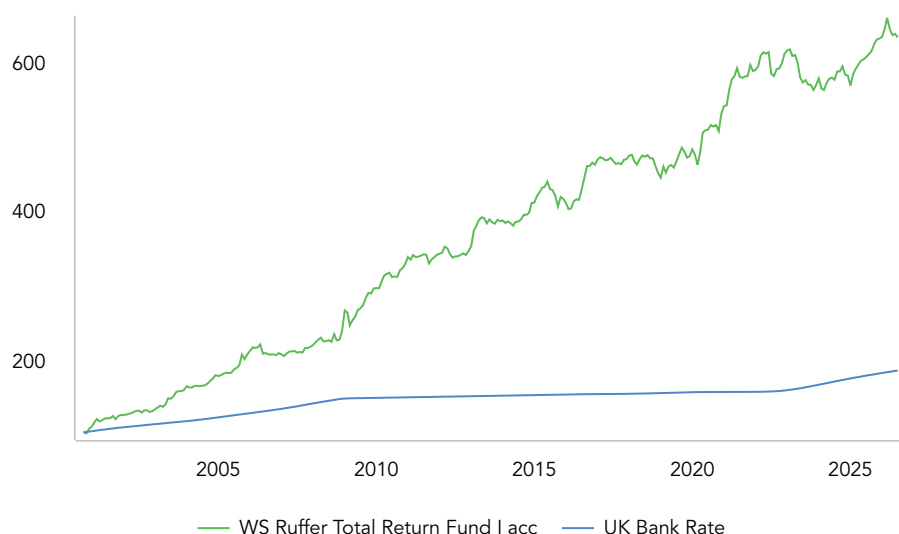


# WS Ruffer Total Return Fund

SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2000



June brought two important developments. First, new Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair Kevin Warsh delivered a more hawkish than expected message, contributing to a rise in government bond yields. Second, a Memorandum of Understanding between the US and Iran triggered a sharp reversal in oil prices. The decline in geopolitical anxiety encouraged investors to broaden their exposure beyond the narrow group of AI beneficiaries that had previously led markets. The result was an unusual mix of rising bond yields and an equity market rally, as investors became more optimistic about growth whilst demanding higher compensation for inflation and policy risks.

Performance was marginally negative over the month, with some of the protection assets losing value as volatility retraced, and some of the contrarian growth exposure continuing to decline. The largest positive contribution came from our increased US dollar exposure, which benefited from the upward re-pricing of US interest rates. Bonds made positive contributions, helped by our tactical additions to five year gilts and ten year US TIPS as yields spiked in April. In June, we rotated some of the long-dated inflation-linked gilts into TIPS, reducing UK-specific risk whilst improving liquidity.

Headwinds came primarily from the portfolio's gold mining equities as higher real yields and the firmer dollar weighed on precious metals. Whilst some of the fund's equities performed well, the allocation to software and China technology suffered, as AI victims. The fund's energy equities also fell with crude oil prices. During the month, we increased our position in LVMH, a global luxury company that should benefit from the wealth effect from AI-related export profits in Asia. We also took the opportunity to reduce the fund's yen exposure, acknowledging the near-term headwinds if the Fed keeps rates higher.

The tentative market broadening beyond AI capex beneficiaries is encouraging and supports our preference for less crowded areas. We are focused on areas where expectations are low, valuations are supportive and the asymmetry is attractive. Yet the Fed meeting underscored that stronger nominal growth may come with higher yields, stickier inflation and less policy support than markets would like. The AI capex boom is supporting growth, earnings and asset prices in the near term, but history suggests periods of concentrated investment often sow the seeds of their own reversal. So we remain reluctant to chase current momentum and favour more attractively valued AI exposure in both the US and China, whilst our Japanese equities are enjoying the East Asian hardware boom.

We believe both conventional and unconventional forms of protection are required. If the AI investment cycle were to disappoint, the resulting growth shock would likely be deflationary, creating a more favourable backdrop for duration. However, if growth continues to broaden and inflationary pressures build, conventional bonds may not provide effective diversification, so derivative strategies remain an important component of investor toolkits.

Our objective is not to predict precisely how the current cycle evolves but to construct a portfolio which can both participate in the opportunities it creates and preserve capital if the market narrative reverses. Given more volatile inflation, periodic geopolitical shocks and highly concentrated markets, we believe resilience is the most important portfolio characteristic.

## I CLASS JUNE 2026

| Performance I acc % | GBP  |
|---------------------|------|
| June                | -0.8 |
| Year to date        | -0.1 |
| 1 year              | 4.4  |
| 3 years pa          | 3.4  |
| 5 years pa          | 1.8  |
| 10 years pa         | 4.0  |
| Since inception pa  | 7.3  |

| Share price, p |        |
|----------------|--------|
| H GBP acc      | 623.26 |
| H GBP inc      | 364.96 |
| I GBP acc      | 627.82 |
| I GBP inc      | 366.72 |
| Dividend yield | 1.83   |

|                   | Net  | Gross |
|-------------------|------|-------|
| Duration (years)  | 2.5  | 2.5   |
| Equity exposure % | 32.3 | 34.0  |

| C acc GBP       | Volatility % | Sharpe | Sortino |
|-----------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| 3 years         | 4.4          | -0.3   | -0.3    |
| 5 years         | 5.0          | -0.3   | -0.4    |
| 10 years        | 5.7          | 0.4    | 0.6     |
| Since inception | 6.7          | 0.7    | 1.3     |

### 12 month performance to 30 June 2026

| %            | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| RTRF I acc   | 0.7  | -2.0 | 0.6  | 5.3  | 4.4  |
| UK Bank Rate | 0.4  | 3.2  | 5.2  | 4.7  | 3.9  |

One to 12 month performance figures are cumulative, all others annualised. Source: Ruffer LLP, Bloomberg. The comparator benchmark shown in this document is as stated in the fund's prospectus. I acc share class performance includes data calculated prior to the inception date, 3 November 2004, based upon a simulated/extended track record using the track record of WS Ruffer Total Return Fund O acc. 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.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To seek to achieve positive returns in all market conditions over any 12 month period, after all costs and charges have been taken. Underlying this objective is a fundamental philosophy of capital preservation. Capital invested is at risk and there is no guarantee that a positive return will be delivered over any 12 month period.

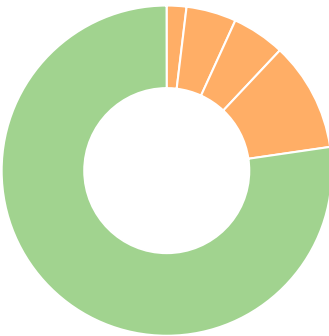
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## ASSET ALLOCATION



| Inflation                                | %    |
|------------------------------------------|------|
| Long-dated non-UK inflation-linked bonds | 9.4  |
| Gold and precious metals exposure        | 3.1  |
| Long-dated UK inflation-linked bonds     | 1.4  |
| Protection                               |      |
| Short-dated nominal bonds                | 28.8 |
| Long-dated nominal bonds                 | 18.3 |
| Cash                                     | 2.0  |
| Credit and derivative strategies         | 0.6  |
| Growth                                   |      |
| Consumer discretionary equities          | 6.9  |
| Industrials equities                     | 5.8  |
| Financials equities                      | 3.9  |
| Consumer staples equities                | 3.3  |
| Other equities                           | 14.1 |
| Commodity exposure                       | 2.5  |

## CURRENCY ALLOCATION



| Currency allocation            | %    |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Sterling                       | 77.3 |
| US dollar                      | 10.7 |
| Other                          | 5.2  |
| Yen                            | 4.9  |
| Canadian dollar                | 1.9  |
| Geographical equity allocation |      |
| UK equities                    | 10.5 |
| North America equities         | 8.9  |
| Europe equities                | 6.0  |
| Asia ex-Japan equities         | 4.8  |
| Japan equities                 | 3.8  |

## 5 LARGEST EQUITY HOLDINGS

| Stock                    | % of fund |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| iShares MSCI China A ETF | 1.6       |
| BP ADR                   | 1.1       |
| Nestlé                   | 0.7       |
| Microsoft                | 0.7       |
| Siemens Healthineers     | 0.7       |

The credit and derivatives strategies allocation is calculated using market value. In some cases, this allocation might be negative due to the nature of how the instruments, in particular credit default swaps, are priced. 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 £1,380.2M

## FUND INFORMATION

|                                                      |                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Annual management charge %                           | 1.0                                                                                |
| Maximum initial charge %                             | 5.0                                                                                |
| Minimum investment (or equivalent in other currency) | £25m                                                                               |
| Ongoing Charges Figure %                             | 1.03                                                                               |
| Cut offs                                             | 10am Wednesday (where it is a business day) and the last business day of the month |

|                   |                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dealing frequency | Weekly forward, every Wednesday where this is a business day, plus the last business day of the month |
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|           |                |
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| Pay dates | 15 May, 15 Nov |
|-----------|----------------|

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|--------------|----------------|
| Record dates | 15 Mar, 15 Sep |
|--------------|----------------|

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|--------------------|------------|
| Investment adviser | Ruffer LLP |
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|            |                                                     |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Depository | The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Authorised Corporate Director | Waystone Management (UK) Limited |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|

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| Auditors | Ernst & Young LLP |
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| Structure | Sub-fund of WS Ruffer Investment Funds (OEIC) UK domiciled UCITS Eligible for ISAs |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

| Share class | ISIN         | SEDOL   |
|-------------|--------------|---------|
| H GBP acc   | GB00BJ5JLX42 | BJ5JLX4 |
| H GBP inc   | GB00BJ5JLW35 | BJ5JLW3 |
| I GBP acc   | GB00B03JB001 | B03JB00 |
| I GBP inc   | GB00B03J9Y05 | B03J9Y0 |

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