

CF Ruffer Absolute Return Fund

Positive absolute returns with low volatility



During June the fund price increased by 3.1%. This compared with a rise of 2.8% in the FTSE All-Share Index and a rise of 5.6% in the FTSE All-Stocks Index (both figures total returns in sterling).

The combination of the frequency of these monthly reviews and a long term investment horizon often means that there is little material change to report. In terms of market events the month of June was no such case; there was only one subject under discussion. We usually refrain from commenting on short term performance, but in this instance an elaboration on the various moving parts of the portfolio may be informative for investors. Our intention was to go into the vote in neutral gear – we could not have an insight into the outcome of the referendum and with our principal objective being one of capital preservation we prefer not to make binary bets. Positive contributions from index-linked bonds, gold and a small amount in foreign currencies outweighed the losses in our (relatively low) equity positions. The US and European equities produced small positive returns in local currency terms. The objective of having a neutral stance was therefore achieved even without the fair wind of a weak base currency (we were largely hedged back into sterling believing that it would strengthen sharply in the event of a Remain vote). Had the vote gone the other way then it is probable that we would have broken even. In this context producing a healthy positive return over the month is a pleasing outcome.

Perhaps the more interesting question is how we react to recent events. We selectively added to some UK equity positions immediately after the vote, focussing on companies, which, in our view, had unjustifiably sold-off when their businesses are not materially affected by a possible Brexit. However, most of the fund's core positions remain intact for two reasons. Firstly, the political fallout from the result is far from clear. Secondly, the global economic risks, which were in evidence prior to the Brexit debate, remain in place. The world is awash with debt that could not be serviced at 'normal' interest rates, global economic growth is too low to have any hope of deleveraging, inflation looks like the most likely 'solution' but this will punish savers and finally confidence in highly valued assets could plummet quickly when there is a shock to markets. Brexit is significant, but these matters are arguably of greater importance in a globally invested portfolio.

Paradoxically, these big, visible uncertainties take us a step closer to the denouement we anticipate. The reaction function of central banks and governments to keep the show on the road remains intact with one subtle difference; central banks have openly stated that monetary policy is running out of road and requires the support of government induced fiscal stimulus. This is already in evidence with Osborne's kite-flying of a corporation tax cut, various housing-related policies, a lightening of the regulatory capital requirements placed on banks and the public debate on helicopter money overcoming its taboo status and hitting the mainstream. In the short term this may help steady the ship, but it sets a hare running that will be difficult to control.

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Investment objective

The fund aims to achieve low volatility and positive returns in all market conditions from an actively managed portfolio of equities or equity related securities (including convertibles), corporate and government 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 and derivatives and forward transactions. Pervading this objective is a fundamental philosophy of capital preservation. In selecting investments the fund will adopt a stock picking approach and will not adopt any investment weightings by reference to any benchmark.

Performance since launch on 31 January 2006 – C acc shares



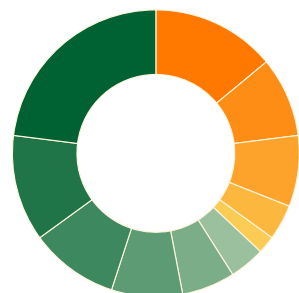
Performance %	June 2016	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	
C accumulation shares	3.1	3.7	-0.6	11.4	23.8	100.4	
Percentage growth (C acc)	%		Share price as at 30 June 2016				p
30 Jun 2015 – 30 Jun 2016	-0.6		O accumulation				193.15
30 Jun 2014 – 30 Jun 2015	11.4		O income				156.06
30 Jun 2013 – 30 Jun 2014	0.7		C accumulation				199.02
30 Jun 2012 – 30 Jun 2013	12.9		C income				161.05
30 Jun 2011 – 30 Jun 2012	-1.6						

Source: Ruffer LLP

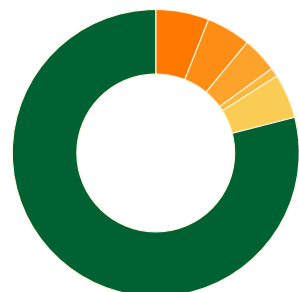
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CF Ruffer Absolute Return Fund as at 30 June 2016

Portfolio structure



Asset allocation	%		%
● Non-UK index-linked	23	● Japan equities	14
● Long-dated index-linked gilts	12	● UK equities	9
● Index-linked gilts	10	● North America equities	8
● Cash	8	● Europe equities	4
● Gold and gold equities	6	● Asia ex-Japan equities	2
● Illiquid strategies	4		



Currency allocation	%
● Sterling	79
● Gold	6
● US dollar	5
● Yen	4
● Euro	1
● Other	5

5 largest of 26 bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
US TIPS 1.25% 2020	4.3
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022	3.6
UK Treasury index-linked 0.375% 2062	3.4
UK Treasury index-linked 1.25% 2055	3.4
US TIPS 0.125% 2022	3.0

Source: Ruffer LLP

5 largest of 88 equity holdings*

Stock	% of fund
BP	1.8
ExxonMobil	1.7
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	1.7
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	1.4
Mizuho Financial	1.1

*Excludes holdings in pooled funds

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Fund size £3,115.3m

Fund information

%	O class	C class
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.53	1.23
Annual management charge	1.50	1.20
Maximum initial charge	7.5	7.5
Yield	1.28	1.28
Minimum investment	£1,000,000	
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	GB00B0XP1H53 (acc) GB00B0XP1869 (inc)	GB00B0XP2X86 (acc) GB00B0XP1T75 (inc)
SEDOL	B0XP1H5 (acc) B0XP186 (inc)	B0XP2X8 (acc) B0XP1T7 (inc)
Investment adviser	Ruffer LLP	

ACD	Capita Financial Managers Limited	
Depository	BNY Mellon Trust & Depository (UK) Limited	
Auditors	Grant Thornton UK LLP	
Structure	Sub-fund of Asperior Investment Funds (OEIC) UK domiciled UCITS Eligible for ISAs	

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Equity Strategy, before joining Ruffer in 2003. He is also co-manager of the Ruffer Investment Company.

David Ballance

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Previously International Equities Head at Rothschild Private Management, he graduated from Oxford and was a Senior Investment Manager at Allied Dunbar, before moving to Threadneedle as Head of European Equities. He joined Ruffer in 2006.



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