

# Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility



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During July the fund price rose by 3.4%. This compared with a rise of 4.0% in the FTSE All-Share Index and a rise of 2.0% in the FTSE All-Stocks Index (both figures total returns in sterling).

Our aim at Ruffer is always to provide investors with a safe passage through the squalls that frequent financial markets, whilst all the time keeping an eye open for the hurricanes that from time to time threaten to diminish the value of their savings. In the meantime, of course, we also endeavour to make decent returns when conditions seem less threatening.

In light of these seemingly contradictory aspirations, it is pleasing to report that we have delivered on our aims through the latest bout of turbulence, brought on by the UK's vote to leave the EU. In June we positioned the portfolio to minimise the threat of losses whichever way the vote went, whilst of course still keeping guard against the larger threat of future inflation. The vote is now history, the ramifications of which remain entirely unclear, and this unexpected outcome provoked just one of the aforementioned squalls in currency and stock markets. The fund navigated the immediate turmoil safely, as reported last month, and in fact emerged on the positive side. This month, as the dust has started to settle, we have made further gains, with Japanese equities and gold leading the way, whilst index-linked bonds and western equities have also played a supporting role.

Whither now from here? The consequences of the 'leave' vote, both for the UK and the rest of the EU, remain unknown, with short term economic indicators of little help. However, the ruling Conservative party has acted swiftly to put in place a new government, led by Theresa May. This, combined with the fall in the pound and the prospect of lower interest rates, has rallied markets so that in sterling terms UK equities are now up 5% since before the referendum, though still down a similar amount in almost all other currencies. At the moment there is little more of use that can be said on the potential impacts of Brexit, beyond the notion that monetary policy is set to remain extremely loose, as shown by last week's moves by the Bank of England.

That said, we can draw at least three conclusions from recent events. First, politics, and perhaps populism, are set to play a greater role in setting the economic agenda than they have for many decades, and not necessarily for the good. Secondly, as if sensing this, politicians are already moving away from austerity towards more fiscal interventions, with likely implications for inflation and real interest rates. Thirdly, at least for now, ever lower interest rates can still paper over the widening cracks appearing in underlying economies. The first two observations could hold true for some time, the last, we fear, could prove to be illusory. Hence our overall strategy has remained almost entirely unchanged, holding just sufficient equities to get by, but also keeping a firm grasp on the index-linked bonds we believe will be invaluable when negative real interest rates really start to take hold.

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## Investment objective

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## Performance since launch on 14 July 2011 – O class shares



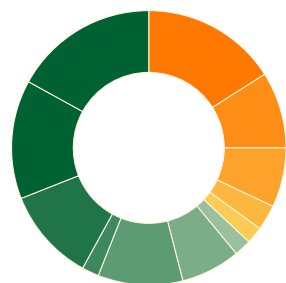
Performance %	July 2016	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
O GBP capitalisation shares	3.4	8.2	3.1	14.0	30.0	na
Percentage growth (O GBP cap)	%		Share price as at 31 July 2016			
30 Jun 2015 – 30 Jun 2016	-0.5	O CHF capitalisation	122.19			
30 Jun 2014 – 30 Jun 2015	12.4	O EUR capitalisation	125.21			
30 Jun 2013 – 30 Jun 2014	0.0	O GBP capitalisation	128.98			
30 Jun 2012 – 30 Jun 2013	12.9	O USD capitalisation	127.10			
30 Jun 2011 – 30 Jun 2012	na					

Source: Ruffer LLP

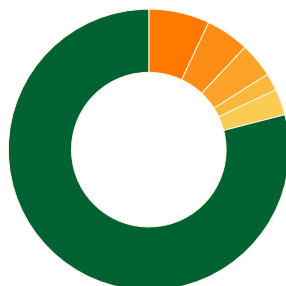
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# Ruffer Total Return International as at 31 July 2016

## Portfolio structure



Asset allocation	%		%
● Non-UK index-linked	17	● Japan equities	16
● Long-dated index-linked gilts	14	● UK equities	9
● Index-linked gilts	11	● North America equities	7
● Short-dated bonds	2	● Europe equities	3
● Cash	10	● Asia ex-Japan equities	2
● Gold and gold equities	7		
● Protective illiquid strategies	2		



Currency allocation	%
● Sterling	79
● Gold	7
● Yen	5
● US dollar	4
● Euro	2
● Other	3

## 5 largest of 12 bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	7.9
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2019	6.0
UK Treasury index-linked 0.375% 2062	5.4
US TIPS 1.25% 2020	4.6
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022	4.5

Source: Ruffer LLP

## 5 largest of 55 equity holdings\*

Stock	% of fund
Sony	2.0
ORIX	1.9
Dai-ichi Life Insurance	1.8
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	1.7
Mitsui Fudosan	1.5

\* Excludes holdings in pooled funds

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Fund size £1,678.4m

## Fund information

	%
Ongoing Charges Figure*	1.45-1.46
Maximum annual management fee (O class)	1.5
Maximum subscription fee	5.0
Minimum investment (or equivalent in other currency)	£1,000
O share classes	Capitalisation only (equivalent to accumulation)
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 O cap LU0638558808 B4R1SD2 EUR O cap LU0638558717 B42NV78 GBP O cap LU0638558634 B41Y053 USD O cap LU0638558980 B449LX0
Structure	Sub fund of Ruffer SICAV, a Luxembourg domiciled UCITS SICAV

Management company, administrative agent, registrar and transfer agent, paying and domiciliary agent FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A.

Investment manager Ruffer LLP

Custodian Pictet & Cie (Europe) S.A.

Auditors Ernst & Young S.A.

\* Specific share classes available on request

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### Alex Lennard

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