

LF Ruffer Total Return Fund

Positive absolute returns with low volatility

During October, the fund price declined by 1.7%. This compared with a fall of 1.4% in the FTSE All-Share Index and a fall of 1.8% in the FTSE Govt All Stocks Index (all figures total returns in sterling).

October saw a continuation of many of the trends from September. The storm clouds that had gathered over the summer months continued to clear, even if only temporarily. There now appears to be a path to a Brexit deal, Presidents Xi and Trump appear to be making headway in trade negotiations and the US Federal Reserve is providing enough liquidity to markets. This resulted in a positive return for most asset classes, depending on their base currency. The outcome was markedly different for the sterling investor, with the pound's appreciation of 5% creating a significant headwind.

Despite this improvement in sentiment, many market participants remain almost certain we are heading into a global recession. The New York Federal Reserve calculates the bond market apportion a 40% probability of a recession – the same reading as in 2007/2008. Should recessionary fears prove founded, bonds will help, but not much, gold may prove better. Defensive equities may assist, but they are already expensive. We believe the answer lies in the unconventional assets in the portfolio, the strategies that are designed to appreciate in value if real cracks are seen in the economy and thus provide meaningful protection against economic recession. This underlines our determination genuinely to protect clients' capital, even though holding such assets can sometimes feel uncomfortable. In the meantime, and while we wait, we must consider the possibility the world does not tip into recession, or does so only briefly. It is here the portfolio's equities – many of them out of favour merely for the sin of doing business in the real economy – will play a strong role as their reliable cashflows come back into favour.

Closer to home, with a Brexit deal negotiated and an imminent election, it is possible UK-specific risks could clear abruptly. This has informed our recent increase in domestic UK equities: absent political noise sterling would likely continue to strengthen, and global bond yields may continue to rise. Equities (such as British Land, Lloyds or Land Securities) will no longer carry a leper's bell, and will have the added advantage of protecting the inflation-linked bonds in the portfolio.

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 LF Ruffer Investment Funds is a UK UCITS. The LF Ruffer Total Return Fund is not registered for distribution in any country other than the UK. In line with the Prospectus, it is possible that at any one time the LF Ruffer Total Return Fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in transferable securities issued or guaranteed by an EEA state, one or more local authorities, a third country or a public international body to which one or more EEA States belong. The only aforementioned securities where Ruffer would currently consider holding more than 35% would be UK or US government issued transferable securities.

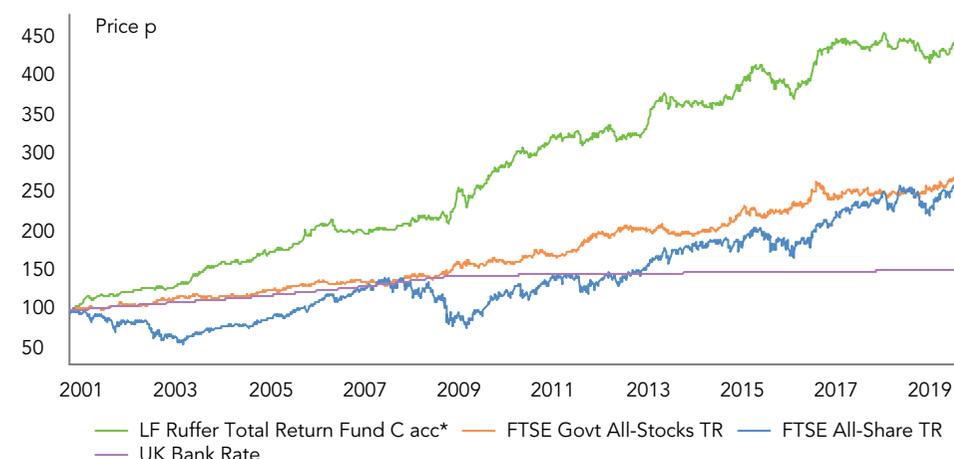


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Investment objective

The fund aims to achieve low volatility, positive returns from an actively managed portfolio of different asset classes, including equities, bonds and currencies. Capital invested is at risk and there is no guarantee that a positive return will be delivered over any one or a number of twelve-month periods. The fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, cash, money market instruments, other transferable securities and derivatives and forward transactions. Pervading this objective is a fundamental philosophy of capital preservation.

Performance since fund launch on 29 September 2000



| Performance % | October 2019 | Year to date | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| C accumulation shares | -1.7 | 5.9 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 17.6 | 59.2 |

| Percentage growth (C acc) | % | Share price as at 31 October 2019 | p |
|---------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 30 Sep 2018 – 30 Sep 2019 | 1.7 | C income | 289.01 |
| 30 Sep 2017 – 30 Sep 2018 | 1.6 | C accumulation | 442.43 |
| 30 Sep 2016 – 30 Sep 2017 | 0.3 | | |
| 30 Sep 2015 – 30 Sep 2016 | 13.2 | | |
| 30 Sep 2014 – 30 Sep 2015 | 2.6 | | |

Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International (FTSE)†. * This share class has performance data calculated prior to the inception date, 12 Sept 2012. This is based upon a simulated/extended track record, using the track record of LF Ruffer Total Return Fund O acc.

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.

LF Ruffer Total Return Fund as at 31 Oct 2019

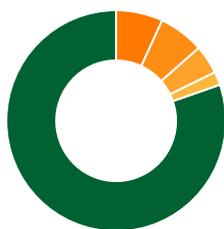
Asset allocation



Asset allocation %

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| ● Non-UK index-linked | 21.1 |
| ● Long-dated index-linked gilts | 10.1 |
| ● Cash | 7.9 |
| ● Illiquid strategies and options | 7.5 |
| ● Gold and gold equities | 6.9 |
| ● Short-dated bonds | 4.6 |
| ● Index-linked gilts | 2.1 |

Currency allocation



Currency allocation %

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|-------------|------|
| ● Sterling | 80.2 |
| ● Gold | 7.0 |
| ● Yen | 6.5 |
| ● Euro | 1.9 |
| ● US dollar | 0.2 |
| ● Other | 4.2 |

10 largest of 63 equity holdings*

| Stock | % of fund |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Tesco | 1.8 |
| Walt Disney Company | 1.8 |
| Sony | 1.5 |
| ExxonMobil | 1.4 |
| Vivendi | 1.4 |
| BP | 1.2 |
| Celgene Corporation | 1.0 |
| Mitsubishi Electric | 1.0 |
| iShares Physical Gold | 1.0 |
| Ocado | 1.0 |

5 largest of 14 bond holdings

| Stock | % of fund |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| US Treasury TIPS 1.25% 2020 | 6.0 |
| US Treasury 1.125% TIPS 2021 | 4.7 |
| UK government 2.0% 2020 | 4.6 |
| US Treasury 0.125% TIPS 2021 | 4.0 |
| UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068 | 3.9 |

*Excludes holdings in pooled funds
Source: Ruffer LLP.
Pie chart totals may not equal 100 due to rounding.

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Fund size **£3,167.7m**

Fund information

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|--------------------------|---|
| Ongoing Charges Figure | 1.22 |
| Annual management charge | 1.20 |
| Maximum initial charge | 5.0 |
| Yield | 1.56 |
| Minimum investment | £1,000 |
| Ex dividend dates | 15 Mar, 15 Sep |
| Pay dates | 15 May, 15 Nov |
| Dealing | Weekly forward, every Wednesday where this is a business day Plus the last business day of the month |
| Cut off | 10am on Wednesday (where it is a business day) and the last business day of the month |
| ISIN | Accumulation GB00B80L7V87 Income GB00B58BQH88 |
| SEDOL | B80L7V8 B58BQH8 |
| Investment adviser | Ruffer LLP |
| ACD | Link Fund Solutions Limited |
| Depository | The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited |
| Auditors | Ernst & Young LLP |
| Structure | Sub-fund of LF Ruffer Investment Funds (OEIC) UK domiciled UCITS Eligible for ISAs |

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