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Conservative

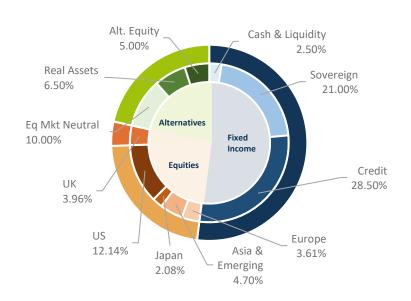
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Objective

To deliver total returns in line with the Consumer Prices Index over the recommended minimum time horizon of 5+ years.

The fund will seek to achieve its objective by investing at least 70% in collective investment vehicles, a greater proportion of which will be allocated to defensive assets (such as fixed interest and cash) than to growth assets (such as equities).

Asset Allocation



Recent Changes (Previous 3 months)



Purchased Man GLG Dynamic Income.



Increased iShares Core UK Gilts ETF.



Sold Royal London Diversified ABS, iShares UK Gilts 0-5yr UCITS ETF & iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF.



Reduced VT Gravis Clean Energy Income & Hermes Multi-Strategy Credit.



We sold Royal London Diversifed ABS and iShares UK Gilts 0-5yr ETF to increase our position in the iShares UK Gilts ETF, to further increase duration, as longer dated gilt yields have risen to an attractive level. More recently, we have purchased the Man GLG Dynamic Income fund, which is a global dynamic bond offering.

Holdings

Fixed	Income & Cash 52	.0%			
Cash &	Cash				
Liquidity	Blackrock Sterling Liquid Env. Aware	Fund			
Sovereign	iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF				
	iShares Core UK Gilts ETF				
Credit	M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate E	ond			
	L&G ESG GBP Corporate Bond ETF				
	Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond				
	BlueBay Financial Capital Bond				
	Man GLG Dynamic Income				
	Robeco QI Global Multi-Factor Credit				
	Royal London Short Duration High Yie	eld			
	Hermes Multi-Strategy Credit				
	Equity 26	.5%			
UK Equity	ES R&M UK Recovery Fund				
	JPMorgan UK Equity Core				
	Abrdn UK Mid-Cap Equity				
Int. Equity	ES R&M European				
	LF Miton European Opportunities				
	Comgest Growth Europe Ex. UK				
	Allianz China A-Shares				
	iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF				
	Polar Emerging Markets Stars				
	Jupiter Japan Income				
	iShares Core S&P 500 ETF				
	Federated Hermes US SMID Equity Hedge				
	L&G US Equity				
Thematic Equity	M&G Global Listed Infrastructure				
	Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste	9			
А	lternatives 21	.5%			
Eq. Mkt Neutral	Blackrock European Absolute Alpha				
	Protea Eco Advisers ESG Absolute Ret	turn			
Real Assets	VT Gravis Clean Energy Income				
	Gresham House Energy Storage				
	LXI REIT				
	Starwood European Real Estate Finar	ice			
	Tritax EuroBox				
	Aberdeen Standard European Logistics				
Alt. Equity	Structured Products				



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Performance



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UK CPI

Morningstar UK Moderately Cautious Target Allocation

Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2022	2021	2020*
VT Astute Conservative	-0.12	2.85	-7.21	5.74	4.06
Benchmark	7.81	20.91	10.53	5.39	0.53
Comparator	0.39	-2.62	-11.07	3.70	3.05

Performance is net of ongoing charges. *Data from the 20th of July 2020 (Fund launch).

Commentary

In June, Global equities rebounded while global government bonds edged lower. US hard data remained robust in May and tentative signs of a cooling labour market were evident: the unemployment rate increased to 3.7%, while timely initial jobless claims briefly rose to late-2021 levels. Headline inflation fell sharply to 4% (y/y), but core inflation only edged down to 5.3%. The Fed paused for the first time in 15 months – with the target rate range at 5-5.25% – although the updated dot plot indicated two further 25bps hikes later this year. Inflation was sticky in the UK: the headline rate was unchanged at 8.7% (y/y) in May and core inflation accelerated to 7.1% - its highest reading since 1992. Headline inflation in the euro area fell to 5.5%, although core inflation edged up to 5.4% in June. Central banks continued to raise their respective policy rates, including the ECB (+25bps to 3.5%), BoE (+50bps to 5%). China's economic rebound slowed in May and the PBoC announced marginal cuts to several key lending rates. In Japan, Core inflation crept up to 4.3% – its highest reading since 1981 – yet the BoJ made no adjustments to its yield curve control policy.

ESG Rating





Fund Details

Fund Size Benchmark £ 93.82m CPI

Comparator

Morningstar UK Moderately **Cautious Target Allocation** Astute Investment Management

Manager ACD **Fund Type** Launch Date OCF

Valu Trac **OEIC (UCITS)** 20th July 2020

Total No. Holdings Dealing Frequency 0.94% 37 Daily

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Fund Management Team



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Risks

Investments can fall as well as rise and you may get back less than your original investment. Changes in markets, currency exchange rates or interest rates may have adverse effects on the value of your investments. Past performance is never a guide to future performance.

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