

Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility

The C cap GBP share rose by 2.7% in March. By way of comparison the FTSE All-Share Index rose by 1.9% and the FTSE All Stocks Index declined by 0.1% (both figures total return in sterling).

While it is pleasing to report on a month in which the fund price rose, financial market conditions at present could not be described as healthy. We would say that bipolar would be more appropriate. Having spent January and early February fretting that central banks had run out of options, risk assets have rallied strongly over the last six weeks, with the icing on the cake being soothing words out of the March meeting of the US Federal Reserve. This manic depressive nature of financial markets is to our minds symbolic of two features. There is still a high number of crowded positions, which coupled with lower liquidity, have the capacity to boost volatility and magnify movements. Secondly the global economic system is approaching something of a tipping point, where we will witness one of two very different outcomes: a normalisation (of sorts) of monetary policy, whereby economic growth returns and interest rates can leave emergency levels, or the failure of monetary policy, where the conviction grows that the main outcome of unconventional monetary policy has been the inflation of assets not economies, that any transmission mechanism to the real economy has been feeble in its operation, and that monetary policy itself cannot carry the day.

While we are firmly in the camp that argues for the second outcome, we are not blind to the fact that in most jurisdictions such a policy shift will take time. Much of the push for more active fiscal policy presently comes either from those not holding the levers of power, such as the International Monetary Fund, or from opposition politicians. With markets likely to continue to veer between these two outcomes, our present challenge is to have a portfolio that can cope with both. Within our equity selection that means, unfashionably, largely eschewing the 'bond like' equities that have done investors proud in recent years, and contrariwise owning some cyclical equity exposure such as US semi-conductor company Texas Instruments or the recent purchase of Deutsche Post, the owner of DHL.

Already we are seeing the intellectual ground move around this debate. Markets blew a loud raspberry to the Bank of Japan's move to negative nominal interest rates at the end of January, deeming this as at best the last throw of the dice and at worst a policy mistake. Meanwhile last month's budget in Canada has set in train a live experiment in fiscal expansion, with Mr Trudeau's newly-elected government raising its deficit forecasts to fund infrastructure spending and cash handouts for those on lower incomes, with the full approval of the Bank of Canada. The helicopter might not have taken off, but the rotors are certainly beginning to whirl.

Evidence is growing that central banks are growing frustrated at being the only game in town, not least because years of ultra-accommodative monetary policy carries with it enormous moral hazard and threatens their financial stability objectives. To that extent while not being vocal about it, they would almost certainly welcome the opportunity to share the burden with governments of restoring a sustainable growth dynamic to the global economy.

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Investment objective

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Performance since launch on 14 July 2011 – C class shares



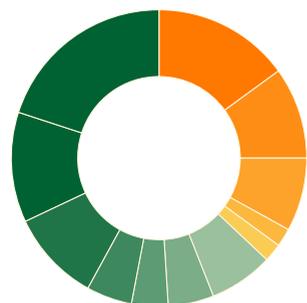
Performance %	March 2016	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
C GBP capitalisation shares	2.7	1.0	-2.9	8.2	na	na

Percentage growth (C GBP cap)	%	Share price as at 31 March 2016
31 Mar 2015 – 31 Mar 2016	-2.9	C CHF capitalisation 116.53
31 Mar 2014 – 31 Mar 2015	12.0	C EUR capitalisation 119.21
31 Mar 2013 – 31 Mar 2014	-0.4	C EUR distribution 117.88
31 Mar 2012 – 31 Mar 2013	10.9	C GBP capitalisation 122.17
31 Mar 2011 – 31 Mar 2012	na	C GBP distribution 119.92
		C GBP income 119.68
		C USD capitalisation 120.55
		C USD distribution 119.40

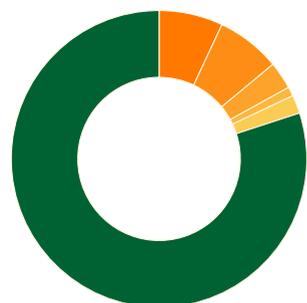
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Ruffer Total Return International as at 31 March 2016

Portfolio structure



Asset allocation	%		%
● Non-UK index-linked	20	● Japan equities	15
● Long-dated index-linked gilts	12	● North America equities	10
● Index-linked gilts	10	● UK equities	8
● Gold and gold equities	7	● Europe equities	2
● Cash	5	● Asia ex-Japan equities	2
● Short-dated bonds	5		
● Illiquid strategies	4		



Currency allocation	%
● Sterling	80
● US dollar	7
● Gold	7
● Yen	3
● Euro	1
● Other	2

5 largest of 11 bond holdings

Stock	% of fund	Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	7.5	The Boeing Company	2.0
US TIPS 0.625% 2021	5.7	Mitsui Fudosan	1.9
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022	5.4	Dai-ichi Life Insurance	1.8
US TIPS 0.75% 2042	4.9	ORIX	1.7
US TIPS 1.25% 2020	4.9	BP	1.5

Source: Ruffer LLP

5 largest of 56 equity holdings*

Stock	% of fund
The Boeing Company	2.0
Mitsui Fudosan	1.9
Dai-ichi Life Insurance	1.8
ORIX	1.7
BP	1.5

* Excludes holdings in pooled funds

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Fund size £1,437.7m

Fund information

		%
Ongoing Charges Figure*		1.21
Maximum annual management fee (C class)		1.2
Maximum subscription fee		5.0
Minimum investment (or equivalent in CHF, EUR, SEK or USD)		£10,000,000
Record date	Third Monday of November	
Ex dividend dates	Next NAV following the record date	
Payment	Within five business days after ex dividend date	
Dealing	Weekly, every Thursday (if not a business day, on the following business day) Plus on the first business day of each month	
Cut-off	4pm Luxembourg time on the day before valuation day (so typically Tuesday and the penultimate business day of the month)	
ISIN and SEDOL	CHF C cap LU0638557743 B45L1M4	
	EUR C cap LU0638557669 B4MRCS8	
	EUR C dis LU0779208544 B8BHY14	
	GBP C cap LU0638557586 B4XQ109	
	GBP C dis LU0638558048 B4X19Y4	
	GBP C inc LU1220904186 BWXC1G9	
	USD C cap LU0638557826 B4WPBZ2	
	USD C dis LU0779208890 B8BHY81	

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