

TM Ruffer Portfolio

Positive returns with low volatility

During December the fund was up 1.2% compared to the return on the UK Bank Rate of 0.3%.

A new year, a new beginning. Many investors may find themselves limping into 2023 with a growing sense of crisis fatigue from the last few years. Contrastingly, we find ourselves rather energised as events are broadly sweeping in the direction we have spent years preparing for.

At the moment, a benign market outcome in 2023 depends on an almost impossible trinity: a short and shallow recession, a rapid decline in inflation and an aggressive Fed pivot. Not impossible, but would you bet on it? Why would inflationary pressures, so broad-based as we enter 2023, suddenly dissipate? And even if they do, won't that be because a recession has driven unemployment up? How quickly can a Fed, so concerned about letting the inflation genie out of the bottle, realistically reverse course? If the real economy is deteriorating fast enough that inflation will drop like a stone, then why wouldn't investors also price in significant downside to corporate earnings? We don't have reasonable answers to these questions, but we do have a plan.

In the near term, we are somewhat positioned for a disinflationary lurch on the inflationary journey, bond yields coming down and a bumpy recessionary landing. We are waiting for the opportune moment to pivot towards a portfolio positioned for higher nominal growth alongside inflation and financial repression – but it's not yet. So there is a degree of what appears to be cognitive dissonance in our portfolio construction, because the portfolio we believe you want for the coming six to nine months is almost entirely different from the strategic portfolio you might want to navigate the coming decade. The risk is we are trying too hard; the danger is, by not trying to navigate through choppy markets, investors could get hurt.

We go into the year prepared for an uncomfortable ride. The first half of the year could instead be about an unusually durable US economy, sticky inflation, and a higher peak in interest rates. Alternatively, the market may be saved from further hawkishness but only because the recession happens earlier, and at greater speed. Neither has a happy ending for investors.

The setup points to significant volatility as market participants grapple with narrative swings and shifting financial conditions. We recognise we will need to trade actively to preserve capital in these choppy waters and are ready to change our views as circumstances change. For now, equities remain at their lowest level in our history – 12% gross and around zero net of option protection – though in December we added a 3% position to oil futures via an ETC and have rebuilt gold exposure towards 5%.

These periods are processes, not events. Asset markets are down, investors are impatient to buy the dip and return to money-making. These things take time: there were six months between Northern Rock and Bear Stearns and a further six months before Lehman Brothers. Patience and preparation are our watchwords and, in the meantime, for the first time in 14 years, you are starting to be paid a decent return to wait.

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.



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Investment objective

To achieve positive returns over a 12 month rolling 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 one or a number of twelve-month rolling periods.

Performance since launch



C accumulation shares	Performance %	Share price as at 31 December 2022	p
December 2022	1.2	C accumulation	106.03
Year to date	7.5	C income	104.87
1 year	7.5	Source: Ruffer LLP	

12 month performance to December %	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
TM Ruffer Portfolio	--	--	--	--	7.5
UK Bank Rate	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.1	1.5

Source: Ruffer LLP, Bloomberg. The comparator benchmark shown in this document is as stated in the fund's prospectus. The views expressed in this report are not intended as an offer or solicitation for the purchase or sale of any investment or financial instrument. The views reflect the views of Ruffer LLP at the date of this document and, whilst the opinions stated are honestly held, they are not guarantees and should not be relied upon and may be subject to change without notice. The information contained in this document does not constitute investment advice and should not be used as the basis of any investment decision. References to specific securities are included for the purposes of illustration only and should not be construed as a recommendation to buy or sell these securities. Ruffer LLP has not considered the suitability of this fund against any specific investor's needs and/or risk tolerance. If you are in any doubt, please speak to your financial adviser. The fund data displayed is designed only to provide summary information and the report does not explain the risks involved in investing in the fund. Any decision to invest must be based solely on the information contained in the Prospectus, Key Information Document and the latest report and accounts.

TM Ruffer Portfolio as at 31 Dec 2022

Asset allocation



Currency allocation



Asset allocation %

Short-dated bonds	20.3
Credit and derivative strategies	18.6
Index-linked gilts	11.7
Cash	10.8
Non-UK index-linked	10.1
Long-dated index-linked gilts	5.8
Gold exposure and gold equities	4.3
Global funds	0.3

North America equities	4.7
Oil exposure	3.7
UK equities	3.6
Europe equities	2.6
Japan equities	2.0
Asia ex-Japan equities	1.1
Other equities	0.5

Currency allocation %

Sterling	61.3
US dollar	15.7
Yen	10.9
Australian dollar	5.4
Euro	1.7
Other	5.0

10 largest equity holdings*

Stock	% of fund
Ambev SA	0.5
BP	0.4
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	0.4
Resona	0.3
Alibaba Group	0.3
Swire Pacific	0.3
Alibaba Group Holding	0.3
Cigna	0.2
CITIC Securities	0.2
Amazon	0.2

5 largest bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2024	5.9
UK Treasury index-linked 2.5% 2024	5.8
UK Treasury 0.75% 2023	3.9
UK Treasury 0.125% 2024	3.9
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2024	3.6

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

Fund size £2,751.3m

Fund information

	%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.23
Annual management charge	1.15
Maximum annual management charge	1.20
Yield	0
Minimum investment	£100,000
Ex dividend dates	30 Jun, 31 Dec
Pay dates	28 Feb, 31 Aug
Dealing frequency	Weekly, every Wednesday where this is a business day Plus the final business day of the month

Valuation point 12.00 each dealing day

	Accumulation	Income
ISIN	GB00BP4DCZ86	GB00BP4DJF75

SEDOL	BP4DCZ8	BP4DJF7
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Investment manager Ruffer LLP

Auditors Ernst & Young LLP

Authorised Corporate Director Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited

Depository Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited

Structure Non-UCITS Retail Scheme Investment Funds (OEIC)

Fund Managers

Luka Gakic

HEAD OF UK WEALTH

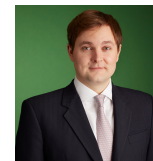
Joined Ruffer in 2011, after four years at Lehman Brothers, and Nomura, where he worked in equity financing and delta-one sales. Graduated from the University of Oxford in 2006 with a degree in philosophy, politics and economics and is a member of the CISI.



Alexander Chartres

INVESTMENT DIRECTOR

Joined Ruffer in 2010 after graduating from Newcastle University with a first class honours degree in history and politics. He is a member of the CISI and co-manages two of Ruffer's flagship funds.



Investment Specialist

Kate Forsyth

INVESTMENT MANAGER

Joined Ruffer in 2016, with a degree in Spanish and International Management from the University of Bath. She became a member of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment following completion of the CISI Masters in Wealth Management in 2019.



Ruffer LLP

Ruffer LLP manages investments on a discretionary basis for private clients, trusts, charities and pension funds. As at 30 November 2022, assets managed by the Ruffer Group exceeded £26.1bn.

The fund's prospectus and key information documents are provided in English and available on request. Please note that TM Ruffer Portfolio is a UK non-UCITS retail scheme (NURS). The TM Ruffer Portfolio is not registered for distribution in any country other than the UK. In line with the Prospectus, it is possible that at any one time the TM Ruffer Portfolio may invest more than 35% of its assets in transferable securities issued by or on behalf of or guaranteed by a single named issuer which may be one of the following: the Government of the United Kingdom (including the Scottish Administration, the Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly, the National Assembly of Wales), the Governments of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, LCR Finance plc, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United States (including Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC), Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), Private Export Funding Corporation (PEFCO)) or by one of the following international organisations: African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Council of Europe Development Bank, Deutsche Ausgleichsbank (DTA), Eurofima, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), European Investment Bank (EIB), Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Finance Corporation (IFC), the World Bank, Japan Development Bank, European Federal Home Loans, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) and the Nordic Investment Bank (NIB).

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