

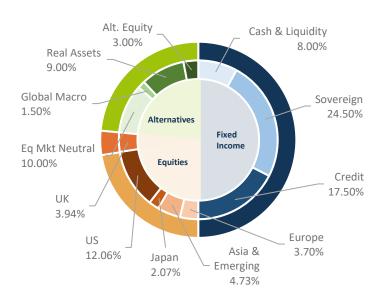
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Objective

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 Barclays FTSE100/S&P500 Defensive Autocall, Barclays FTSE 100/S&P 500 Daily Accrual Income Autocall Note, 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 VT RM Alternative Income, Sequoia Economic Infrastructure, Aegon European ABS & Invesco S&P 500 ETF.

Reduced Starwood European Real Estate Finance, Real Estate Credit Investments, JPM UK Equity Core, Blackrock Sterling Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund, iShares China CNY Bond ETF, Aegon European ABS & Allianz Fixed Income Macro.



Recently, we have made further reductions to our alternatives and UK 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	50.0%	
	Cash		
Cash & Liquidity	Blackrock Sterling Liquid Env. A	ware Fund	
	Royal London Diversified ABS		
Sovereign	iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF	:	
	iShares China CNY 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 Corpo	orate Bond	
	Robeco QI Global Multi-Factor Credit		
	Royal London Short Duration High Yield		
	Hermes Multi-Strategy Credit		
	Equity	26.5%	
	ES R&M UK Recovery Fund		
UK Equity	JPMorgan UK Equity Core		
	ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity		
	ES R&M European		
	LF Miton European Opportunities		
Int. Equity	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 Hedged		
	L&G US Equity		
Thematic	M&G Global Listed Infrastructu	ire	
Equity	Regnan Sustainable Water and	Waste	
A	lternatives	23.5%	
Eq. Mkt	Blackrock European Absolute A	Alpha	
Neutral	Protea Eco Advisers ESG Absolu	ute Return	
Macro	Allianz Fixed Income Macro		
Real Assets	VT Gravis Clean Energy Income	2	
	Aquila European Renewables I	ncome Fund	
	Gresham House Energy Storage		
Real	LXI REIT		
Assets	Starwood European Real Estate Finance		
Direct	Real Estate Credit Investments		
	Tritax EuroBox		
	Aberdeen Standard European	Logistics	
Alt.	Structured Products		

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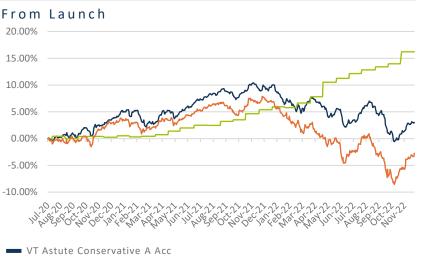
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Performance



UK CPI

Morningstar UK Moderately Cautious Target Allocation

Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2021	2020*
VT Astute Conservative	-5.58	2.95	5.74	4.06
Benchmark	10.24	16.21	5.39	0.53
Comparator	-9.00	-2.72	3.70	3.05

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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Risks

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ESG Rating



Fund Details

Fund Size	£ 89.91m
Benchmark	CPI
Comparator	Morningstar UK Moderately Cautious Target Allocation
Manager	Astute Investment Management
ACD	Valu Trac
Fund Type	OEIC (UCITS)
Launch Date	20 th July 2020
OCF	0.98%
Total No. Holdings	39
Dealing Frequency	Daily
ISIN	GB00BKWGB467
SEDOL	BKWGB46

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