

RATHBONE GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND Short report for the half year ended 31 July 2013



During the six months to 31 July 2013, the Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund returned +11.8% versus a +10% return from our peer group in the IMA Global sector. This places the fund in the second quartile of performance over six months and one year, and top quartile over three years.

In aggregate, equity markets have staged a surprisingly strong recovery despite below-trend economic growth in almost every major economy; however, dig beneath the headline figures and you will see wild gyrations in performance. Emerging market equities have been particularly hard hit due to deterioration in growth prospects in the region. This could be the start of a new era of slower emerging market growth, and a test for those companies that have gone 'all in' on the assumption that the BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China) growth story would never falter. This fund does not have any direct exposure to emerging markets as we do not feel we have the expertise to invest in these areas, and we have been concerned about the dangerous economic imbalances in China for several years. However, the direction of emerging markets will have spill-over consequences for the rest of the world's economies, and many companies have significant emerging market exposure.

During the period, we made a number of purchases and sales. We started a holding in Alliance Data Systems, a provider of store credit cards and loyalty programmes such as Air Miles. The company should benefit from increased use of digital marketing, customer behaviour analysis, and faster growth in consumer credit sales. We bought back a holding in Dollar Tree stores, a chain of discount stores in the United States that sells an assortment of merchandise for \$1. The dollar store concept is one of the fastest growing retail formats as customers value fixed prices and simple in-store budgeting. We initiated a new investment in Mondelez International, the giant food and beverage business that was spun out of Kraft Foods. Key brands include Cadbury, Milka, Nabisco, Oreo, Trident, Dentyne and Halls.

This company should generate consistent midsingle digit revenue growth, combined with significant potential for operational efficiencies and margin expansion. Another new investment was made in the US trucking business, Hunt IB Transport. This company will benefit from a cyclical improvement in the US economy but is also supported by a longer-term shift to intermodal freight transportation, where cargo is transported to its final destination by a combination of ship, rail and truck. Finally, we bought back into Swedish Match, having sold it earlier in the year. Our sell trigger was a concern over a price war started by a competitor in the low end of the snus tobacco market. Towards the end of the period, however, it became clear that the price war had ended, and we were happy to buy back in, despite missing out on some performance.

We sold our holding in LVMH towards the end of the period, as we became concerned about slowing growth in emerging market sales. The Louis Vuitton brand could be vulnerable to brand overexposure and luxury consumers moving towards 'no logo' products - this could limit growth in sales and new store openings. We also sold our investment in French company Bureau Veritas which offers testing, inspection and certification services. We fear a sharp slowdown in its marine and commodities-testing businesses that could take years to recover from over-capacity and muted spending from clients. We exited a small holding in Fastenal, which sells industrial and construction supplies, and spare parts. The company has benefitted from an improving economy and housing sector, but recent growth has been lacklustre and the valuation looks rich. Finally, we sold our holding in Intuitive Surgical, which manufactures robot surgical systems for non-invasive surgery. The company has come under intense scrutiny due to the cost and efficacy question marks of its medical devices. We prefer to avoid companies mired in controversy due to excessive share price volatility and have sold the investment for a small loss as we look to reinvest the proceeds into better risk/reward situations.

Earlier in the year, we wrote that in 2013 we would need to monitor the macro environment, be flexible and admit mistakes. Some of the sales mentioned earlier have been poor investments that we sold before more damage could be done. We have monitored the macro environment, and many of our purchases over the period have been US investments, reflecting increased confidence in the region. Our primary portfolio construction tool is stock selection, but no company exists in a vacuum, and we cannot help notice that the economic climate in the US provides a growing and sustainable backdrop for these companies. Our high cash position earlier in the year gave us the flexibility and firepower to do this, as we reduced our cash weighting from 14% at the end of the previous reporting period, to 4.3% at the end of July.

James Thomson 9 August 2013

Net asset value per unit and comparative tables

Fund size

Date	Net Asset Value £	Attributable to	Units in issue	Net Asset Value (pence per unit)
31 January 2011	100,054,825	R-Class Accumulation	116,964,121	85.54
31 January 2012	138,021,470	R-Class Accumulation	161,663,788	85.38
31 January 2013	150,698,756	R-Class Accumulation	153,575,225	98.13
31 January 2013	57,786,540	I-Class Accumulation*	58,562,285	98.68
31 July 2013	168,745,586	R-Class Accumulation	152,831,557	110.41
31 July 2013	99,313,326	I-Class Accumulation	89,114,635	111.44

Distribution record

Year	R-Class Accumulation Units Net income per unit (p)	I-Class Accumulation Units* Net income per unit (p)
2008	-	n/a
2009	0.29	n/a
2010	-	n/a
2011	-	n/a
2012	-	0.30
2013**	-	-

* I-Class was launched on 1 March 2012

** To 30 September 2013

Distributions

There was no accumulation for the period under review for I-Class Accumulation unit.

Due to the net deficit of income for the R-Class Accumulation for the half year to 31 July 2013, no accumulation has been made.

Risk factors

An investment in a unit trust should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of units and the revenue from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

Ongoing Charges Figure

R-Class Accumulation Units Expense type	31.07.13	31.01.13
Manager's periodic charge	1.50%	1.50%
Other expenses	0.05%	0.06%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)	1.55%	1.56%

I-Class Accumulation Units* Expense type	31.07.13	31.01.13
Manager's periodic charge	0.75%	0.75%
Other expenses	0.05%	0.05%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)	0.80%	0.80%

* I-Class was launched on 1 March 2012

Risk and reward profile as published in the fund's most recent Key Investor Information Document

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Lower potential risk/reward (Not risk-free)				Higher potential risk/reward			

This indicator is a measure of the fund's past volatility (the extent and rapidity of up-and-down movements of the value of an investment). It may not be a reliable indication of the fund's future risk. The risk category shown is not a target or a guarantee and may change over time.

Risk profile

There is little exposure to credit or cash flow risk. There are no net borrowings and little exposure to liquidity risk because assets can be readily realised to meet redemptions. The main risks arising from the financial instruments are foreign currency, interest rate, market price and counterparty. The fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in securities for which there is no ready market.

The investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the Manager in pursuance of the investment objective and policy set out in the Prospectus.

Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed and the Prospectus and the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

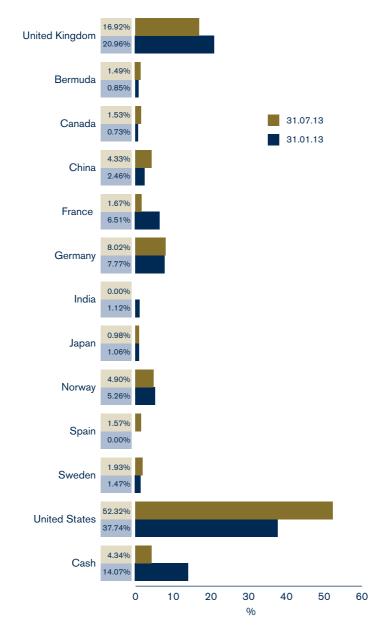
Top 10 largest holdings

The top 10 holdings at the end of the current period and at the end of the previous year are shown below.

	31.07.13		31.01.13
Rightmove	3.35%	Visa	3.11%
Visa	2.85%	Rightmove	2.98%
ASOS	2.59%	Associated British Foods	2.65%
Tencent	2.45%	ARM	2.48%
Sky Deutschland	2.35%	Intertek	2.38%
Precision Castparts	2.35%	Dignity	2.35%
Dignity	2.31%	Virbac	2.30%
Associated British Foods	2.29%	Rational	2.29%
Crown	2.27%	Sky Deutschland	2.21%
Amazon.com	2.22%	Fresenius	2.18%

Portfolio information

Geographical breakdown



Authorised status

The Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund is an authorised unit trust scheme, established by a Trust Deed dated 20 March 2001 and launched in May 2001.

It is a 'UCITS Scheme' authorised under Section 243 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, and the currency of the fund is Pounds Sterling.

Investment objective, policy and strategy

The objective of the fund is to provide above average long term capital growth from a global portfolio. The fund will be able to invest in any transferable security in all recognised world financial markets. The income yield will be at best minimal.

To meet the objective the fund may also invest at the Manager's discretion in money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash, deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stocklending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted by the FCA Rules.

Valuation of the fund

The fund is valued on each business day at 12 noon for the purpose of determining prices at which units in the fund may be bought or sold.Valuations may be made at other times on business days with the Trustee's approval.

Stewardship code

Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited fully supports the UK Stewardship Code sponsored by the Financial Reporting Council. Our statement on complying with the Code can be found on our website www.rutm.com

ISA eligibility

The fund has been managed throughout the year to ensure that it is eligible to qualify and be included in an Individual Savings Account (ISA). The fund will at all times be invested in such a way that the units will constitute "Qualifying Investments" for the purposes of the Individual Savings Account (ISA) Regulations 1998, as amended from time to time.

Long report

The full report and accounts are available free of charge upon written request from:

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