# Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility

During September, the fund price rose by 2.8%. This compared with a return on the FTSE All-Share of -5.9%, a return on the HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index of 3.4%, and a return on the Bloomberg Barclays Global-Aggregate Total Return of -3.4%.

A seamless succession from the late Queen Elizabeth II to King Charles III stood in stark contrast to growing instability in financial markets as the long reign of low inflation and easy money ends. Stocks and bonds both fell once again as the toxic cocktail of persistent inflation, central bank hawkishness, rising recession risk and political uncertainty left investors with few hiding places.

August's 8.3% US inflation print proved hotter than expected, dashing remaining hopes of a Fed 'pivot' away from aggressive monetary tightening. Stock markets suffered their biggest one-day drop since the depths of COVID and all the time the liquidity noose continues to tighten. Fed hikes took US rates to 3.25% and heading higher, with markets now predicting over 4% by the year end. Quantitative tightening (QT) – where the Fed drains liquidity by running down its holdings of government bonds – doubled to \$95bn per month. Lower liquidity means less money is available to support asset prices. Consequently, the fund retains a record low equity weight of c.15%, which detracted 1.1% from performance. Our downside derivative protections were the biggest positive, adding 3.0%. We have taken some profits here.

Against this febrile backdrop the new British government popped its head above the parapet with a 'mini-budget' requiring extra borrowing at a time of rapidly rising rates, high inflation and a large current account deficit. A market storm ensued: sterling touched an all-time low whilst UK bond yields surged, triggering a doom-loop of disorderly selling by Liability Driven Investing (LDI) pension strategies scrambling for cash to meet derivative margin calls. Real (inflation-adjusted) yields on the longest-dated UK index-linked bonds (held in the fund) rocketed to nearly 2%. This gave us the opportunity to add to these key assets at extraordinarily distressed prices, before the Bank of England was forced to step in to restore order. At one point down over 85% year to date, the 2073 index-linked gilts rallied nearly 250% from their trough to the month end, adding significantly to performance. They remain an option on long-term inflation expectations un-anchoring. We also added new positions in long-dated US inflation-protected TIPS and conventional bonds totalling c.6%. The combination of higher yields and growing recession risk now makes these bonds more attractive than for many years. We also increased our US dollar weighting after the pound recovered from its 'mini-budget' meltdown. For now, the dollar offers defensive characteristics in a world of deepening risks.

Britain's gilt market seizure is a warning from the future. As the liquidity tide continues to recede, other crises will emerge. Housing markets are one obvious area where rapid rate rises are already causing trouble. As the Bank of England has just discovered, central banks may have to choose between controlling inflation or protecting financial stability. Ending the reign of easy money was never going to see a smooth succession. The fund remains defensively positioned with the liquidity to take opportunities as they arise.

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. Future performance is subject to taxation which depends on each investor's personal situation, and may be subject to change in the future.



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#### Investment objective

The investment objective of the Ruffer Total Return International ('the fund') is to achieve low volatility, positive returns from an actively managed portfolio. The fund may have exposure to the following asset classes: cash, debt, securities of any type (including government and corporate debt), equities and equity related securities and commodities (including precious metals). Overriding this objective is a fundamental philosophy of capital preservation. Investors should note that there can be no assurance that the investment objective will be achieved.

#### Performance since fund launch on 14 July 2011

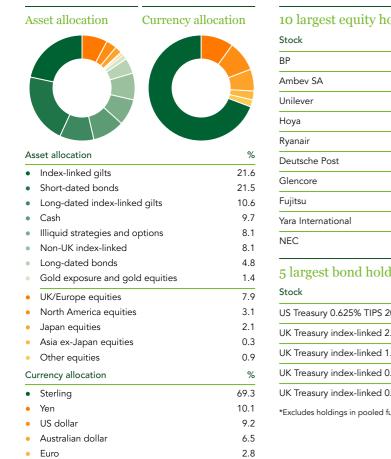
Past performance does not predict future returns



September 2022	2.8	2.6	2.9	C CHF C	apitalisation			160.95
Year to date	5.6	4.4	5.8	C EUR C	Capitalisation			168.12
	5.6	4.4	5.0	C EUR D	istribution			165.42
1 year	6.8	5.5	7.1	C GBP C	Capitalisation			184.66
3 years	32.9	29.3	35.1	C GBP D	istribution			179.97
5 years	36.1	29.1	42.5	C GBP Ir	ncome			169.95
5 years	50.1	27.1	42.5	C USD C	Capitalisation			192.18
10 years	84.8	69.1	92.9	C USD Distribution			189.27	
12 month performance to	September %			2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
RTRI C cap £				2.2	0.2	8.7	14.4	6.8
RTRI C cap €				1.1	-1.2	7.8	13.7	5.5
RTRI C cap \$				3.6	1.8	9.9	14.8	7.1
FTSE All-Share TR £				5.9	2.7	-16.6	27.9	-4.0
Bloomberg Global–Aggree	1.5	13.9	1.3	-5.0	-3.9			
HFRI Fund of Funds Comp	6.0	5.8	0.8	9.6	14.1			

Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International, Bloomberg, Hedge Fund Research Inc

## Ruffer Total Return International as at 30 Sep 2022



Other

Stock	% of func
BP	1.7
Ambev SA	0.9
Unilever	0.6
Ноуа	0.5
Ryanair	0.5
Deutsche Post	0.4
Glencore	0.4
Fujitsu	0.4
Yara International	0.4
NEC	0.4
5 largest bond holdings	
Stock	% of func
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2023	7.6
UK Treasury index-linked 2.5% 2024	7.3
	6.7
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022	6.3
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022 UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2024	0.0
	4.5

Source: Ruffer LLP. Pie chart totals may not equal 100 due to rounding. The base currency of the fund is GBP. Share classes denominated in other currencies are hedged to reduce the impact on your investment of movements in the exchange rate between the base currency of the fund (GBP) and the currency of the share class.

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## Fund size £5,728.2m €6,527.2m

#### Fund information

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Ongoing Charges Figure					
Maximum annual management fee (C class)					
Annual ma	1.1				
Maximum	subscrip	tion fee	9	5.0	
Minimum i (or equival			rency)	£10,000,000	
Record da	te		Third Monday	of November	
Ex dividen	d dates	Nex	t NAV following th	ie record date	
Payment	Wit	hin five	business days afte	er ex dividend date	
Dealing		day	ery Wednesday (if r , on the following l last business day c	business day)	
Cut off	valu	ation d	embourg time on t lay (so typically Tue nate business day	esday and the	
ISIN and	CHF (	C cap	LU0638557743	B45L1M4	
SEDOL		C cap	LU0638557669	B4MRCS8	
		C dis	LU0779208544	B8BHY14	
	GBP (		LU0638557586	B4XQ109	
		C dis C inc	LU0638558048	B4X19Y4 BWXC1G9	
		C cap	LU1220904186 LU0638557826	BWXCIG9 B4WPBZ2	
	USD (		LU0779208890	B8BHY81	
Structure	Si	ub-func	d of Ruffer SICAV, a domiciled	a Luxembourg UCITS SICAV	
Managem	ent com	oany,	FundPar	tner Solutions	
administra and transfe domiciliary	er agent,			(Europe) S.A.	
Investment manager				Ruffer LLP	
Depositary bank			Pictet & Cie (Europe) S.A.		
Depositary	Dank			(Europe) S.A.	

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