

LF Ruffer Equity & General Fund

An actively-managed fund emphasising absolute growth with diversity of risk



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During the quarter, the fund's O accumulation shares increased by 6.3%. This compares with an increase of 5.6% in the FTSE All-Share Total Return Index. Our investment process has remained consistent since 2007, but the content of our portfolio has varied significantly, depending on what we judged to be the most asymmetric investment opportunities. We invest in out of favour sectors and special situations. After many years of strong markets, few sectors are currently out of favour enough to be characterised by significant asymmetry and, as a result, we find value mostly in special situations and CEOs who think and act like owners. Here is a brief recap of some of our largest holdings.

Science Group (SAG) is a research and development consultancy which has significant property value, net cash and has been an astute acquirer of businesses and of its own shares. We back its chairman (and main shareholder) Martyn Ratcliffe, an entrepreneur with a unique combination of operational acumen and focus on capital allocation. The most recent acquisition of Frontier in 2019 has proved to be outstanding, SAG remains strongly cash generative and is becoming a larger, more diversified business. Last year, during the tough times of covid, Science Group demonstrated solid operational performance and increased its profitability. Mr Ratcliffe has consistently produced enormous value for the shareholders of the companies he has led. We expect SAG to become a much larger business over time.

Titan Cement produces more than 60% of its earnings from the US, where its fundamentals are strong. Importantly, under the new, business-friendly leadership in Greece, the potential resurgence of the Greek economy offers significant optionality for Titan, as the fiscal stimulus gradually kicks in. Based on recent transactions, its American assets alone are probably worth more than Titan's current enterprise value.

Autohellas and Aegean Airlines mainly relate to tourism in Greece. We first met the Vassilakis family who run the dominant car rental and airline franchises in 2006. We bought shares in Autohellas for the fund in 2009, we added in 2011/2012 and last year also together with an allocation to Aegean. Mr Vassilakis has never let a good crisis go to waste!

Coty had been managed badly, focusing on cost cutting for years. After many changes, it now has a promising new CEO, Sue Nabi, a former L'Oréal executive, who deeply understands the beauty industry. She focuses on the 'product', aiming to drive innovation and enhance revenues. Ms Nabi is a good complement to Dr Harf, Coty's Chairman, main shareholder, and a key pillar to our investment.

Sercos, LSL, Ashmore and Balfour Beatty are very different businesses, but they have two things in common. They are listed in the UK, one of the most undervalued markets globally, and they are run by strong, owner-like management. We back R Soames, S Embley/D Stewart, M Coombs and L Quinn to make us money over time.

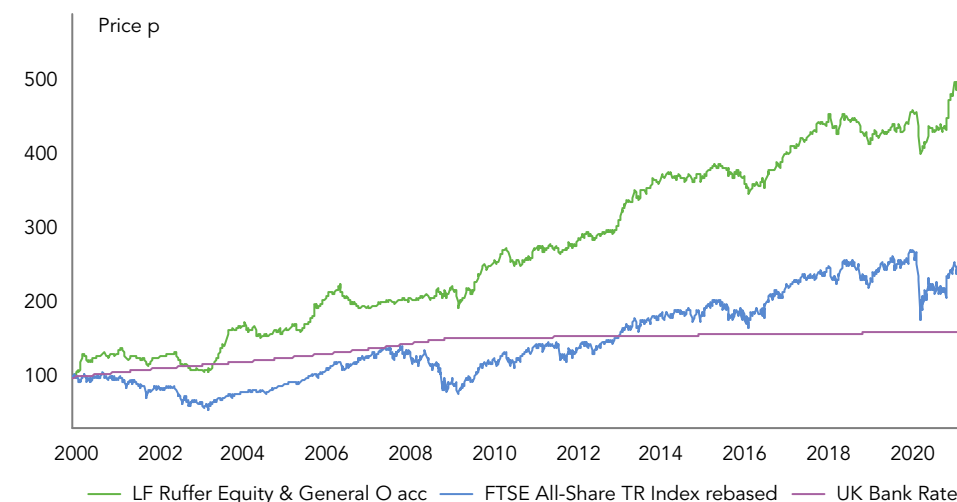
The current macro environment is characterised by very high unpredictability. We expect higher volatility in the next few years and are putting even greater emphasis on the 'jockey': we believe strong CEOs who have significant stakes in their firms will keep building long term value, particularly through the more turbulent times.

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.

Investment objective

The fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in a diversified global portfolio of predominantly equities. The fund is actively managed, and is not constrained by any requirement to track indices or conform to investment fashion.

Performance since launch on 1 December 1999



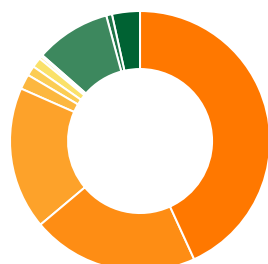
O accumulation shares	Performance %	Share price as at 30 June 2021	p
Q2	6.3	O accumulation	555.29
Year to date	15.5	O income	514.11
1 year	27.0	C accumulation	570.28
3 years	23.3	C income	521.55
5 years	55.0		
10 years	101.6		

12 month performance to June %	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
LF Ruffer Equity & General O acc	17.4	7.1	-3.4	0.6	27.0
FTSE All-Share TR Index rebased	18.1	9.0	0.6	-13.0	21.5
UK Bank Rate	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.1

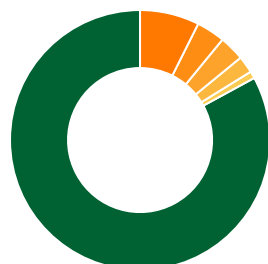
Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International (FTSE) †

LF Ruffer Equity & General Fund as at 30 Jun 2021

Portfolio structure



Asset allocation	%		%
● Gold and gold equities	3.5	● UK equities	43.1
● Options and protection	0.6	● Europe equities	20.8
● Cash	9.3	● North America	17.7
		● Japan equities	1.9
		● Japan index-linked	1.2
		● Australasia	1.1
		● Other equities	0.4
		● Asia ex-Japan equities	0.3



Currency allocation	%
● Sterling	83.0
● US dollar	7.4
● Gold	3.5
● Yen	3.2
● Euro	2.0
● Other	0.9

10 largest of 106 equity holdings

Stock	% of fund	Stock	% of fund
Science Group	8.9	LSL Property Services	2.0
Titan Cement	5.8	Coty	2.0
Attraqt	2.2	Ashmore	2.0
ExxonMobil	2.1	Serco Group	1.9
iShares Physical Gold	2.1	Vivendi	1.7

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

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Fund size **£180.1m**

Fund information

%	O class	C class
Ongoing Charges Figure*	1.58	1.28
Annual management charge	1.50	1.20
Maximum initial charge	5.0	5.0
Yield	0.00	0.15
Minimum investment	£1,000	
Ex dividend dates	15 Mar, 15 Sep	
Pay dates	15 May, 15 Nov	
Dealing	Weekly forward, every Wednesday where this is a business day Plus the last business day of the month	
Cut off	10am on Wednesday (where it is a business day) and the last business day of the month	
ISIN	O class GB0009346718 (acc) GB0009340802 (inc)	C class GB00B7VZQV57 (acc) GB00B6Y8PL75 (inc)
SEDOL	0934671 (acc) 0934080 (inc)	B7VZQV5 (acc) B6Y8PL7 (inc)
Investment adviser	Ruffer LLP	
ACD	Link Fund Solutions Limited	
Depository	The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited	
Auditors	Ernst & Young LLP	
Structure	Sub-fund of LF Ruffer Investment Funds (OEIC) UK domiciled UCITS Eligible for ISAs	

*Refers to accumulation shares

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