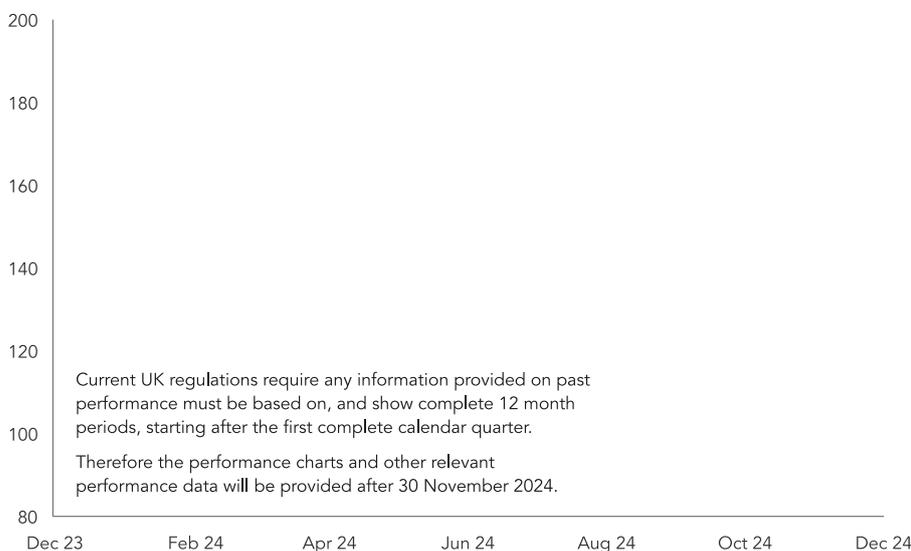


# Ruffer Diversified Return International

SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH ON 29 NOVEMBER 2023



Christmas arrived early for asset owners last year, as December saw US equities approach all-time highs and the bond rally continue. The Federal Reserve provided the festive cheer, by pivoting their message from 'higher for longer' interest rates to 'lower, sooner', projecting three cuts in 2024 thanks to falling inflation. This reinforced the market's soft-landing narrative and drove a US-centric Santa rally. Elsewhere, the Bank of Japan left policy unchanged despite significant noise, and investors remained unimpressed by the lack of concrete stimulus measures in China.

The fund's fixed income holdings were the largest contributor to performance. Yields continued to fall as the Chair of the Federal Reserve assured markets that they were unlikely to raise interest rates any further, taking the US ten year bond yield to 3.9%, down more than 1% since October. Our US exposure participated in the rally as the market broadened out from the 'Magnificent 7' technology stocks. Gold exposure was helpful, as the metal reached new highs. Meanwhile, the yen managed to gain over 4% against both the US dollar and the pound, despite the Bank of Japan leaving their loose monetary policy intact, which also contributed to performance. However, the fund continued to face headwinds from its protective positions, which suffered as equities rose and credit spreads narrowed.

It continues to be our belief that tighter liquidity conditions present a significant risk to markets. Accordingly, we have reduced the fund's duration by roughly half from its recent peak, with sales of US bonds and gold bullion. This felt prudent given the bond market is now pricing six interest rate cuts in 2024, double the amount anticipated by the Fed. We believe a soft landing is now close to fully priced, leaving the market exposed to any pushback from policymakers or the data.

We maintain the view that it is too early to declare a soft-landing victory. Even if the probability of this outcome has increased, market pricing has moved even further, creating an asymmetry in asset prices. We think the scenario in which the market's six interest rate cuts are validated, is the arrival of recession. However, a soft landing is not an impossibility, and the fund holds over 15% in equities which should benefit from a broader market rally and further economic strength. This is also supported by the remaining fixed income positions and gold equities, which should rise in value if yields fall further.

Portfolio balance, which was painfully elusive at points last year, is now much more secure. Crucially though, if liquidity conditions and the economy do deteriorate, our derivative holdings – primarily credit protection and exposure to the VIX, should appreciate sharply. There were glimmers of this mid-month, as a small but sharp one day sell-off in the S&P saw the VIX index spike 12% intraday.

Overall, we enter the new year with the mindset that we are continuing to travel towards the danger, rather than away from it, and we will not let a disappointing 2023 obscure what we see in front of us.

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### Share price

F EUR cap	1.02
F USD cap	1.02

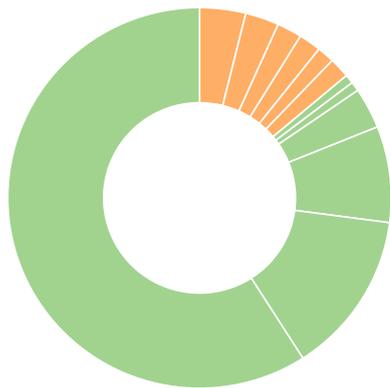
	Net	Gross
Duration (years)	3.3	3.7
Equity exposure %	14.8	15.3

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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## ASSET ALLOCATION



Asset allocation	%	Currency allocation	%
Short-dated bonds	59.1	Sterling	73.6
Cash	13.9	Yen	14.7
Long-dated index-linked gilts	8.2	US dollar	10.2
Gold exposure and gold equities	3.5	Euro	0.9
Index-linked gilts	0.8	Other	0.6
Non-UK index-linked	0.8	<b>Geographical equity allocation</b>	<b>%</b>
Credit and derivative strategies	-1.4	UK equities	5.5
Energy equities	3.9	Europe equities	5.0
Financials equities	2.8	North America equities	4.1
Technology equities	2.1	Asia ex-Japan equities	0.7
Healthcare equities	1.9		
Consumer staples equities	1.5		
Other equities	3.1		

## 5 LARGEST EQUITY HOLDINGS

Stock	% of fund
BP	2.2
Prosus	1.4
TotalEnergies	1.3
Cigna	0.9
East West Bancorp	0.7

Largest equity holdings exclude Ruffer funds | Source: Ruffer LLP | Totals may not equal 100 due to rounding

## RUFFER LLP

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**FUND SIZE \$68.9M**

## FUND INFORMATION

Maximum subscription fee %	5.0	
Minimum investment (or equivalent in other currency)	25m	
Ongoing Charges Figure %	0.86	
Cut offs	3pm Luxembourg time on valuation day	
Dealing frequency	Daily	
Ex dividend dates	Next NAV following the record date	
Pay dates	Within five business days after ex dividend date	
Record date	Third Monday of November	
Investment manager	Ruffer LLP	
Depository bank	Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) A.G.	
Management company, administrative agent, registrar and transfer agent, paying and domiciliary agent	FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A.	
Auditors	Ernst & Young S.A.	
Structure	Sub-fund of Ruffer SICAV, a Luxembourg domiciled UCITS SICAV	
SFDR classification	Article 8	
Share class	ISIN	SEDOL
F EUR cap	LU2699370339	BRBR161
F USD cap	LU2699370255	BRBR172

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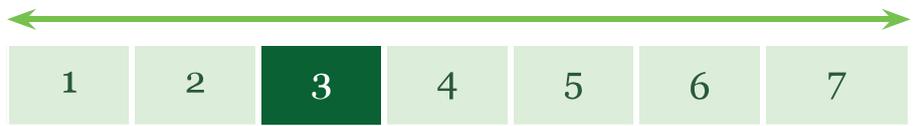
**Duration** measures the sensitivity of a bond or fixed income portfolio's price to changes in interest rates. The higher the duration, the more sensitive the price of portfolio is to changes in interest rates

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- the lowest 20% scoring sovereign issuers based on identified environmental, social and governance-related criteria and
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