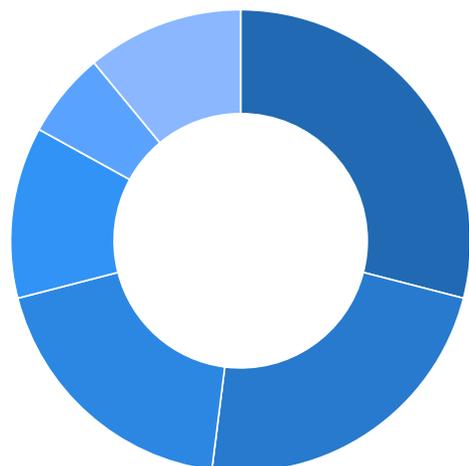
Performance %	February 2016	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
O accumulation shares	28.0	33.6	31.7	-41.0	-67.0	-36.3

Percentage growth (O acc)	%	Share price as at 29 February 2016	p
31 Dec 2014 – 31 Dec 2015	11.7	<b>O accumulation</b>	<b>108.76</b>
31 Dec 2013 – 31 Dec 2014	-10.8	<b>C accumulation</b>	<b>109.98</b>
31 Dec 2012 – 31 Dec 2013	-60.8		
31 Dec 2011 – 31 Dec 2012	-18.0		
31 Dec 2010 – 31 Dec 2011	-32.5		

Source: Ruffer LLP

# CF Ruffer Gold Fund as at 29 February 2016

## Portfolio structure



	%
• North America	29
• Africa	23
• Australia	19
• Asia	12
• South America	6
• Cash	11

### Capitalisation breakdown

% market exposure	Size	Market cap
18.6	Large	US\$5bn+
22.7	Mid	US\$1-\$5bn
41.7	Small	US\$0-\$1bn

## 10 largest of 108 holdings (representing 76 companies)

Stock	% of fund	Stock	% of fund
Silver Wheaton	5.2	Kinross Gold	3.9
Endeavour Mining	5.1	Gold Fields	3.1
AngloGold Ashanti	4.8	Evolution Mining	3.0
Goldcorp	4.7	Regis Resources	3.0
Northern Star Resources	4.4	Mandalay Resources	2.9

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Fund size £537.5m

## Fund information

%	O class	C class
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.66	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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