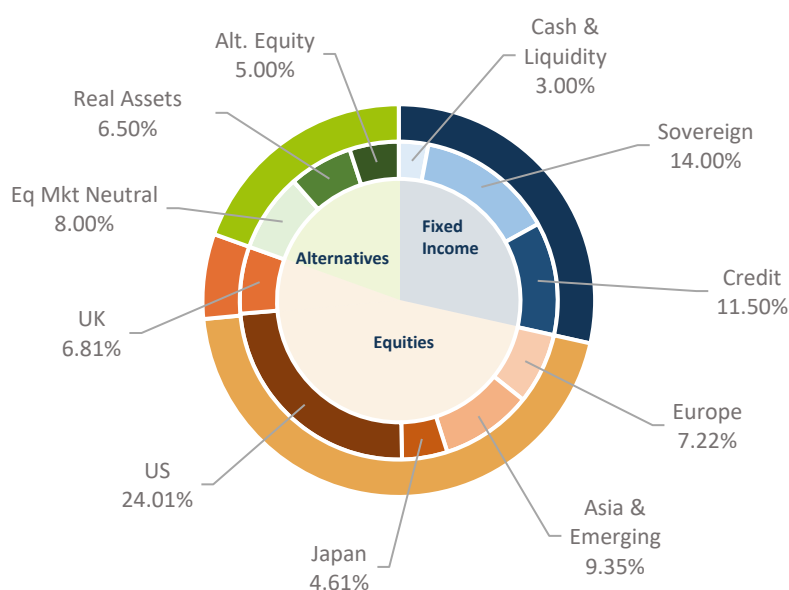


## Objective

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** iShares USD Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF, Barclays FTSE100/S&P500 Defensive Autocall, Barclays FTSE 100/S&P 500 Daily Accrual Income Autocall Note, Natixis S&P 500/EuroStoxx 50 Digital Synthetic, Royal London Short Duration High Yield Bond Fund & iShares Core S&P 500 ETF.

**Increased** iShares USD Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF & iShares Core UK Gilts ETF.

**Sold** Starwood European Real Estate Finance, Real Estate Credit Investments, Sequoia Economic Infrastructure, HarbourVest Global Priv Equity Ord, Aquila European Renewables Income, Allianz Fixed Income Macro, Aegon European ABS & Invesco S&P 500 ETF.

**Reduced** JPM UK Equity Core, Premier Miton European Opportunities, iShares China CNY Bond ETF, Aegon European ABS, LXI REIT, VT Gravis Clean Energy Income.

Recently, we have made further reductions to our alternatives, UK & European equity allocations, in order to introduce two structured products to the portfolio. We also reduced the iShares China Bond ETF, Aegon European ABS & Allianz Fixed Income Macro positions to buy the Royal London Short Duration Fund which gives us exposure to higher yielding credit. We completed a straight swap of the Invesco S&P 500 ETF for the iShares Core S&P 500 ETF on a cost basis.

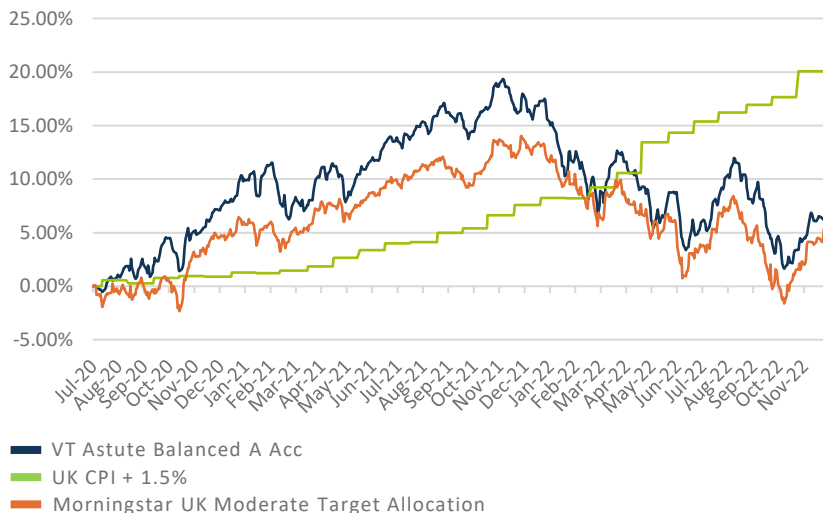
## Holdings

Fixed Income & Cash		28.5%
Cash & Liquidity	Cash	
	Blackrock Sterling Liquid Env. Aware Fund	
Sovereign	iShares China CNY Bond ETF	
	iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF	
	iShares Core UK Gilts ETF	
	iShares USD Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF	
	iShares UK Gilts 0-5yr UCITS ETF	
Credit	M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond	
	Robeco QI Global Multi-Factor Credit	
	Royal London Short Duration High Yield	
<b>Equity</b>		<b>52.0%</b>
UK Equity	JPMorgan UK Equity Core	
	ES R&M UK Recovery	
	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	
Thematic Equity	iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	
	L&G US Equity	
	M&G Global Listed Infrastructure	
	Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste	
<b>Alternatives</b>		<b>19.5%</b>
Eq. Mkt Neutral	Blackrock European Absolute Alpha	
	Protea Eco Advisers ESG Absolute Return	
Real Assets	VT Gravis Clean Energy Income	
	Gresham House Energy Storage	
Real Assets Direct	LXI REIT	
	Tritax EuroBox	
	Aberdeen Standard European Logistics	
Alt. Equity	Syncona	
	Structured Products	

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Performance

From Launch



Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2021	2020*
<b>VT Astute Balanced</b>	-8.68	6.32	8.71	7.91
<b>Benchmark</b>	11.60	20.08	6.86	1.29
<b>Comparator</b>	-6.32	5.30	8.00	4.63

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

Commentary

In November, both developed market equities and emerging market equities continued their recovery from October. The bond market also registered a strong month with yields in developed markets retreating significantly, helping global bonds to rally. At the beginning of November, concerns about inflation and further central bank tightening continued to be at the front of investors minds. Central banks did deliver another round of steep policy rate hikes. Both the Federal Reserve (Fed) and the Bank of England (BoE) raised policy rates by 75 basis points to 4.0% and 3.0% respectively. Despite this, investor attitude improved after the release of US inflation numbers for October which highlighted a 7.7% year-on-year increase. This was below consensus expectations, and fueled hopes that US inflation may have peaked and could potentially be less sticky than initially feared. This news gave the market a hint that the end of the hiking cycle could be nearer than was being priced in, which gave both stocks and bonds a leg up. There was a glimmer of hope in China, as policymakers introduced some easing of Covid control measures and a push to put more vaccinations in the elderly, which was positive for Chinese equities. Looking ahead, we continue to monitor central bank activity closely, and hope that November has given us a flavour of what is to come in 2023.

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ESG Rating

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CCC B BB BBB A **AA** AAA

Fund Details

<b>Fund Size</b>	£ 225.43m
<b>Benchmark</b>	CPI + 1.5%
<b>Comparator</b>	Morningstar UK Moderate Target Allocation
<b>Manager</b>	Astute Investment Management
<b>ACD</b>	Valu Trac
<b>Fund Type</b>	OEIC (UCITS)
<b>Launch Date</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
<b>OCF</b>	0.98%
<b>Total No. Holdings</b>	39
<b>Dealing Frequency</b>	Daily
<b>ISIN</b>	GB00BKWGB574
<b>SEDOL</b>	BKWGB57

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Risks

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