

# Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility



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During the month, the net asset value fell by 2.0%. This compares with a fall of 1.6% in the FTSE All-Share Index. This is a disappointing return despite November's volatile markets. Global equities were significantly boosted by a relief rally in the closing days of the month, with the S&P 500 posting its best week in seven years to claw its way back into positive territory for the year to date. The fund, however, was largely bypassed by this late recovery, which focused on defensives and technology, rather than the cyclical and value stocks that feature in our portfolio. This was compounded by the sharp fall in the oil price, ending the month down 23%, its worst monthly showing in a decade. These recent shifts in equity markets do not chime with the still strong economic growth that we observe.

The proximate cause for the equity bounce was what is now being termed the 'Fed flinch'. Federal Reserve Chairman Powell backed away from his October comments that interest rates were 'a long way from neutral' and instead decided in November that they were actually now 'just below neutral'. This provided the impetus for the rally in longer duration equities (defensives and technology). Cynics could well infer that interest rates are now being set by President Trump's Twitter account. However we would focus more on the risk of inflation if the Fed is seen as shying away from necessary, though painful interest rate rises.

2018 has turned into an *annus horribilis* for investors, with almost all major asset classes showing declines. Our own portfolio has not been immune and this led to considerable introspection of our world view and portfolio strategy. Importantly, we are convinced we are in the right place. Markets do not decline in a straight line but it is our impression we have likely seen the top for this market cycle, even if economies remain robust. We expect financial conditions to tighten further in 2019 thus, we have continued to reduce equities, selling some of our long held Japanese financials.

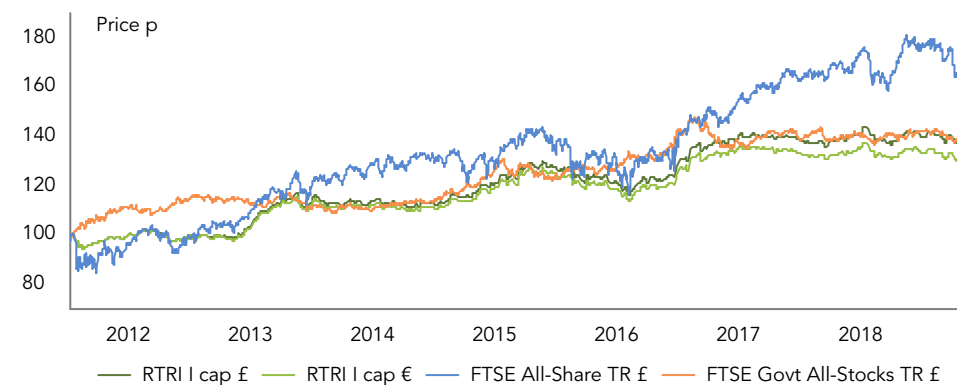
There will be noise around the trends, but protectionism and populism are here to stay. We added to portfolio protections this month, particularly long dated US TIPS. These are priced for around 2% or less inflation for the next 30 years. In a hugely indebted world with rising deficits, unfunded liabilities and electorates agitating for higher wages and government spending this seems the wrong price to us. Despite the bruises from recent performance, we remain resolutely optimistic about the prospects for our unconventional protections, particularly those against credit markets which we see as highly distorted and likely to fall in dislocative fashion. These are expensive to carry but we hope they will keep you safe.

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## Performance since fund launch on 14 July 2011



Performance %	November 2018	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years
I GBP capitalisation shares	-2.0	-4.7	-3.6	8.9	18.2

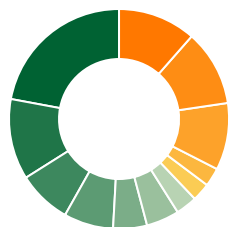
Percentage growth (I GBP cap)	%	Share price as at 30 November 2018	p
30 Sep 2017 – 30 Sep 2018	2.4	I EUR capitalisation	127.63
		I CHF capitalisation	123.25
30 Sep 2016 – 30 Sep 2017	1.3	I USD capitalisation	135.99
		I GBP distribution	131.74
30 Sep 2015 – 30 Sep 2016	11.5	I SEK capitalisation	129.03
		I USD distribution	133.88
30 Sep 2014 – 30 Sep 2015	4.8	I CAD capitalisation	111.51
		I SGD capitalisation	111.13
30 Sep 2013 – 30 Sep 2014	2.8		

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.

# Ruffer Total Return International as at 30 Nov 2018

## Asset allocation



## Currency allocation



Asset allocation	%
● Non-UK index-linked	22.1
● Long-dated index-linked gilts	11.9
● Index-linked gilts	7.9
● Gold and gold equities	7.3
● Illiquid strategies and options	5.0
● Cash	4.8
● Short-dated bonds	3.2
● UK equities	11.5
● Japan equities	11.3
● North America equities	9.6
● Asia ex-Japan equities	2.7
● Europe equities	2.7
Currency allocation	%
● Sterling	69.2
● US dollar	12.9
● Yen	7.7
● Gold	7.3
● Euro	0.4
● Other	2.5

## 10 largest of 46 equity holdings\*

Stock	% of fund
Walt Disney Company	2.3
Dai-ichi Life Insurance	2.2
Cigna Corporation	2.1
Tesco	2.1
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	1.6
ORIX	1.6
Whitbread	1.5
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	1.5
Royal Bank of Scotland	1.3
GlaxoSmithKline	1.1

## 5 largest of 16 bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	6.4
UK Treasury index-linked 0.375% 2062	5.5
US Treasury TIPS 1.25% 2020	5.3
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2019	4.8
US Treasury 0.125% TIPS 2021	3.3

\*Excludes holdings in pooled funds  
Source: Ruffer LLP.  
Pie chart totals may not equal 100 due to rounding.

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Fund size £2,199m

## Fund information

Ongoing Charges Figure*	0.94
Maximum annual management fee (I class)	1.0
Maximum subscription fee	5.0
Minimum investment (or equivalent in other currency)	£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 Wednesday (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 Tuesday and the penultimate business day of the month)
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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
Depository bank	Pictet & Cie (Europe) S.A.
Auditors	Ernst & Young S.A.

\* As at 22 Jan 2018.

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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Joined Ruffer in 2011, previous work included fund management and macro research at Goldman Sachs, GLG Partners and Fulcrum Asset Management. Graduated from École Centrale Paris in 1999, and holds an MSc in Mathematics from Oxford University.



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