

# Ruffer Total Return International – Australia Fund

## Positive returns with low volatility

During November the fund was up 1.7%.

Following three consecutive negative quarters across almost all asset classes, the final quarter of 2022 is at last delivering some seasonal cheer for investors. November saw strong gains in both equities and bonds, though obviously not digital assets thanks to the collapse of FTX. This late burst of optimism is founded on the hope that inflation is finally peaking, though by now it clearly no longer warrants either the ‘transitory’ or ‘temporary’ labels. Evidence supporting the long-awaited peak in inflation arrived mid-month with US CPI below expectations and crucially lower than previous year on year readings. This sparked a sharp rally in both equities and bonds, as did US Federal Reserve Chair Powell’s unexpectedly dovish speech on the very last day of the month. Investors may want to consider, however, whether such short-term volatility (one day gains for US equities of 5% and 3%) really constitutes a sound base for a sustained rally.

We have no argument with the idea that inflation (at least in the US) may have peaked and could fall quite sharply in coming months. Where we disagree with both central bank forecasts and market expectations is in their faith that inflation will return to target anytime soon. We think wage rises will make inflation stickier than predicted and see evidence for this in the strength of both US and UK private sector wage inflation, plus the depressing sight of increasing numbers of strikes here in the UK. This, plus concerns that markets currently underestimate the impact on corporate profits of a likely recession next year, has made us nervous of adding to equities. Instead, we added risk into portfolios through long-duration inflation linked bonds, principally in the US. These holdings performed strongly in the recent market rally.

Ruffer aims to deliver ‘all weather’ returns whatever happens in financial markets, and we do this by holding a combination of fear (protection) and greed (growth) assets. Over the last 20 years this approach has delivered a positive correlation to stock markets when they are healthy, so we aim to harvest a proportion of equity gains in the good times. However, we have been negatively correlated to equities when times are more difficult, protecting investors in each of the major stock market crises of the last quarter century. This year has been no exception. Ruffer portfolios were negatively correlated to both equities and bonds as they fell sharply earlier in the year. Adjustments to the portfolio meant it was positively correlated to equities in November, as markets staged a recovery. Such ‘perfect’ shifts in correlation cannot be expected every month, but it is reassuring to see both sides of our investment approach in good working order.

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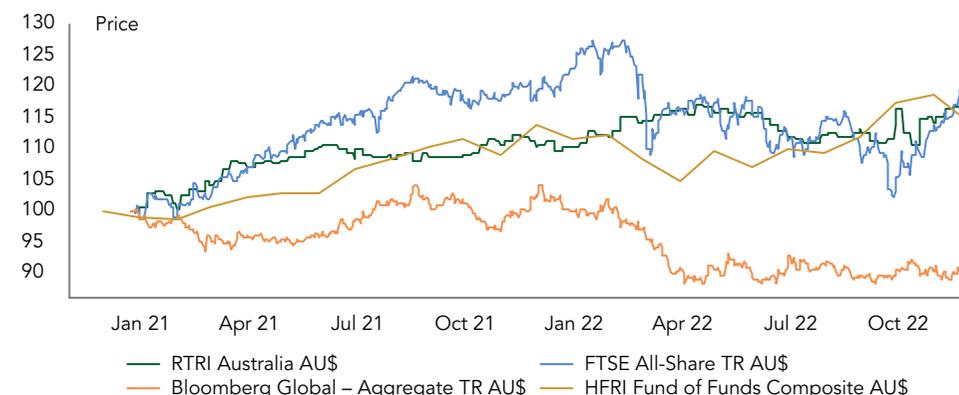
## Investment objective

The investment objective of 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. Returns are not guaranteed.

## Target Market Summary

This product is likely to be appropriate for a consumer seeking capital growth and capital preservation to be used as a core or satellite component within a portfolio where the consumer has a minimum five year investment timeframe, medium to high risk/ return profile and needs weekly access to capital.

## Performance since sub-fund launch on 24 December 2020



RTRI Australia capitalisation shares	Performance %	As at 30 November 2022	AUD
November 2022	1.7	Unit price	1.16
Year to date	5.4	Source: Ruffer LLP, RTRI – Australia Fund.	
1 year	5.4	<b>Past performance is not an Indicator of future performance.</b>	
Since inception to Oct 22	16.3		

12 month performance to September %	2022
RTRI Australia AU\$	6.8
FTSE All-Share TR AU\$	-10.7
Bloomberg Global – Aggregate TR AU\$	-10.6
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite AU\$	5.2

Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International, Bloomberg, HFRI. Ruffer performance is shown in AUD 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.

## Ruffer Total Return International – Australia Fund as at 30 Nov 2022

### Asset allocation – underlying fund (RTRI)



Asset allocation	%
Short-dated bonds	23.4
Index-linked gilts	16.2
Cash	13.6
Non-UK index-linked	11.1
Long-dated index-linked gilts	6.8
Long-dated bonds	6.5
Protection strategies	4.6
Gold exposure and gold equities	4.1
UK equities	5.5
North America equities	3.3
Europe equities	2.8
Japan equities	1.5
Other equities	0.6

### 10 largest equity holdings\*

Stock	% of fund
BP	2.1
Ryanair	0.7
Glencore	0.6
Ambev SA	0.6
ArcelorMittal	0.5
Hoya	0.5
Yara International	0.5
Unilever	0.4
NEC	0.4
Synchrony Financial	0.4

### 5 largest bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 2.5% 2024	8.0
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2024	6.9
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2023	6.4
US Treasury 0.125% TIPS 2052	5.1
US government 0.125% 2051	4.1

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

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Fund size **AUD\$191.3m**

### Fund information

Asset class	Multi-Asset	
Fund inception date	24 December 2020	
Fund base currency	AUD	
Fund structure	Managed Investment Scheme	
Fund regulator	The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)	
Distribution	Annual, although not expected. The year end is 30 June	
APIR PIM1038AU	ISIN AU60PIM10382	ARSN 643 278 693
Bloomberg	PIM1038 AU	
Buy/sell spread	0%	
Minimum initial investment	AUD\$20,000	
Management costs	1.07% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund comprising: Fund level fees and costs of 0.9% Indirect costs of 0.17%	
Dealing Day	Weekly, typically a Thursday*	
Subscription and redemption cut-off	Weekly, typically 2pm Friday*	
Subscription and redemption settlement dates	T+5, typically a Thursday*	
Investment Manager	Ruffer LLP	
Responsible Entity	The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited	
Custodian and Administrator	Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd	
Auditors	Ernst & Young	

\*The Fund's Dealing Day, subscription and redemption cut-off will be impacted by public holidays in Luxembourg, the UK and/or Australia. Impacted dates are available from [ruffer.co.uk/rtri-au](http://ruffer.co.uk/rtri-au)



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