

Ruffer Fixed Income

Positive returns from fixed income



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Over the course of the month the fund's C capitalisation shares rose 2.3% from £104.83 to £107.26. The US Treasury 10 year bond yield fell from 1.92% to 1.73%.

Recent unexceptional monthly returns from equity markets have masked significant underlying volatility, with global indices falling far enough at one point during the month to officially enter a bear market. February's volatility derived from the aftershocks of the Bank of Japan's implementation of negative interest rates on excess bank reserves. While they were not alone in taking this step (Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark and the European Central Bank are already there) the impact of the decision was more profound and spread far outside Japan. Global banks already under pressure following the falls in energy and commodity prices, were knocked again, forcing a 'nothing-to-see-here' announcement from Deutsche Bank. Bond yields declined further as deflationary pressures continued to mount and markets fretted over the possibility of a rerun of the 2008 crisis. All of this despite an ongoing recovery in breakeven inflation rates and oil prices. This opened the door for the whispers of more radical policy response to become mainstream. The usual proponents of fiscal stimulus, including Larry Summers and Adair Turner, were at the forefront and they were joined by other heavyweights such as Ray Dalio. The short message (put succinctly by Martin Wolf quoting Sherlock Holmes): there is always more that can be done – 'when one has exhausted the just about possible, what remains, however improbable, must be the answer'. As February drew to an end, US ten year yields were at levels not seen since prior to 2013's 'taper-tantrum'.

Since 2008 we have seen a continual creep in the radical becoming mainstream. Quantitative easing, once considered reckless, is now a primary policy tool. Zero interest rates were implausible, but now negative rates are becoming widespread. This drift into more and more radical areas of monetary policy, while necessary as an antidote to the high-debt/low-growth hangover of the financial crisis, comes with significant risks. Fiscal tools are blunt and their use greatly increases the chances of a slip-up and the accompanying loss of confidence in paper money as a store of value (or its electronic equivalent if the proponents of the cashless society have their way). The direction of travel remains constant and the harder it becomes to generate sufficient economic growth for indebted economies to deleverage, the more experimental and extreme simulative policies will become.

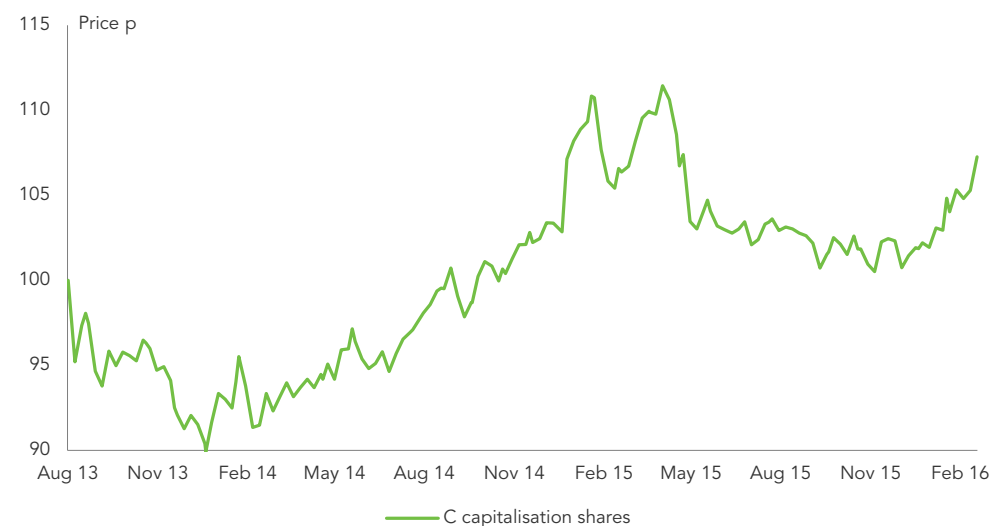
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The investment objective of Ruffer Fixed Income is to achieve positive returns from an actively managed portfolio of predominantly fixed-income securities, variable-income securities and related instruments issued by governments and other entities, without geographical restriction.

Performance since launch on 13 August 2013 – C class shares GBP



Performance %	February 2016	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
C capitalisation shares	2.3	5.3	0.6	na	na	na

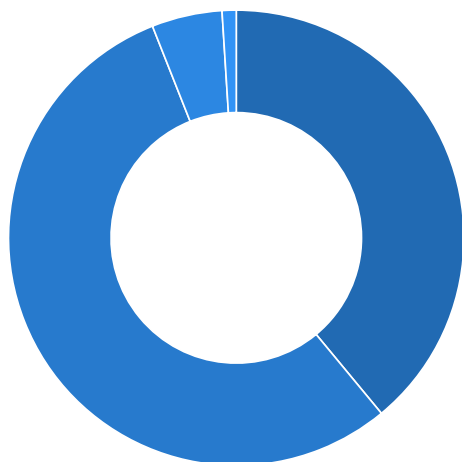
Percentage growth (C GBP cap)	%	Share price as at 29 February 2016	£
31 Dec 2014 – 31 Dec 2015	-1.0	C capitalisation GBP	107.26
31 Dec 2013 – 31 Dec 2014	14.4	C distribution GBP	107.27
31 Dec 2012 – 31 Dec 2013	na	Z capitalisation GBP	110.42
31 Dec 2011 – 31 Dec 2012	na	Z distribution GBP	109.26
31 Dec 2010 – 31 Dec 2011	na		

Source: Ruffer LLP

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Ruffer Fixed Income as at 29 February 2016

Portfolio structure



	%
• US inflation-linked bonds (0-7 years)	39
• US inflation-linked bonds (over 15 years)	55
• Japan inflation-linked bonds	5
• New Zealand inflation-linked bonds	1

5 largest of 17 bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
US TIPS 0.625% 2021	13.6
US TIPS 2.125% 2041	12.1
US TIPS 0.125% 2022	10.5
US TIPS 0.75% 2042	10.0
US TIPS 0.625% 2043	9.0

Source: Ruffer LLP

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Fund size £372.9m

Fund information

Ongoing Charges Figure %	Cap	Dis	
C class GBP	1.29	1.28	
Z class GBP	0.13	0.13	
%	O class	C class	Z class
Maximum annual management fee	1.5	1.2	0.0
Maximum initial charge	5.0	5.0	7.5
Minimum investment £	1,000	10m	30m
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 Tuesday (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 Friday and the penultimate business day of the month)

ISIN	O class	C class	Z class
Cap	LU0954199336	LU0954198791	LU0954199096
Dis	LU0954198874	LU0954199252	

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.

Fund Managers

Alex Lennard

INVESTMENT DIRECTOR



Joined Ruffer in 2006 after graduating from Exeter University with an honours degree in economics and finance; he is a member of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment. He is co-manager of Ruffer Total Return International.

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Ruffer LLP

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