

Ruffer Total Return International

Positive returns with low volatility



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During May, the fund price fell by 0.9%. This compared with a decline of 3.0% in the FTSE All-Share Index and rise of 2.7% in the FTSE Government All Stocks Index (all figures total returns in sterling).

After four months of a strong recovery, May fulfilled its seasonal tradition as equity markets declined across the globe. There were no shortage of reasons for investors to take fright: escalating trade tensions with China, presidential tweets on Iran and Mexico, potential anti-trust probes into tech stocks and a resolutely backward sloping yield curve that may or may not foretell a recession to name just a few. So the main global markets fell about 6% with emerging markets faring somewhat worse.

Meanwhile in the UK, if anything, sentiment declined even further in May. European elections, unplanned and unwanted, saw support for the main political parties eviscerated as voters plumped for either the Brexit Party or those supporting a second referendum in almost equal numbers. Thereby merely confirming that the country remains entirely divided on the issue. Prime Minister May's resignation hardly helped, with sterling falling as her potential successors compete to see who can shout loudest for a hard exit. Meanwhile, the spectre of a general election has loomed back into view, bringing with it fears of a Corbyn government.

Unsurprisingly, it was 'fear' assets that fared best in the month. Falling bond yields boosted our index-linked bonds, with positive contributions also coming from our credit protection and gold. Among our equities, trimmed back to about 37% earlier in the month, oil and industrials were hit hardest, giving back some of the previous quarter's gains.

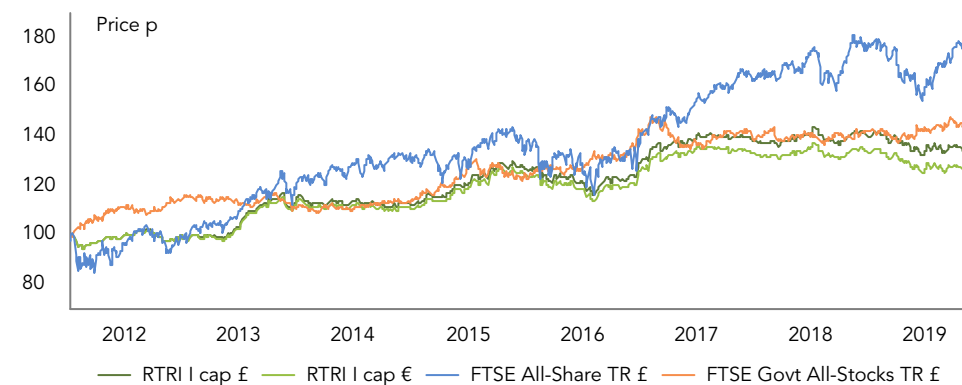
Our concern remains that the problems go rather deeper than just domestic politics and presidential tweets. 'Free money' (near zero interest rates) and ever increasing debts have distorted markets. Like some 21st century fairy tale, the proportion of US IPOs for loss-making companies has now exceeded the record set in the tech bubble. When debt and money have no cost, capital misallocation always ensues, and if the punchbowl is not removed, inflation follows. Increasingly we see shades of 1999-2000 in stock markets, not just in 'Unicorn' IPOs but also in the matching record levels of abhorrence of value compared to profitless growth. Meanwhile global politics isn't changing – it has changed, we just haven't seen the results yet. Against all this our index-linked bonds, gold and credit protections stand guard. Are we too gloomy? Perhaps, and our equities are an insurance against this. But our role is to hold positions on the contrary side of manias – the assets that investors panic into when bubbles burst – and this increasingly looks and feels like a bubble to us.

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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 fund launch on 14 July 2011



Performance %	May 2019	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years
I GBP capitalisation shares	-0.9	1.6	-5.2	9.2	18.6

Percentage growth (I GBP cap)	%	Share price as at 31 May 2019	p
31 Mar 2018 – 31 Mar 2019	-1.6	I EUR capitalisation	126.54
31 Mar 2017 – 31 Mar 2018	-1.4	I CHF capitalisation	121.96
31 Mar 2016 – 31 Mar 2017	13.7	I USD capitalisation	137.08
31 Mar 2015 – 31 Mar 2016	-2.8	I GBP distribution	131.60
31 Mar 2014 – 31 Mar 2015	12.2	I SEK capitalisation	128.00
		I USD distribution	134.95
		I CAD capitalisation	111.80
		I SGD capitalisation	111.58

Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International (FTSE) †

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Ruffer Total Return International as at 31 May 2019

Asset allocation



Currency allocation



Asset allocation %

● Long-dated index-linked gilts	15.2
● Non-UK index-linked	14.9
● Illiquid strategies and options	8.5
● Short-dated bonds	8.4
● Cash	7.6
● Gold and gold equities	7.0
● Index-linked gilts	1.6

● North America equities	12.2
● Japan equities	10.3
● UK equities	8.2
● Europe equities	3.8
● Asia ex-Japan equities	2.2

Currency allocation %

● Sterling	71.4
● Yen	10.7
● Gold	6.8
● US dollar	5.6
● Euro	3.3
● Other	2.1

10 largest of 48 equity holdings*

Stock	% of fund
Walt Disney Company	3.4
Celgene Corporation	1.8
Tesco	1.6
Cigna Corporation	1.4
ArcelorMittal	1.3
Whitbread	1.3
ORIX	1.2
Vivendi	1.2
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	1.2
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	1.2

5 largest of 16 bond holdings

Stock	% of fund
UK Treasury index-linked 0.125% 2068	8.9
UK Treasury index-linked 0.375% 2062	6.4
US Treasury 0.125% TIPS 2021	3.8
US Treasury 0.625% TIPS 2021	3.5
US Treasury 0.125% TIPS 2022	2.5

*Excludes holdings in pooled funds

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

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Fund size **£1,940m**

Fund information

Ongoing Charges Figure	0.93
Maximum annual management fee (I class)	1.0
Maximum subscription fee	5.0
Minimum investment (or equivalent in other currency)	£30m
Record date	Third Monday of November
Ex dividend dates	Next NAV following the record date
Payment	Within five business days after ex dividend date
Dealing	Weekly, every Wednesday (if not a business day, on the following business day) Plus on the first business day of each month
Cut off	4pm Luxembourg time on the day before valuation day (so typically Tuesday and the penultimate business day of the month)
ISIN and SEDOL	EUR I cap LU0638558394 B4LVH08 CHF I cap LU0638558477 B4QLM86 USD I cap LU0638558550 B4L04N7 GBP I dis LU0779209195 B8BHYH0 SEK I cap LU0923103534 B94R6P6 USD I dis LU0955560437 BCDYZK7 CAD I cap LU1296766634 BYSW6J6 SGD I cap LU1400661093 BD2YGL3 AUD I cap LU1534125882 BDRKVG6
Structure	Sub-fund of Ruffer SICAV, a Luxembourg domiciled UCITS SICAV
Management company, administrative agent, registrar and transfer agent, paying and domiciliary agent	FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A.
Investment manager	Ruffer LLP
Depository bank	Pictet & Cie (Europe) S.A.
Auditors	Ernst & Young S.A.

The base currency of the fund is GBP. Share classes denominated in other currencies are hedged to reduce the impact on your investment of movements in the exchange rate between the base currency of the fund (GBP) and the currency of the share class.

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