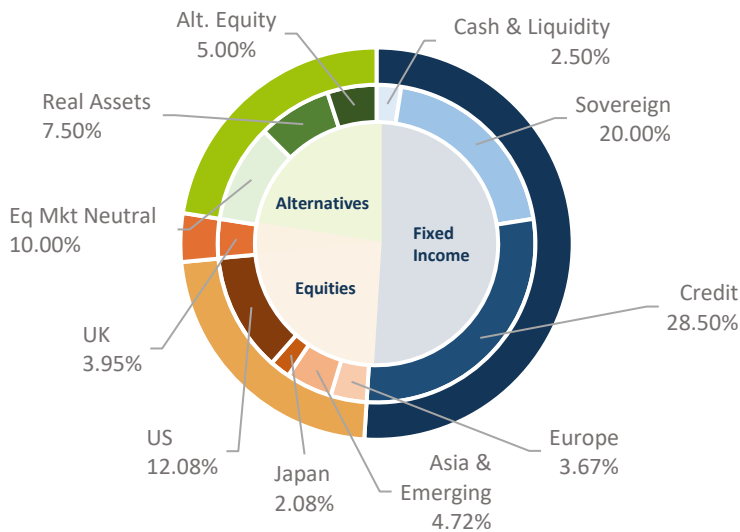


Objective

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** Natixis EuroStoxx Banks Reverse Convertible.
- ▲ **Increased** L&G ESG GBP Corporate Bond ETF, Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond & iShares Core UK Gilts ETF.
- **Sold** Royal London Diversified ABS & iShares UK Gilts 0-5yr UCITS ETF.
- ▼ **Reduced** iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF.

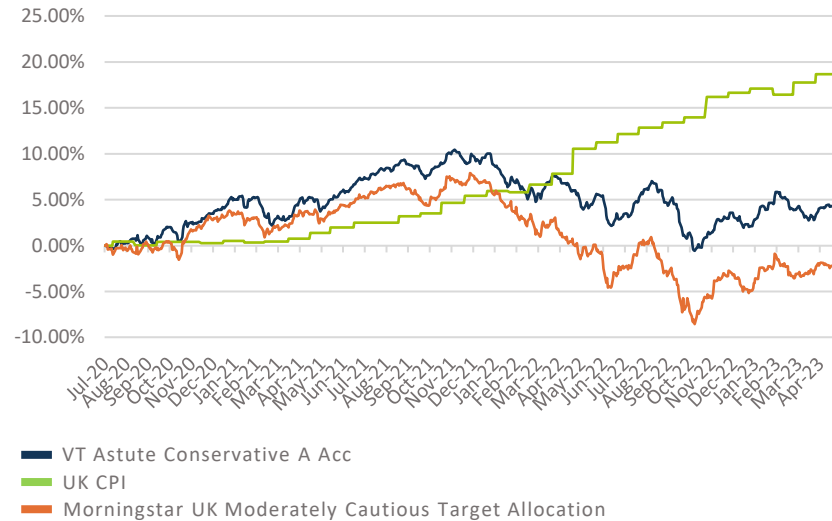
Recently, we purchased Natixis EuroStoxx Banks structured product, to take advantage of the banking sector volatility. After reducing Royal London Diversified ABS, we increased exposure to Man GLG Sterling Corporate bond and L&G ESG Corporate bond ETF to further increase fund duration and spread exposure. We then sold Royal London Diversified 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.

Holdings

Fixed Income & Cash		51.0%
Cash & Liquidity	Cash	
	Blackrock Sterling Liquid Env. Aware Fund	
Sovereign	iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF	
	iShares Core UK Gilts ETF	
	iShares USD Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF	
Credit	M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond	
	L&G ESG GBP Corporate Bond ETF	
	Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond	
	BlueBay Financial Capital Bond	
	Robeco QI Global Multi-Factor Credit	
	Royal London Short Duration High Yield	
	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	
Thematic Equity	iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	
	Federated Hermes US SMID Equity Hedged	
	L&G US Equity	
	M&G Global Listed Infrastructure	
	Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste	
Alternatives		2.5%
Eq. Mkt Neutral	Blackrock European Absolute Alpha	
	Protea Eco Advisers ESG Absolute Return	
Real Assets	VT Gravis Clean Energy Income	
	Gresham House Energy Storage	
	LXI REIT	
	Starwood European Real Estate Finance	
	Tritax EuroBox	
	Aberdeen Standard European Logistics	
Alt. Equity	Structured Products	

Performance

From Launch



Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2022	2021	2020*
VT Astute Conservative	-1.91	4.00	-7.21	5.74	4.06
Benchmark	7.36	18.66	10.53	5.39	0.53
Comparator	-2.21	-2.05	-11.07	3.70	3.05

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

Commentary

April was a positive month for economic data in the global economy, as growth remained resilient in the face of higher interest rates. US, eurozone, and UK Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) surveys all beat expectations, and China's Q1 GDP print was also stronger than expected, following its total reopening. Falling energy prices helped bring headline inflation down in the major developed economies with the contribution from energy turning negative in the US and the eurozone. In the UK, fuel prices fell while the contribution from broader energy remained positive due to the lags caused by the energy price cap. This positive economic momentum supported risk assets despite further stress in the banking sector. Developed market equities rose over the month, with value stocks modestly outperforming growth counterparts. Global bond returns also rose with a large part of this driven by investment grade credit. Equity markets continued their rally and have now broadly recovered from the tumult in March and while near-term recessionary risk seems to have receded somewhat, the closure of another US financial institution at the end of April, means caution remains essential. Looking forward, we will continue to stay close to the inflationary backdrop and the labour market dynamics.

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ESG Rating

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CCC B BB BBB **A** AA AAA

Fund Details

Fund Size	£ 94.50m
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	0.94%
Total No. Holdings	37
Dealing Frequency	Daily
ISIN	GB00BKWGB467
SEDOL	BKWGB46

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Risks

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