

# LF Ruffer Gold Fund

Achieving capital growth by investing principally in gold and precious metal related companies

During the quarter, the fund's O accumulation shares fell by 17.06% from 297.28p to 246.56p. This compares to a 12.1% fall in the FTSE Gold Mines Total Return Index in sterling terms. Over the period the gold price fell by 10.0% in US dollar terms and 10.8% in sterling terms.

Gold fell during the quarter as investors continued to position for global economic recovery. In the US, the political situation has been resolved and strong fiscal stimulus combined with the progress of the vaccine rollout points to a 'v-shaped' recovery there. Bond yields have risen sharply and equity markets have performed well generally, with the S&P continuing to make new highs. This is an unambiguously negative environment for gold, so it is not surprising we have seen a significant correction in the gold price over the quarter.

The fund performed particularly poorly, largely because of a slump in many mid and small cap stocks which make up a larger proportion of the fund than of the index. We commonly see smaller stocks behave in this manner when investors lose interest in gold and, as usual, the relative moves of these stocks typically bore no relationship to fundamentals. In some cases, we simply saw a reversal of gains made against the market in Q4 2020: for example, Westgold Resources, one of our largest positions and strongest positive contributors in Q4, fell by 26% in sterling terms.

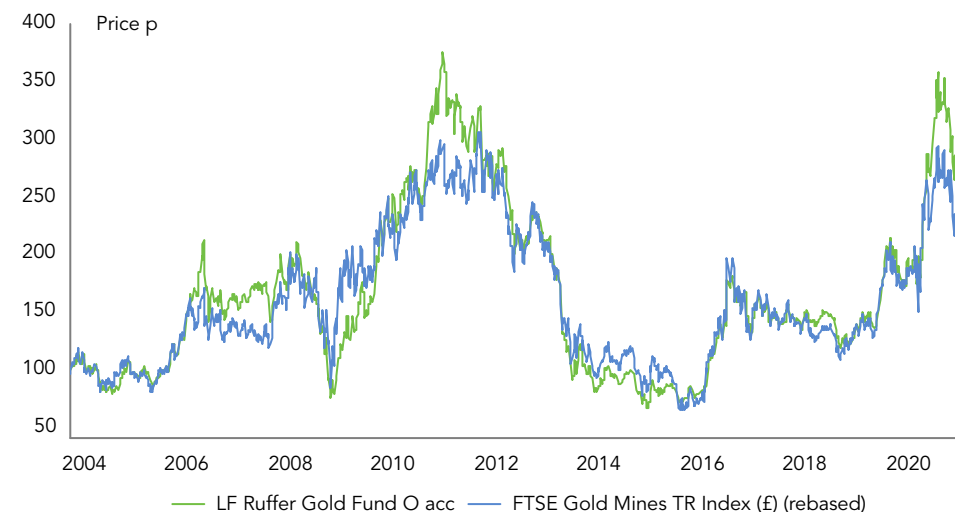
We remain optimistic about the outlook for the gold price as the full cost of the covid crisis becomes clear, although there may be further bumps in the road for gold in the short term as the recovery comes through. Gold mining stocks remain an attractive way to invest in gold and there is plenty of value to be found in mid and small cap gold mining stocks in particular. The fund has a strong focus on value and so we believe it is well placed to perform strongly should interest in the sector return.



## Investment objective

The fund aims to achieve capital growth over the long term by investing principally in gold and precious metal related companies within the mining industry.

## Performance since launch on 1 October 2003



O accumulation shares	Performance %	Share price as at 31 March 2021	p
Q1	-17.1	<b>O accumulation</b>	<b>246.56</b>
Year to date	-17.1	<b>C accumulation</b>	<b>253.12</b>
1 year	34.5	<b>C income</b>	<b>153.19</b>
3 years	77.0		
5 years	117.9		
10 years	-25.3		

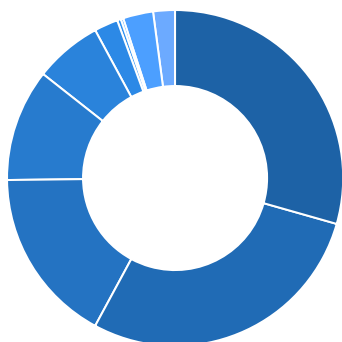
12 month performance to March %	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
LF Ruffer Gold Fund O acc	32.5	-7.1	5.8	24.5	34.5
FTSE Gold Mines TR Index (£) (rebased)	31.4	-15.3	10.1	17.8	19.0

Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International (FTSE) †

Ruffer performance is shown after deduction of all fees and management charges, and on the basis of income being reinvested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of the shares and the income from them can go down as well as up and you may not get back the full amount originally invested. The value of overseas investments will be influenced by the rate of exchange.

# LF Ruffer Gold Fund as at 31 Mar 2021

## Portfolio structure



Asset allocation	%
● Africa	29.4
● North America	28.5
● Australia	16.9
● Asia	10.8
● South America	6.5
● Europe	2.1
● Options and protection	0.4
● UK	0.2
● Other	3.0
● Cash	2.1

### Capitalisation breakdown

% market exposure	Size	Market cap
11.8	Large	US\$5bn+
30.1	Mid	US\$1-\$5bn
58.1	Small	US\$0-\$1bn

## 10 largest of 117 holdings

Stock	% of fund	Stock	% of fund
Endeavour Mining	6.4	Gold Fields	3.9
Westgold Resources	6.2	AngloGold Ashanti	3.2
Centerra Gold	5.8	Kinross Gold	3.1
Ramelius Resources	5.3	Galiano Gold	3.1
Perseus Mining	4.6	Roxgold	3.0

Source: Ruffer LLP. Pie chart totals may not equal 100 due to rounding.

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Fund size **£681.2m**

## Fund information

%	O class	C class
Ongoing Charges Figure*	1.53	1.23
Annual management charge	1.5	1.2
Maximum initial charge	5.0	5.0
Yield	0.00	0.00
Minimum investment	£1,000	
Ex dividend dates	15 Mar, 15 Sep	
Pay dates	15 May, 15 Nov	
Dealing	Weekly forward, every Wednesday where this is a business day Plus the last business day of the month	
Cut off	10am on Wednesday (where it is a business day) and the last business day of the month	
ISIN	O class GB0033628156 (acc)	C class GB00B8510Q93 (acc) GB00B8BZBT51 (inc)
SEDOL	3362815 (acc)	B8510Q9 (acc) B8BZBT5 (inc)
Investment adviser	Ruffer LLP	
ACD	Link Fund Solutions Limited	
Depository	The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited	
Auditors	Ernst & Young LLP	
Structure	Sub-fund of LF Ruffer Investment Funds (OEIC) UK domiciled UCITS Eligible for ISAs	

\*Refers to accumulation shares

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## Fund Manager

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Joined Ruffer in 2012 from L.E.K. Consulting. He holds a degree in Jurisprudence from Oxford University and an MBA with Distinction from London Business School. He has many years of experience evaluating investments across industry sectors and has managed the LF Ruffer Gold Fund since February 2015.



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