

# RUFFER INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

### An alternative to alternative asset management

Share price	132.50p	31 Jul 2008
Net Asset Value (NAV)	129.00p	31 Jul 2008
Premium (Discount) to NAV	2.7%	31 Jul 2008
Launch price	100.00p (8 July 04)	



#### Performance since inception - RIC A Class

Total return (NAV)<sup>1</sup> +37.5%

### £ Statistics since inception

Standard Deviation<sup>2</sup> I.35%
Sharpe ratio<sup>3</sup> I.07
Maximum drawdown<sup>4</sup> -3.5%

1—Including 5.75p dividend; 2—Monthly data

3—Monthly data annualised; 4—Monthly data. Including 5.75p dividend

Source: Ruffer LLP

#### **Investment Objective**

The principal objective of the Company is to achieve a positive total annual return, after all expenses, of at least twice the Bank of England base rate by investing in internationally listed or quoted equities or equity related securities (including convertibles) or bonds which are issued by corporate issuers, supra-nationals or government organisations.

#### **Investment Report**

The valuation of the portfolio at the end of July was 129.0p per share, down by 1.8% on the month.

Connoisseurs of absolute return strategies will know that the last month was a stinker for the sector, since all the relationships which had worked well in the first six months of the year reversed with a vengeance. The Mouton tasted more like meths, and we were not immune from this development. In fact, the worst parts of the portfolio were surprisingly diverse: a collapse in the price of Clean Diesel (for no apparent reason), a persistent reinforcing of our position in BP when 'any fule no' that BP is having a certain amount of difficulty with its Russian affiliate, and a couple of gold stocks (Newmont and Lihir). Some fortunate stock picking in Japan and North America (particularly Kraft Foods) helped the performance.

The sharp reversal in inflation expectations could have caused considerably more mayhem than it actually did. The gold shares were weak, but gold bullion was roughly flat during the month – as a result the damage was superficial. The index-linked markets were all over the place, but the intrinsically stable nature of the asset class meant that the damage even at the worst point (which happened in the middle of the month) was not severe.

Overall, the equity market exposure is looking altogether more disciplined than it did a year ago. I confessed at that point that our UK stocks, particularly, had no particular rhyme or reason, and we have addressed that. There are still some bad mistakes, such as Premier Foods, but a gradual sale of the small stocks has meant that the exposure there is modest indeed. We now have the majority of the equity exposure in big-cap stocks, which is where it should be in these difficult times.

# Ten largest holdings

31 Jul 2008

Stock	% of Fund
Austria Govt 3% 2009	10.5
UK Treasury I/L 1.25% 2017	10.0
US TIPS 2.375% 2025	6.4
Swiss Govt 4% 2028	5.5
Swiss Govt 1.75% 2009	5.5
UK Treasury 5% 2012	5.3
UK Treasury 4.25% 2011	5.1
Gold Bullion	4.0
Swisscom	3.4
Nippon Tel & Tel	2.9

# Five largest equity holdings

Stock	% of Fund					
Swisscom	3.4					
Nippon Tel & Tel	2.9					
ВР	2.4					
Newmont Mining	2.3					
Kao	2.0					

Source: Ruffer LLP

#### Percentage Growth in NAV to 30 June 2008

30 Jun 07 -	30 Jun 06 -	30 Jun 05 -	30 Jun 04 -	30 Jun 03 -
30 Jun 08	30 Jun 07	30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05	30 Jun 04
+14.7%	-2.3%	+6.4%	n/a	n/a

Source: Ruffer LLP

Past performance is not a guide to the future. 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.

Issued by Ruffer LLP, 80 Victoria Street, London SWIE 5JL. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. © Ruffer LLP 2008.



#### RUFFER INVESTMENT COMPANY

#### Quarterly return history

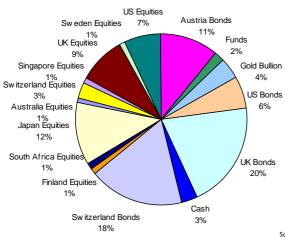
Date	30 Sep 04	31 Dec 04	31 Mar 05	30 Jun 05	30 Sep 05	30 Dec 05	31 Mar 06	30 Jun 06	30 Sep 06	31 Dec 06	31 Mar 07	30 Jun 07	30 Sep 07	31 Dec 07	31 Mar 08	30 Jun 08
NAV	101.2p	106.7 <sub>P</sub>	107.2p*	112.2p	117.4p*	120.5p	122.5p*	119.4 <sub>P</sub>	118.8p*	119.6p	118.7p*	116.7 <sub>P</sub>	120.4p*	124.2p	132.8p*	131.30p
% Growth	+3.3%	+5.4%	+0.9%	+4.7%	+5.1%	+2.6%	+2.1%	-2.5%	-0.1%	+0.7%	+0.3%	-1.7%	+4.2%	+3.2%	+7.9%	-1.1%

\*Ex dividend 0.5p 30 Mar 05, 7 Sept 05, 31 Mar 06, 27 Sept 06, 1.25p 30 Mar 07, 28 Sept 07 and 31 Mar 08

Source: Ruffer LLP

## Geographical Allocation

31 Jul 2008



Source: Ruffer LLP

Notes: (i) The Company may invest up to 10% in other listed collective vehicles although in certain circumstances the Company may invest up to 15% in other listed collective vehicles (see Prospectus for details).

(ii) Currency risk actively managed within the Company

Company Structure

Guernsey domiciled limited company

Share class

£ sterling denominated preference shares

Listing

London Stock Exchange

Settlement

CREST

Wrap ISA/PEP/SIPP qualifying
Discount Management Share buyback

Discount Management Share buyback
Discretionary redemption facility

Investment Manager Ruffer LLP

Administrator Northern Trust International Fund

Administration Services (Guernsey) Limited

Custodian RBC Dexia Investor Services

**Ex dividend dates** March, September

Pay dates April, November

Stock ticker RICA LN

ISIN Number GB00B018C546

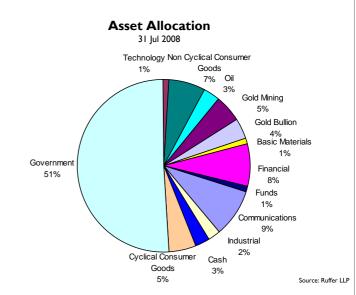
Sedol Number B018CS4

Enquiries Ruffer LLP
80 Victoria Street
London SW1E 5IL

Alexander Bruce Tel: 020 7963 8215 Fax: 020 7963 8175 Email: abruce@ruffer.co.uk Web: www.ruffer.co.uk

#### **RUFFER LLP**

Ruffer LLP manages funds exceeding £2.80bn on an absolute return basis, including over £756m in open-ended Ruffer funds.



Sponsoring Broker

UBS Investment Bank I Finsbury Avenue London EC2M 2PP

Charges

Annual management charge 1.0% with no performance fee

**NAV Valuation Point** 

Weekly: Friday midnight Last business day of the month

NAV

£115.0m (31 Jul 08) 89,129,703

Shares in issue

£118.1m (31 Jul 08)

Market capitalisation
No. of holdings

Share price

38 equities, 10 bonds (31 Jul 08)

Share price

Published in the Financial Times

Market Makers

UBS Investment Bank

Winterflood Securities Panmure Gordon

anmure Gordon ABN AMRO

#### JONATHAN RUFFER, Chief Executive



Trained as a stockbroker and barrister before moving into private client investment management in 1980, with Dunbar Fund Managers. Formerly Chief Investment Officer of Rathbone Bros plc, in 2001 became an independent non-executive director of Electric and General Investment Trust PLC. He established Ruffer Investment Management Ltd in 1994, which transferred its investment business to Ruffer LLP in 2004.

#### STEVE RUSSELL, Investment Director



Started as a research analyst at SLC Asset Management in 1987 where he became Head of Equities in charge of £5bn of equity funds. In 1999 he moved to HSBC Investment Bank as Head of UK and European Equity Strategy, before joining Ruffer LLP in September 2003. He became a non-executive director of JP Morgan Fleming Continental Investment Trust in 2005.

Past performance is not a guide to the future. 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.

Issued by Ruffer LLP, 80 Victoria Street, London SWIE 5JL. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. @ Ruffer LLP 2008.