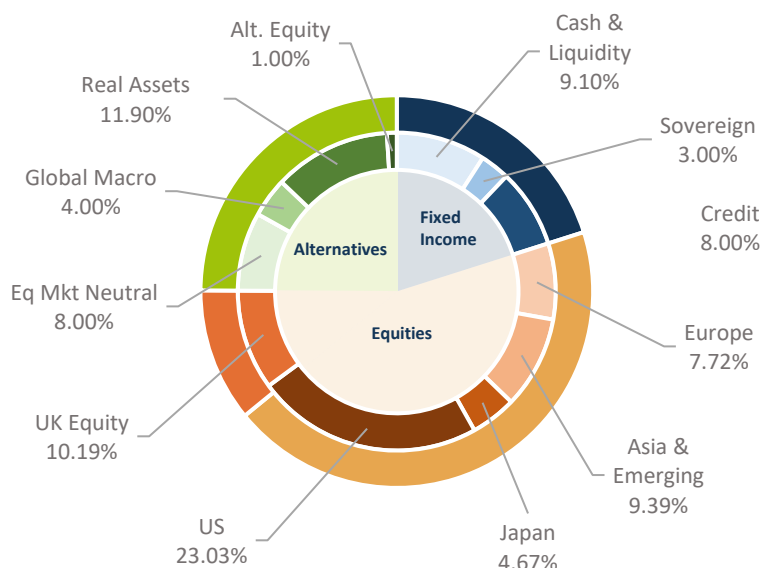


Objective

To deliver capital growth in excess of the Consumer Prices Index over the recommended minimum time horizon of 7+ years.

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

Asset Allocation



Recent Changes (Previous 3 months)

- + **Purchased** ASI UK Mid Cap Equity, M&G Japan Smaller Companies & Syncona.
- ▲ **Increased** None.
- **Sold** Comgest Growth Japan.
- ▼ **Reduced** Baillie Gifford British Smaller Companies, ES R&M UK Recovery, JPM UK Equity Core & Polar Capital Global Tech.

We reduced the ES R&M UK Recovery, JPM UK Equity Core and Baillie Gifford British Smaller Companies positions to fund the ASI UK Mid Cap Equity trade, this has increased our UK mid-cap growth exposure. We sold the Comgest Growth Japan position to fund the M&G Japan Smaller Companies trade, which has increased our idiosyncratic value exposure. Lastly, we reduced our Polar Capital Global Tech position to fund the purchase of Syncona, which shifts some of our technology theme into an early-stage Bio-Tech specific area.

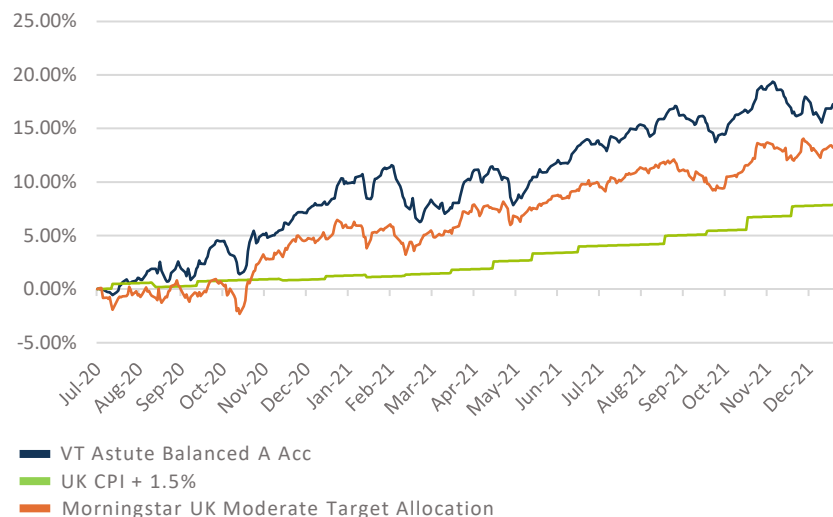
Holdings

Fixed Income & Cash		20.10%
Cash & Liquidity	Cash	
	PIMCO GIS Mortgage Opportunities	
	Aegon European ABS	
Sovereign	iShares USD TIPS ETF	
Credit	M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond	
	Robeco QI Global Multi-Factor Credit	
Equity		55%
UK Equity	JPMorgan UK Equity Core	
	ES R&M UK Recovery	
	Baillie Gifford British Smaller Companies	
	ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity	
Int. Equity	ES R&M European	
	LF Miton European Opportunities	
	Comgest Growth Europe Ex. UK	
	Allianz China A-Shares	
	Polar Emerging Markets Stars	
	iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF	
	Jupiter Japan Income	
	M&G Japan Smaller Companies	
	Baillie Gifford American	
	SPDR® MSCI USA Small Cap Value ETF	
	Granahan US SMID Select	
	Federated Hermes US SMID Equity Hedged	
	Xtrackers MSCI USA Financials ETF	
	Invesco S&P 500 ETF	
	L&G US Equity	
	Polar Capital Global Technology	
Alternatives		24.90%
Eq. Mkt Neutral	Blackrock European Absolute Alpha	
	Protea Eco Advisers ESG Absolute Return	
Macro	Allianz Fixed Income Macro	
Real Assets	VT Gravis Clean Energy Income	
	Invesco Physical Gold	
Real Assets Direct	Aquila European Renewables Income Fund	
	Gresham House Energy Storage	
	The Renewables Infrastructure Group	
	Sequoia Economic Infrastructure	
	LXI REIT	
	Starwood European Real Estate Finance	
	Real Estate Credit Investments	
	Tritax EuroBox	
	Aberdeen Standard European Logistics	
	Alt. Equity	Syncona

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Performance

From Launch



Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2021	2020*
VT Astute Balanced	8.71	17.31	8.71	7.91
Benchmark	6.56	7.87	6.56	1.20
Comparator	7.99	13.05	7.99	4.68

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

Commentary

In December, concerns about the Omicron variant faded as the data from South Africa and the UK indicated a lower severity than previous variants but with an increased transmissibility. The Omicron variant remains a source of volatility and the rapid increase in infections has begun to take its toll on global growth with falls in PMI data in the US, Eurozone and the UK. In December, three of the four major developed market central banks indicated that they have greater concerns about inflation heading into 2022 than about the Omicron variant. With regards to monetary policy, China is heading the opposite way. The PBOC showed more easing bias in its operations, while staying cautious on the aggregate level of leverage in the economy. Government bond markets have been mixed over the quarter, the short end of the curve moved higher in the US and the UK as markets priced in a faster pace of rate hikes and for the same reason, December saw value outperforming growth in equity markets. Due to the spread of Omicron, the first quarter of 2022 could be challenging for the global economy. So far, the market has largely been willing to look through the near-term risks but any further disappointment on the virus front could lead to increased market volatility. We will continue to keep a close eye on Omicron developments, inflation threats and policy normalization.

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CCC B BB BBB **A** AA AAA

Fund Details

Fund Size	£ 218.89m
Benchmark	CPI + 1.5%
Comparator	Morningstar UK Moderate Target Allocation
Manager	Astute Investment Management
ACD	Valu Trac
Fund Type	OEIC (UCITS)
Launch Date	20 th July 2020
OCF	0.86%
Total No. Holdings	40
Dealing Frequency	Daily
ISIN	GB00BKWGB574
SEDOL	BKWGB57

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Risks

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