

CF Ruffer Japanese Fund

Providing capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Japanese equities



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During the period from 1 November to 30 November the price of the fund's O accumulation shares increased by 4.7% from 193.45 pence to 202.45 pence. In the same period, the TOPIX on a sterling adjusted basis fell by 5.0%, while the TOPIX in yen went up 5.5%. As of the close on 30 November, the fund was 90.1% invested in Japanese equities and its cash position was 9.9%.

Regarding attribution, Dai-ichi Life Holdings [8750 JP], Tokio Marine Holdings [8766 JP], Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group [8306 JP], Mitsubishi Electric [6503 JP] and T&D Holdings [8795 JP] were the biggest positive contributors, while Rakuten [4755 JP], Nabtesco [6268 JP], Sony [6758 JP], Hamamatsu Photonics [6965 JP] and M3 [2413 JP] provided the largest negative contributions.

During the month, we continued to trim the fund's exposure to the yen by increasing our forward position whilst adding to a high-beta low-valuation cyclical name, in which we had initiated a position in October. The yen depreciated sharply against major currencies while high-beta cyclical stocks continued to rebound. As of the close on 30 November the fund's exposure to the yen was 2.4%.

In 2016 the TOPIX in yen fell by 12.9% in Q1 and 7.5% in Q2, then rebounded by 6.2% in Q3, by 5.3% in October and by 5.5% in November. Year to date the TOPIX has declined by 5%. Yen appreciation and investors' avoidance of high-beta, low-valuation cyclicals drove the Japanese market lower in the first half. However the Japanese market is now being supported by the depreciation of the yen and the global shift toward those previously out of favour cyclical names.

November started on a weak note as investors continued to take a 'wait-and-see' approach ahead of the US presidential election on 8 November. Eighteen months of largely negative campaigning had inevitably created uncertainty with investors running relatively low allocations to equities. However, with the election finally over some degree of uncertainty was lifted and global financial markets moved into a 'risk-on' mode. Bonds were sold while equities were bought. Trump's victory initially triggered a short period (around six hours) of 'risk-off' mode but investors seem to have quickly come to the conclusion that a President Trump will be more pragmatic than candidate Trump and with respect to the economy he will be largely business friendly beginning with various fiscal stimulus measures. We await policy announcements in the new year.

We are spending the first two weeks of December visiting companies in Tokyo, Kyoto and Shiga. In addition one member of the team is spending the first week of the month in China visiting Japanese companies' Chinese operations, their local competitors and attending some macro meetings.

Investment objective

The investment objective of CF Ruffer Japanese Fund is to provide capital growth by investing in a portfolio of predominantly Japanese equities, though Japanese fixed income securities and fixed income securities and equities from other geographical areas may be utilised if the Investment Manager believes they will assist in meeting the overall objective of the sub fund. The fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, cash, money market instruments, other transferable securities and derivatives and forward transactions and other investments to the extent that each is permitted by the regulations. There will be no particular emphasis on any industrial or economic sector.

Performance since launch on 14 May 2009



Performance %	November 2016	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
O accumulation shares	4.7	9.8	8.9	25.4	108.2	na

Percentage growth (O acc)	%	Share price as at 30 November 2016	p
30 Sep 2015 – 30 Sep 2016	8.4	O accumulation	202.45
30 Sep 2014 – 30 Sep 2015	1.0	C accumulation	205.34
30 Sep 2013 – 30 Sep 2014	8.1		
30 Sep 2012 – 30 Sep 2013	55.2		
30 Sep 2011 – 30 Sep 2012	-0.5		

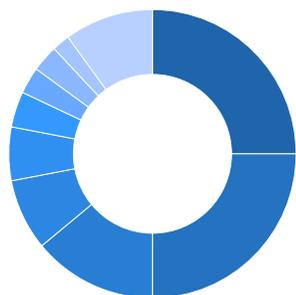
Source: Ruffer LLP

The fund's prospectus and key investor information documents are provided in English and available on request or from www.ruffer.co.uk. Please note that CF Ruffer Investment Funds is a UK UCITS. The CF Ruffer Japanese Fund is not registered for distribution in any country other than the UK.

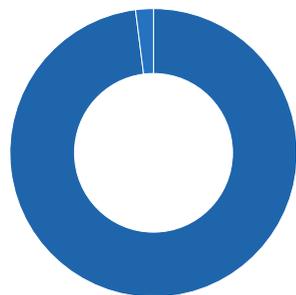
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CF Ruffer Japanese Fund as at 30 November 2016

Portfolio structure



Asset allocation	%		%
• Industrial	25	• Real estate	4
• Financial	25	• Healthcare	3
• Technology	14	• Retail	3
• Services	8	• Auto	2
• Consumer	6	• Cash	10



Currency allocation	%
• Sterling	98
• Yen	2

10 largest of 53 equity holdings

Stock	% of fund	Stock	% of fund
ORIX	5.0	T&D Holdings	3.1
Sony	4.4	Tokio Marine	2.9
Fujitsu	3.7	Dai-ichi Life Insurance	2.9
Mitsubishi Electric	3.6	Seven & I	2.6
Recruit	3.2	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	2.3

Source: Ruffer LLP

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Fund size £483.8m

Fund information

%	O class	C class
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.57	1.24
Annual management charge	1.5	1.2
Maximum initial charge	5.0	5.0
Yield	0.03	0.29
Minimum investment	£1,000	
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	

Share classes	Accumulation only	
	O class	C class
ISIN	GB00B3SGKR77	GB00B846SB60
SEDOL	B3SGKR7	B846SB6
Investment adviser	Ruffer LLP	
ACD	Capita Financial Managers Limited	
Depositary	BNY Mellon Trust & Depositary (UK) Limited	
Auditors	Grant Thornton UK LLP	
Structure	Sub-fund of CF Ruffer Investment Funds (OEIC) UK domiciled UCITS Eligible for ISAs	

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