Charity Assets Trust

SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH ON 8 MARCH 2012



Positive corporate earnings, easing geopolitical tensions, and better inflation data in the US helped equities and bonds rise in May. Investors pivoted from fears of a reacceleration (which drove April's sell-off) back to hopes of a benign disinflation, albeit at a slower pace than was expected at the start of the year. The Federal Reserve all but ruled out interest rate hikes at their May meeting, pushing equity indices back to all-time highs. However, the latter half of May was less friendly to asset prices as we saw yields rising, some sector weakness in equity markets and volatility moving off its lows.

The fund protected investors in April as markets fell and it continued to deliver positive performance in May. Precious metals exposure (to which we added, and then took profits within the month) delivered a strong contribution as silver and platinum rallied 16% and 11% respectively. Chinese stocks were mixed but individual holdings such as Alibaba delivered gains alongside tech (where we have some exposure via TSMC and Amazon). In fixed income, we rotated part of our UK inflation-linked bond exposure into US 10 year inflation-linked treasuries (TIPS), which proved helpful as yields have remained higher in the UK following a hotter inflation print.

Our derivative positions detracted from performance – namely the credit protections, as corporate spreads tightened. After four consecutive positive months, oil fell 7% in May, as geopolitical tensions eased. This hurt the fund's energy equities. The portfolio's yen and US dollar exposure also dragged on performance, as sterling strengthened following the announcement of a general election that could deliver some political certainty, amidst signs of a more robust UK economy.

Acknowledging that equity markets had weathered the April showers and the passing of several risk events (inflation and labour market data, Bank of Japan intervention, liquidity contractions), we have slightly increased the gross risk of the portfolio. We added about 5% to our equity exposure, took the position in 10 year TIPS to over 11% and made further additions to precious metals. To maintain portfolio balance, we also added to the protective assets in the portfolio. Given spreads remain near record lows, despite signs of weakening economic fundamentals in the US, we increased our credit protection. We also took on more yen exposure, viewing it as a two-way asset that can work in a benign environment of falling US yields, or as powerful protection in a risk-off event.

Whilst some position sizes in the portfolio are now higher, we remain cautious overall. We maintain conviction that the path for a soft landing is narrow, as we head towards a summer of uncertainty driven by elections, central bank policy decisions, liquidity risks, and a softening US economy. However, attractive risk-reward can be found in growth assets across certain geographies and sectors, whilst the cost of protection remains at multi-decade lows. This all helps in building a balanced portfolio of offsetting and asymmetric assets.



C CLASS MAY 2024

Performance C acc ^c	%		GBP
May			-0.1
Year to date			-0.3
1 year			-1.0
3 years pa			-0.2
5 years pa			5.5
10 years pa			4.3
Since inception pa			4.4
Share price, p			
C GBP acc			168.42
C GBP inc			134.18
Dividend yield			2.78
		Net	Gross
Duration (years)		2.9	3.0
Equity exposure %		20.2	22.4
C acc GBP	Volatility %	Sharpe	Sortino
3 years	5.7	-0.5	-0.6
5 years	6.7	0.6	0.9
10 years	6.0	0.5	0.9
Since inception	5.8	0.6	1.0

12 month performance to 31 March 2024

%	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CAT C acc	4.5	21.8	8.0	1.0	-7.3
FTSE All-Share TR £	-18.5	26.7	13.0	2.9	8.4
FTSE Gt All-Stocks TR £	9.9	-5.5	-5.1	-16.3	-0.0

One to twelve month performance figures are cumulative, all others are annualised. Source: Ruffer LLP, FTSE International. 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 will follow an 'absolute return' investment strategy. This means the Manager will not endeavour to track or 'outperform' a specific benchmark or stock market index, but instead seek to generate consistent positive returns regardless of the prevailing market conditions. The Manager expresses its absolute return approach through two principal investment objectives for the fund: 1) preservation of capital, which the Manager defines as not losing money on a rolling 12 month basis and 2) delivering consistent positive returns (through a combination of capital and income) greater than the return on cash (as defined by the Bank of England Bank Rate).

RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY

The fund has strict restrictions on investment in alcohol, armaments, gambling, pornography, predatory lending, tobacco, oil sands and thermal coal. It also follows a proactive voting and engagement approach with companies held within the fund. The fund is monitored against UN Global Compact principles, MSCI's ESG Metrics and the managers also monitor the fund's carbon metrics.

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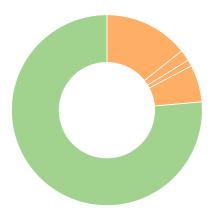
ASSET ALLOCATION

Asset allocation	%
Short-dated bonds	31.0
Credit and derivative strategies	12.9
Non-UK index-linked	11.7
Gold and precious metals exposure	9.5
Cash	7.0
Long-dated index-linked gilts	4.9
Financials equities	5.1
Consumer discretionary equities	4.0
Energy equities	3.2
Healthcare equities	2.7

7.4

0.6

CURRENCY ALLOCATION



5 LARGEST EQUITY HOLDINGS

Other equities

Commodity exposure

Stock	% of fund
BP	2.1
Prudential	1.2
Cigna	1.0
Amazon	1.0
Citigroup	1.0

The credit and derivatives strategies allocation is calculated using market value. In some cases, this allocation might be negative due to the nature of how the instruments, in particular credit default swaps, are priced. Largest equity holdings exclude Ruffer funds | Source: Ruffer LLP | Totals may not equal 100 due to rounding

RUFFER LLP

Ruffer LLP manages investments on a discretionary basis for private clients, trusts, charities and pension funds. As at 30 April 2024, assets managed by the Ruffer Group exceeded £22.1bn.

FUND SIZE £609.5M

Annual management charge %	1.0 + VAT
Maximum initial charge %	1.0
Minimum investment (or equivalent in other currer	£500 cy)
Ongoing Charges Figure	% 1.15
Cut offs	12.00pm on Wednesday (where this is a business day) and the last business day of the month
Dealing frequency	Weekly forward, every Wednesday where this is a business day, plus the last business day of the month
Ex dividend dates	15 Jan, 15 Apr, 15 Jul, 15 Oct
Pay dates	15 Mar, 15 Jun, 15 Sep, 15 Dec
Investment adviser	Ruffer AIFM Limited
Investment manager	Ruffer AIFM Limited
Administrator	Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited
Custodian	Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV
Trustee	BNY Mellon Fund & Depositary (UK) Ltd
Legal advisers	Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP
Auditors	Ernst & Young UK LLP
Structure	Common Investment Fund established under section 24 of The Charities Act 1993
Unit classes	Accumulation and income
Share class ISIN	SEDOL
C GBP acc GB00	3740TC99 B740TC9
C GBP inc GB00	B7F77M57 B7F77M5

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GLOSSARY

Volatility measures the extent to which returns vary over a given period. High volatility means returns have been more variable over time

Duration measures the sensitivity of a bond or fixed income portfolio's price to changes in interest rates. The higher the duration, the more sensitive the price or portfolio is to changes in interest rates

UK Bank Rate the rate the Bank of England charges banks and financial institutions for loans with a maturity of one day

Sharpe ratio measures the performance of an investment, adjusting for the amount of risk taken (compared to risk-free). The higher the ratio, the better the returns compared to the risk taken Sortino ratio measures the extra return an investment makes for each unit of bad risk (the chance of losing money below a certain target)

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