Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility

Despite ongoing stresses in the US banking system, asset markets collectively shrugged their shoulders in April. According to Deutsche Bank, despite the second largest ever banking failure in the US, it was in fact the least volatile month since the pandemic. It won't surprise that we are not so sanguine.

Banking crises always lead to credit contractions. We are seeing this play out now: National Federation of Independent Business small business credit conditions are approaching GFC levels, whilst both the Fed Beige Book and the Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey are signalling further declines in credit availability coming down the tracks. What is particularly pernicious today is the additional undermining of trust in the security of deposits. This is where the banking crises of March intersect with our fears of an asset market liquidation. As a reminder, central to the argument was that changes in the size and composition of the Fed's balance sheet would be damaging to asset markets. On the one hand, we have seen an immediate (but supposedly temporary) increase in the size of the Fed's balance sheet. On the other hand, a light has been shone on the relative danger of uninsured banking deposits compared to government backed money market funds. Given the fact that the increased safety of the latter actually comes with a higher interest rate, we expect deposit flight from banks to continue despite continued efforts to reinforce the regulatory system. Not only will this lead to further scrutiny of the increasing levels of taxpayer deposit guarantees, but it will continue to undermine the ability of commercial bank balance sheets to act as a shock-absorber for any distress in financial markets.

At Ruffer, we always aim to create a portfolio that is robust to multiple future pathways. The fine line between monetary and financial stability is central to how the portfolio is positioned today. If the Federal Reserve prioritises financial stability concerns, continues to expand its balance sheet and sets the scene for interest rate cuts before inflation is wrung out of the system, then we enter the next phase of the inflationary regime. Under this scenario our portfolio allocations to inflation-linked bonds, gold and commodities should get an immediate tailwind. However, if the Federal Reserve continues to focus on bringing inflation down through monetary tightening, then we fear that liquidation risk comes to the fore. If interest rates remain where they are, let alone go higher, and quantitative tightening continues (proving the recent central bank balance sheet expansion to be as temporary as originally claimed), then the painful chokehold of the interest rate squeeze will continue. In this environment, the portfolio is protected by its low equity weight (both gross and net) and potent protections against likely distress in credit markets.

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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

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Year to date	-4.0	-4.5	-3.7	I CHF	Capitalisation	ı		1.5589
				I USD	Capitalisation	า		1.9029
1 year	-3.1	-4.8	-2.4	I GBP	Distribution			1.7653
3 years	21.8	18.1	23.3	I SEK	Capitalisation	ו		1.6783
5 years	29.8	22.8	35.7	I USD	Distribution			1.8528
10 years	58.5	44.2	66.4	I CAD	<u>'</u>			1.5314
				I SGD I GBP	Capitalisation Capitalisation			1.5332
12 month performance to Ma	arch %			2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
RTRI I cap £				-1.6	3.8	22.8	8.9	-1.1
RTRI I cap €				-2.9	2.5	22.1	8.1	-2.8
RTRI I cap \$				-0.1	5.4	23.4	9.1	-0.5
FTSE All-Share TR £				6.4	-18.5	26.7	13.0	2.9
Bloomberg Global-Aggregat	e TR £			7.2	9.5	-5.9	-1.9	-2.1
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Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International, Bloomberg, Hedge Fund Research Inc. The comparator benchmarks shown in this document is as stated in the fund's prospectus.

Ruffer Total Return International as at 30 Apr 2023

Asset allocation



Asset allocation	

Short-dated bonds	27.5
• Cash	12.1
 Non-UK index-linked 	9.6
 Index-linked gilts 	8.6
 Long-dated index-linked gilts 	7.4
 Gold exposure and gold equities 	7.3
 Illiquid strategies and options 	2.3
Commodity exposure	8.8
UK/Europe equities	8.1
North America equities	4.0
 Asia ex-Japan equities 	2.0
Japan equities	1.7
Other equities	0.5

10 largest equity holdings*

Stock	% of fund
iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF	1.0
Bayer AG	0.8
Ryanair	0.7
Shell	0.6
Alibaba Group Holding	0.6
Ambev SA	0.5
Ноуа	0.5
Glencore	0.5
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co	0.5
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited	0.4

5 largest bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 2.5% 2024	6.3
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2024	6.0
Australian govt bonds 2.75% 2024	5.5
UK Treasury 0.125% 2024	5.0
US Treasury FRN 31 Oct 2024	4.2

*Excludes holdings in Ruffer funds

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

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Fund size £5,762.7m €6,560.8m

Fund information

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Maximum annual management fee (I class)				e (I class)	1.0
Annual ma	nagem	ent fee			0.9
Maximum	subscrip	otion fee	Э		5.0
Minimum i (or equival			rency)		£25m
Record dat	te		Thir	d Monday	of November
Ex dividen	d dates	Nex	t NAV fo	ollowing th	e record date
Payment	Wi	thin five	busines	ss days afte	er ex dividend date
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Auditors				Ernst	& Young S.A.

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