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Share price as at 31 Jul 2009

158.75p

NAV as at 31 Jul 2009 Net Asset Value

157.15p

Premium/(discount) to NAV As at 31 Jul 2009

1.0%

Launch price as at 8 Jul 2004

100.00p

RIC A Class since inception Total Return (NAV)¹

71.6%

| £ Statistics since inception | | |
|---|--------------------|--|
| Standard deviation ² | 2.2% | |
| Sharpe ratio ³ | 0.95 | |
| Maximum drawdown ⁴ | -5.7% | |
| ¹ Including 8.5p dividend | | |
| ² Monthly data | | |
| ³ Monthly data annualised | | |
| ⁴ Monthly data including 8.5p dividend | 1 | |
| | Source: Ruffer LLP | |
| Percentage growth | | |

Percentage growth

| In Total Return NAV | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 30 Jun 08 – 30 Jun 09 | 18.6% |
| 30 Jun 07 – 30 Jun 08 | 14.8% |
| 30 Jun 06 – 30 Jun 07 | -0.8% |
| 30 Jun 05 – 30 Jun 06 | 7.3% |
| 30 Jun 04 – 30 Jun 05 | n/a |
| | Source: Ruffer LLP |

Six monthly return history

| Date | NAV | % Total return |
|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| 30 Jun 09 | 152.59p | 2.2% |
| 31 Dec 08 | 150.9p | 16.0% |
| 30 Jun 08 | 131.3p | 6.7% |
| 31 Dec 07 | 124.2p | 7.5% |
| 30 Jun 07 | 116.7p | -1.4% |
| 31 Dec 06 | 119.6p | 0.6% |
| 30 Jun 06 | 119.4p | -0.5% |
| 30 Dec 05 | 120.5p | 7.9% |
| 30 Jun 05 | 112.2p | 5.6% |
| 31 Dec 04 | 106.7p | 8.9% |
| | | Source: Ruffer LLP |

Dividends paid 0.5p 30 Mar 05, 7 Sept 05, 30 Jun 06, 27 Sept 06, 1.25p 30 Mar 07, 28 Sept 07, 30 Jun 08 and 1 Oct 08, 1.5p 27 Mar 09

RUFFER INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

An alternative to alternative asset management

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.

RIC performance



Investment report

The net asset value of the Fund currently stands at 157.2p, a gain of 3.0% during the month. The share price rose in line with NAV in July and remains at a small premium.

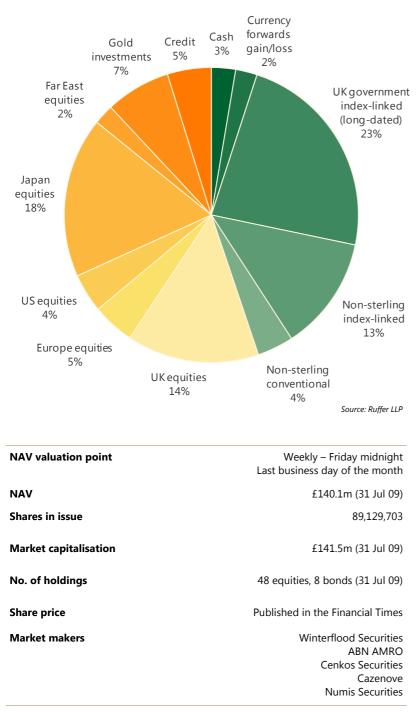
After a somewhat dull June, this month the mood in equity markets turned decidedly sunny, in contrast to the British weather where our 'barbeque summer' was summarily cancelled. An upbeat results season saw company after company report an improvement in the second quarter and, if not a positive outlook, at least a more stable one. The positive earnings surprises in July were in part due to previous steep reductions in analysts' forecasts, but also owed much to a real improvement in the economic backdrop. Economies were still shrinking in the second quarter, but at nothing like the pace seen earlier this year as the savage inventory reduction came to an end.

Not only has the global economy stopped falling, guite literally, 'off a cliff' but corporate profit margins have so far been remarkably resilient. In the main this is due to rapid cost reductions, the result being that by and large margins have been protected and have shown little sign of the mean reversion that has characterised all other recessions. It is of course possible that it is 'different this time', but we remain somewhat sceptical and fear that the pain in margins may be yet to come. One

company's cost cutting is another's shortfall in revenue, whilst wage cuts and redundancies protect margins in the short term but leave consumers with less money to spend.

In comparison to the sunny mood across most equity markets in July the portfolio was left somewhat hiding in the shade. Our stock selections in western markets were just fine, more than matching the rise in the market, with the highlights being a near 25% gain in BT where we had taken a decidedly contrarian positive view, plus good gains from our holdings in Deutsche Post, Kraft and Invensys. Our index linked holdings were not surprisingly rather lacklustre as risk appetites were focused on equities rather than government bonds, with the impact of this magnified by the size of our overall positions, but we remain convinced that their time will come. Instead, the main disappointment came in Japan, the focus of much of our cyclical equity exposure, and unfortunately the market that failed to bask in the sunshine seen elsewhere. Equities in Japan did stage a sharp rally towards the end of the month, but only after falling almost equally steeply at the beginning, resulting in a rise of just 2% for July – a clear laggard. We certainly hope this will change and can see little reason for a market that bore much of the pain of the savage de-stocking cycle not to benefit as these wounds heal.

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JONATHAN RUFFER **Chief Executive**

Trained as a stockbroker and barrister before moving into private client investment management in 1980, with of £5bn of equity funds. In 1999 moved to

Dunbar Fund Managers. Formerly Chief Investment Officer of Rathbone Bros plc, in 2001 became an independent nonexecutive 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.

Ruffer LLP

Ruffer LLP manages funds exceeding £4.4bn on an absolute return basis, including over £1.5bn in open-ended Ruffer funds (as at 31 July 2009).

Return Fund.

Ten largest holdings as at 31 Jul 2009

| Stock | % of fund |
|--|-----------|
| 1.25% Treasury index-linked 2017 | 9.1 |
| US Treasury Notes 2.375% TIPS 2025 | 6.1 |
| 1.25% Treasury index-linked 2055 | 5.8 |
| Japan (Govt Of) 1.3% index-linked 2017 | 5.2 |
| Ruffer Illiquid Strategies Fund | 4.8 |
| Norwegian (Government) 4.25% 2017 | 4.0 |
| Sweden 3.5% index-linked 2028 | 3.8 |
| BT Group | 3.2 |
| 1.875% Treasury index-linked 2022 | 3.2 |
| Ruffer Japan Fund | 3.0 |

Five largest equity holdings as at 31 Jul 2009

| Stock | % of fund |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Ruffer Illiquid Strategies Fund | 4.8 |
| BT Group | 3.2 |
| Ruffer Japan Fund | 3.0 |
| Ruffer Baker Steel Gold Fund | 2.7 |
| Kraft Foods | 2.6 |
| | Source: Ruffer LLP |

Fund information

| Company structure | Guernsey domiciled limited company |
|---------------------|--|
| Share class | £ sterling denominated preference shares |
| Listing | London Stock Exchange |
| Settlement | CREST |
| Wrap | ISA/SIPP qualifying |
| 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 | GB00B018CS46 |
| Sedol Number | B018CS4 |
| Charges | Annual management charge 1.0% with no performance fee |
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STEVE RUSSELL **Investment Director**

HSBC Investment Bank as Head of UK and

European Equity Strategy, before joining

Ruffer in September 2003. Became a non-

executive director of JP Morgan Fleming

Continental Investment Trust in 2005 and

is co-manager of the CF Ruffer Total

Started as a research analyst

at SLC Asset Management in

1987, where he became

Head of Equities in charge