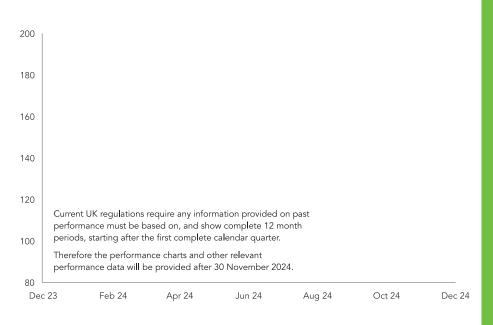
# Ruffer Diversified Return International

## SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH ON 13 JANUARY 2024



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.

Precious metals exposure (to which we added, and then took profits within the month) delivered a strong contribution in May, as silver and platinum rallied 16% and 11% respectively. Chinese stocks were mixed but individual holdings such as Prosus (through its exposure to Tencent) delivered gains alongside tech, where we have some exposure via TSMC. 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.

## MARKETING COMMUNICATION



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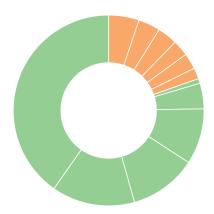
	1.0247
	1.0243
	1.0279
Net	Gross
2.6	2.8
20.5	22.2
	2.6

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To achieve positive returns in all market conditions over any 12 month period from an actively managed diversified 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 there can be no assurance the investment objective will be achieved.

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## ASSET ALLOCATION



Asset allocation	%
Short-dated bonds	40.3
Cash	14.1
Non-UK index-linked	11.4
Gold and precious metals exposure	9.5
Long-dated index-linked gilts	4.3
Index-linked gilts	0.8
Credit and derivative strategies	-3.3
Financials equities	5.2
Energy equities	3.7
Technology equities	3.4
Healthcare equities	2.7
Other equities	7.2
Commodity exposure	0.6

Sterling	70.1
Yen	14.3
US dollar	5.4
Euro	3.2
Other	7.0
Geographical equity allocation	%
UK equities	8.8
Europe equities	7.8
North America equities	4.5
Asia ex-Japan equities	1.1

## **5 LARGEST EQUITY HOLDINGS**

Stock	ESG rating	% of fund
Prosus	AA	2.8
BP	A	2.0
Cigna	AA	1.3
Prudential	AA	1.2
Smurfit Kappa	AA	1.1

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: MSCI ESG Research, Ruffer LLP | Totals may not equal 100 due to rounding

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## FUND SIZE £102.5M

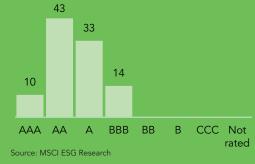
#### FUND INFORMATION

Maximum subscrip	tion fee %		5.0
Minimum investment (or equivalent in other currency)		£10r	
Ongoing Charges	Figure %		1.26
Cut offs		3pm Luxembourg time or valuation day	
Dealing frequency			Daily
Ex dividend dates		Ne	ext NAV following the record date
Pay dates			hin five business days after ex dividend date
Record date		Third Monday of November	
Investment manag	er		Ruffer LLP
Depositary bank		Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe A.G	
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Auditors			Ernst & Young S.A.
Structure			-fund of Ruffer SICAV, uxembourg domiciled UCITS SICAV
SFDR classification			Article 8
Share class	ISIN		SEDOL
C EUR cap	LU2699373	8192	BRBR0D1
C GBP cap	LU2699370	)172	BRBROCO
C GBP dis	LU2699372	2624	BRBR0H5

## **ESG INFORMATION**

## WEIGHTED AVERAGE CARBON INTENSITY

Tons of carbon dioxideequivalent (tCO2e) per fm of revenue. Includes Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions only. Source: Ruffer LLP, MSCI ESG Research



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#### Fiona Ker Fund manager

Joined Ruffer in 2017 from Ernst & Young. She manages portfolios for institutions with a focus on international clients and is a member of the CISI and the Institute of Chartered Accountants for England & Wales.

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Equity and corporate fixed income securities	х	x	x
Sovereign fixed income securities	na	na	x
Real world decarbonisation commodities	x	x	na

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