

# LF Ruffer Diversified Return Fund

Positive absolute returns with low volatility

During June, the fund price fell from 106.70p to 101.75p. This compared with a return on the UK Bank Rate of 0.1%.

June began calmly, as markets (like us) mooted the idea that the worst of the inflation and interest rate damage might be past. The CPI inflation release on June 10 put paid to any such thinking, catalysing a sharp selloff in both bond and equity markets as global central banks accelerated their interest rate hikes. On a global basis nothing escaped the selloff: no major asset class delivered a positive return in the month, with the exception of Chinese equities. The last time this happened was in March 2020 in the depths of the covid crisis.

June's inflation release closed the window for a potential equity market rally by shifting the moment of peak inflation later into the year. We have high conviction that the triple tightening being executed by the Federal Reserve is likely to prove exceptionally damaging to financial markets over the next few months, meaning there will not be time for the peak inflation thesis to prove itself before markets or the economy crack under the tightening pressure.

We reflect this with the lowest weight to equities (25%) for the Ruffer strategy since March 2003. This is accompanied by a full suite of derivative protections. There are times in the market cycle that just need to be got through and we have to accept some volatility in the returns. Our preoccupation remains in avoiding a permanent and significant loss of capital.

Looking at June in isolation this extreme defensiveness was not enough. The only large positive contribution (+1%) came from the credit protections (these express a bearish view on corporate bonds) and the protective options (these express a bearish view on equity markets and interest rates), showing once again the importance of unconventional assets. Equities detracted around 2.5% from performance, with the allocation to Alibaba the only bright spot. Gold exposure and inflation-linked bonds accounted for most of the remaining negative performance.

In an episode of surprising and persistently high inflation, no allocation to risk escapes repricing. This has become clear to public market investors this year and will become clear to private market investors when their asset managers deign to reprice their private assets accurately (our bet: 2025). An allocation to cash is an underrated decision in such an environment because it offers the certainty of a slow loss. We have talked previously about putting the portfolio into a 'crouched' position - we are now unequivocally flat on the ground as bullets whizz overhead.

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.

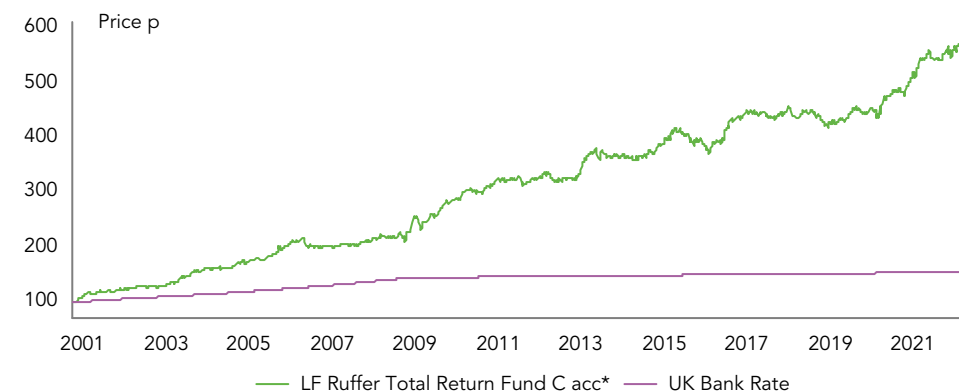


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## Investment objective

To seek to achieve positive returns in all market conditions over any 12 month 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 12 month periods.

## Performance based on LF Ruffer Total Return Fund\* since launch on 29 Sep 2000



\*All figures refer to simulated past performance based on the actual performance of the LF Ruffer Total Return Fund and include reinvested income.

C accumulation shares*	Performance %	Share price as at 30 June 2022	p
June 2022	-4.8	<b>C accumulation</b>	<b>101.75</b>
Year to date	-1.0	<b>C income</b>	<b>101.70</b>
1 year	0.5		
3 years	24.6		
5 years	24.0		
10 years	69.4		

12 month performance to June %	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
LF Ruffer Total Return Fund C acc*	1.1	-1.5	9.0	13.8	0.5
UK Bank Rate	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.4

Source: Ruffer LLP. Current UK regulations require that any information provided on past performance must be based on, and show complete 12 month periods, starting after the first complete calendar quarter. Therefore the performance charts and other relevant performance data will be provided after 30 September 2022. As such, the performance chart is that of the existing fund, LF Ruffer Total Return Fund, whereas the share price laid out above is of LF Ruffer Diversified Return Fund. Ruffer performance is shown in GBP after deduction of all fees and management charges, and on the basis of income being reinvested. Calendar quarter data has been used up to the latest quarter end and monthly data thereafter.

# LF Ruffer Diversified Return Fund as at 30 Jun 2022

## Asset allocation



## Asset allocation %

• Cash	18.0
• Index-linked gilts	14.9
• Short-dated bonds	14.3
• Non-UK index-linked	8.5
• Gold exposure and gold equities	8.0
• Long-dated index-linked gilts	7.4
• Protection strategies and options	3.2
• UK equities	8.2
• North America equities	7.8
• Japan equities	6.1
• Europe equities	3.2
• Asia ex-Japan equities	0.4

## Currency allocation



## Currency allocation %

• Sterling	71.7
• Yen	7.6
• US dollar	6.0
• Australian dollar	5.8
• Euro	3.3
• Other	5.6

## 10 largest equity holdings

Stock	% of fund
BP	2.2
Cigna	1.3
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	1.0
GlaxoSmithKline	0.8
Berkshire Hathaway	0.7
ORIX	0.7
Fujitsu	0.7
Shell	0.7
Chesapeake Energy	0.7
Agnico Eagle Mines	0.6

## 5 largest bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 1.875% 2022	6.5
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2024	5.3
US Treasury FRN 2023	4.0
UK Treasury 0.125% 2023	3.8
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2023	3.8

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

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Fund size **£1,057.7m**

## Fund information

		%
Ongoing Charges Figure (capped)		1.13
Annual management charge		1.1
Yield (historic)		NA
Minimum investment		£1,000
Ex dividend dates		15 Mar, 15 Sep
Pay dates		15 May, 15 Nov
Dealing frequency		Daily
Valuation point		12:00
ISIN	Accumulation GB00BMWLQT53	Income GB00BMWLQS47
SEDOL	BMWLQT5	BMWLQS4
Investment manager	Ruffer LLP	
Auditors	Ernst & Young LLP	
Authorised Corporate Director	Link Fund Solutions	
Depository	The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited	
Structure	Sub-fund of LF Ruffer Managed Funds (OEIC) UK domiciled UCITS Eligible for ISAs	

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