# Ruffer Total Return International

# Positive returns with low volatility

During June the fund price rose by 3.8%. This compares with a rise of 2.8% in the FTSE All-Share Total Return index and a rise of 5.6% in the FTSE All-Stocks Index (both figures total returns in sterling).

The combination of the frequency of these monthly reviews and our long term investment horizon often means that there is little material change to report. In terms of market events the month of June was no such case; there was only one subject under discussion. Our intention was to go into the UK referendum vote as neutrally positioned as possible – we could not have an insight into the outcome of the referendum and with our principal objective being one of capital preservation we prefer not to make binary bets. Positive contributions from index-linked bonds, gold and a small amount in foreign currencies outweighed the losses in our (relatively low) equity positions. The US and European equities produced small positive returns in local currency terms. The objective of having a neutral stance was therefore achieved even without the fair wind of a weak base currency (we were largely hedged back into sterling believing that it would strengthen sharply in the event of a Remain vote). Had the vote gone the other way then it is probable that we would have broken even. In this context producing a healthy positive return over the month is a pleasing outcome.

Perhaps the more interesting question is how we react to recent events. We selectively added to some UK equity positions immediately after the vote, focussing on companies, which, in our view, had unjustifiably sold-off when their businesses are not materially affected by a possible Brexit. However, most of the Company's core positions remain intact for two reasons. Firstly, the political fallout from the result is far from clear. Secondly, the global economic risks, which were in evidence prior to the Brexit debate, remain in place. The world is awash with debt that could not be serviced at 'normal' interest rates, global economic growth is too low to have any hope of deleveraging, inflation looks like the most likely 'solution' but this will punish savers and finally confidence in highly valued assets could plummet quickly when there is a shock to markets. Brexit is significant, but these matters are arguably of greater importance in a globally invested portfolio.

Paradoxically, these big, visible uncertainties take us a step closer to the denouement we anticipate. The reaction function of central banks and governments to keep the show on the road remains intact with one subtle difference; central banks have openly stated that monetary policy is running out of road and requires the support of government induced fiscal stimulus. This is already in evidence with Osborne's kite-flying of a corporation tax cut, various housing-related policies, a lightening of the regulatory capital requirements placed on banks and the public debate on helicopter money overcoming its taboo status and hitting the mainstream. In the short term this may help steady the ship, but it sets a hare running that will be difficult to control.

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### Investment objective

The investment objective of Ruffer Total Return International ('the fund') is to achieve positive returns with low volatility 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). Pervading this objective is a fundamental philosophy of capital preservation.

# Performance since launch on 14 July 2011 – O class shares



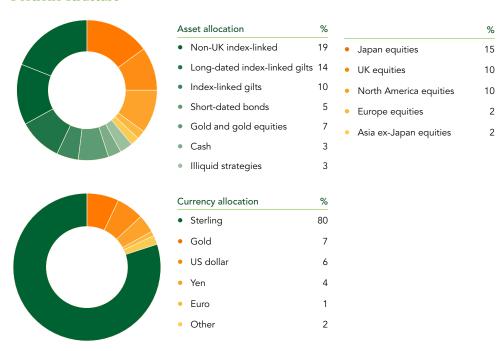
Performance %	June 2016	Year t	o date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
O GBP capitalisation shares	3.8		4.6	-0.5	11.8	na	na
Percentage growth (O GBP cap)		%	Share price as at 30 June 2016				
30 Jun 2015 – 30 Jun 2016		-0.5	O CHF capitalisation			118.38	
30 Jun 2014 – 30 Jun 2015		12.4	O EUR capitalisation			121.26	
30 Jun 2013 – 30 Jun 2014		0.0	O GBP capitalisation			124.77	
30 Jun 2012 – 30 Jun 2013		12.9	O USD capitalisation			122.92	
30 Jun 2011 – 30 Jun 2012		na					

Source: Ruffer LLP

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# Ruffer Total Return International as at 30 June 2016

#### Portfolio structure



5	largest	of 13	bond	holdings
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Stock	% of fund	Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	8.5	Sony	1.8
UK Treasury index-linked 0.375% 2062	5.1	BP	1.8
US TIPS 1.25% 2020	4.9	Mitsui Fudosan	1.7
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022	4.8	ORIX	1.6
US TIPS 0.75% 2042	4.4	Dai-ichi Life Insurance	1.6
Source: Ruffer LLP		* Excludes holdings in pooled funds	

5 largest of 57 equity holdings\*

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### Fund size £1,561.4m

#### **Fund information**

Ongoing (	Charges F				
	charges i	igure			1.51
Maximum	annual m	anagem	ent fee	(O class)	1.5
Maximum	subscript	ion fee			5.0
Minimum (or equiva			SEK or	USD)	£1,000
O share classes (equiva			Capitalisation only ralent to accumulation)		
Dealing		0	n the fo	ollowing b	usiness day, usiness day) each month
Cut-off		luation	day (so	typically 7	e on the day Tuesday and f the month)
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Investmen	it manage	er			Ruffer LLP
Custodian	ı		Pict	et & Cie (E	Europe) S.A.
Auditors				Ernst &	Young S.A.

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