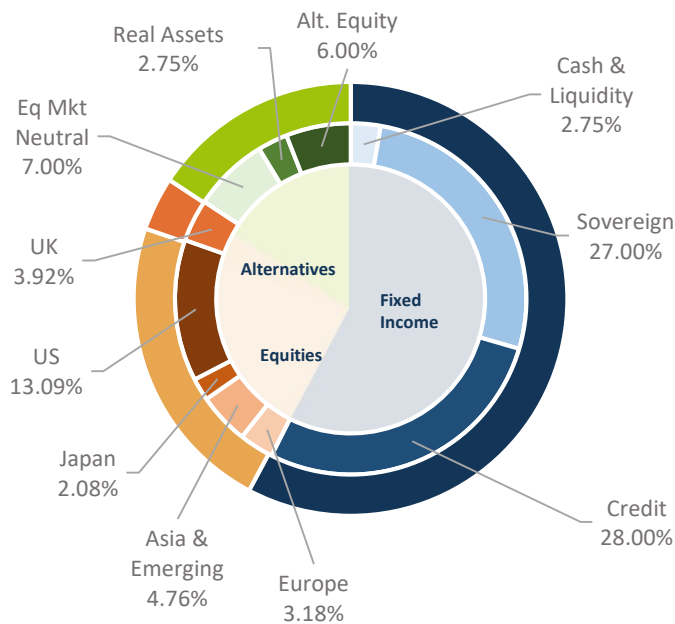


## Objective

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** Aegon Investment Grade Global Bond, M&G Japan Smaller Companies, M&G Global Emerging Markets.
  - ▲ **Increased** Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity, L&G US Equity, Nomura Corporate Hybrid Bond, Man GLG Dynamic Income.
  - **Sold** Robeco Global Multi-Factor Credits, Jupiter Japan Income, iShares USD Treasury Bond 20+ year ETF, iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF, M&G Global Listed Infrastructure.
  - ▼ **Reduced** M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond.
- Sold Jupiter Japan Income to increase Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity and M&G Japan Smaller Companies. Robeco was sold, alongside a trim of M&G UK Inflation Linked Bond, to introduce a new Core Global Investment Grade Bond. Sold our iShares Emerging Market ETF in favour of an active manager, M&G Global Emerging Markets. Sold our long-dated US Treasury Bond after a drop in treasury yields. Sold M&G Global Listed Infrastructure. Recycled capital into L&G US Equity, to take advantage of market drops, as well as increasing two credit positions, Nomura Corporate Hybrid Bond and Man GLG Dynamic Income.

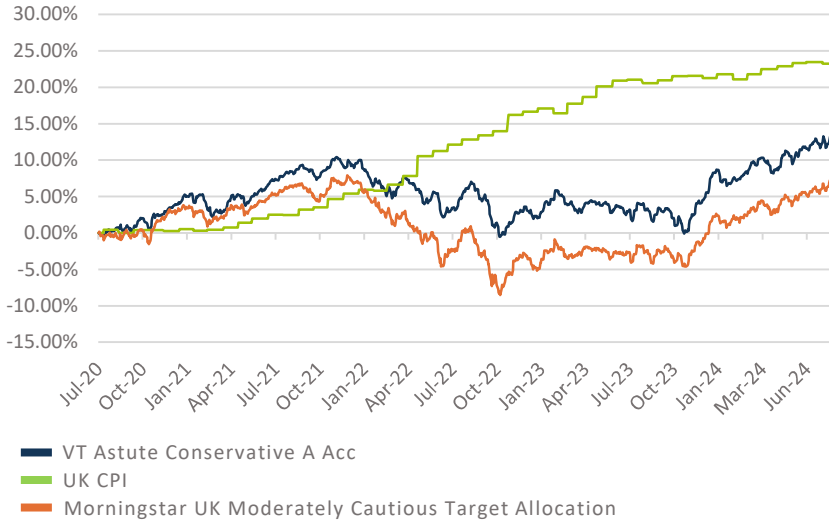
## Holdings

Fixed Income & Cash		57.75%
Cash & Liquidity	Cash	
	Blackrock Sterling Liquid Env. Aware Fund	
Sovereign	iShares Core UK Gilts ETF	
	UK Gilt 4.250% 07/12/2040	
	UK Gilt 4.375% 31/07/2054	
Credit	iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF	
	M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond	
	L&G ESG GBP Corporate Bond ETF	
	Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond	
	BlueBay Financial Capital Bond	
	Nomura Corporate Hybrid Bond Fund	
	Man GLG Dynamic Income	
	Aegon Investment Grade Global Bond	
	Royal London Short Duration High Yield	
Equity		26.50%
UK Equity	ES R&M UK Recovery Fund	
	ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity	
	JPMorgan UK Equity Core	
Int. Equity	ES R&M European	
	LF Miton European Opportunities	
	M&G Global Emerging Markets	
	Polar Emerging Markets Stars	
	Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity	
	M&G Japan Smaller Companies	
	Invesco S&P 500 ETF GBP Hedged	
	iShares S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF	
Lazard US Small Cap Equity		
Thematic Equity	L&G US Equity	
	Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste	
Alternatives		15.75%
Eq. Mkt Neutral	Blackrock European Absolute Alpha	
	Gresham House Energy Storage	
Real Assets Direct	LondonMetric Property PLC	
	Starwood European Real Estate Finance	
	Tritax EuroBox	
	Aberdeen Standard European Logistics	
Alt. Equity	Structured Products	

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### Performance

#### From Launch



### Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2023	2022	2021	2020*
<b>VT Astute Conservative</b>	10.05	13.71	6.42	-7.21	5.74	4.06
<b>Benchmark</b>	1.89	23.23	3.99	10.53	5.39	0.53
<b>Comparator</b>	10.24	7.50	7.73	-11.07	3.70	3.06

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

### Commentary

In August, confidence increased in major central banks to cut rates in the coming months. Following the Bank of England and European Central Bank, the Federal Reserve signalled that 'the time has come for policy to adjust', indicating the long-awaited start of an easing cycle in September. In early August, market volatility surged as concerns of an economic slowdown in the US were heightened by the release of disappointing labour market data, together with an interest rate hike by the Bank of Japan. This sparked a sharp sell-off across global equity markets. Among the converging factors, concerns of overvalued tech stocks led technology-heavy markets lower, with a rotation into more defensive sectors reflecting a shift in the broader market sentiment. By month end, the prospect of lower US interest rates helped equity markets rebound and developed market equities closed 2.7% higher over the month. August was generally positive for Fixed Income; the volatility in global equity markets led to a flight to quality, which proved positive for global investment grade, while a weaker US dollar acted as a tailwind for Emerging Market Debt contributing to the sectors strong performance this month. Elsewhere, in Europe and the Middle East the less settled geopolitical climate continued to impact market stability.

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### Fund Details

<b>Fund Size</b>	£101.36m
<b>Benchmark</b>	CPI
<b>Comparator</b>	Morningstar UK Moderately Cautious 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>	0.71%
<b>Total No. Holdings</b>	37
<b>Dealing Frequency</b>	Daily
<b>ISIN</b>	GB00BKWGB467
<b>SEDOL</b>	BKWGB46

### Fund Management Team



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### Risks

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