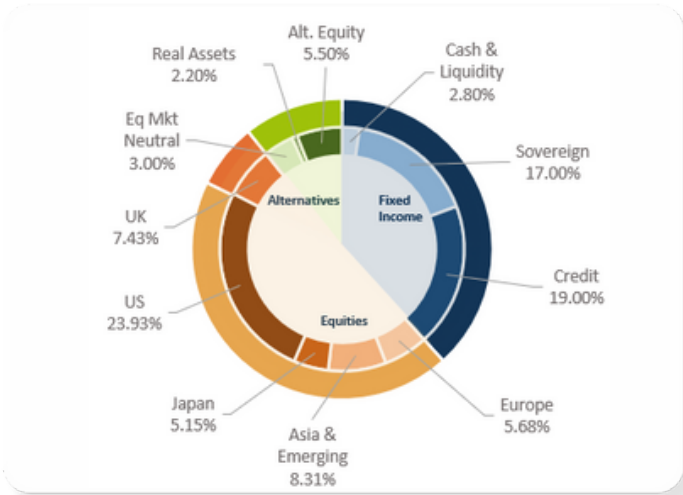


Objective

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 Edge MSCI Europe Minimum Volatility ETF, iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility ETF, and UK Gilt 5.375% 31/01/2056.
- Increased:** L&G UK Mid Cap Index.
- Sold:** Aberdeen UK Mid-Cap Equity.
- Reduced:** Xtrackers S&P Europe ex UK ETF, Baillie Gifford American, L&G S&P 500 US Equal Weight Index, Lazard US Small-Cap Equity, iShares Core UK Gilts ETF.

Sold Aberdeen UK Mid-Cap Equity due to underperformance, and reallocated to a passive UK Mid-Cap index fund. Reduced our core European ETF in place of a new defensive holding, reflecting a deteriorating market view. Reduced allocation to three US equity products in turn reducing US equity market risk. And purchased a new defensive US equity holding, reflecting a deteriorating market view. Reduced a core gilt ETF in place of a newly issued direct gilt, taking advantage of high nominal coupons and locking in real returns for 30 years.

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Holdings

Fixed Income & Cash 38.30%	
Cash & Liquidity	Cash
	Blackrock Sterling Liquid Env. Aware Fund
Sovereign	UK Gilt 4.25% 07/12/2040
	UK Gilt 4.375% 31/07/2054
	UK GILT 5.375% 31/01/2056
	UK Gilt 4.75% 22/10/2043
	iShares Core UK Gilts 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
	Nomura Corporate Hybrid Bond
	Man GLG Dynamic Income
	M&G Global Corporate Bond
	Royal London Short Duration High Yield
	Nomura Emerging Markets Corporate Bond

Equity 50.50%	
UK Equity	L&G UK Mid Cap Index
	L&G UK Index
	JP Morgan UK Equity Core ETF
	RGI UK Recovery
Int. Equity	iShares Edge MSCI Europe Minimum Volatility ETF
	Premier Miton European Opportunities
	Xtrackers S&P Europe ex UK ETF
	M&G Global Emerging Markets
	iShares Core MSCI EM IMI ETF
	Polar Capital Emerging Markets Stars
	Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity
	M&G Japan Smaller Companies
	Baillie Gifford American
	L&G S&P 500 US Equal Weight
	Lazard US Small Cap Equity
	iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility ETF
Thematic Equity	Invesco S&P 500 ETF
	L&G US Equity ETF
Thematic Equity	Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste

Alternatives 10.70%	
Eq. Mkt Neutral	Blackrock European Absolute Alpha
	Aberdeen European Logistics
Real Assets Direct	Gresham House Energy Storage
	3i Infrastructure Ord
	International Public Partnerships Ord
Alt. Equity	Syncona
	Structured Products

Performance From Launch



● VT Astute Balanced A Acc
● UK CPI + 1.5%
● IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares

Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
VT Astute Balanced	7.39%	29.37%	7.71%	7.61%	-10.71%	8.71%	7.91%
Benchmark	5.20%	38.09%	3.57%	5.50%	12.03%	6.86%	1.29%
Comparator	7.26%	26.11%	6.17%	6.89%	-9.79%	7.59%	6.75%

Source: Morningstar Direct. Performance is net of ongoing charges. 2020 data from 20th July 2020 (fund launch).



Risks

Investments can fall as well as rise and you may get back less than your original investment. Changes in markets, currency exchange rates or interest rates may have adverse effects on the value of your investments. Past performance is never a guide to future performance.

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Fund Details

Fund Size	£337.1m
Benchmark	CPI + 1.5%
Comparator	IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares
Manager	Astute Investment Management
ACD	Valu-Trac
Fund Type	OEIC (UCITS)
Launch Date	20th July 2020
OCF	0.68%
Total No. Holdings	43
Dealing Frequency	Daily
ISIN	GB00BKWGB574
SEDOL	BKWGB57



Commentary

In September, both U.S. Treasury and UK gilt yields rose, driven by a combination of persistent inflation and concerns around fiscal sustainability and political uncertainty. An exception was U.S. short-term Treasury yields, which fell following the Federal Reserve's widely expected quarter point rate cut. Monetary policymakers indicated that more rate cuts could follow over the course of this year, and into 2026. In global equity markets, U.S. and Chinese equities posted strong gains, supported by an acceleration in AI spending. U.S. small caps rallied on the Federal Reserve's rate cut and future expectations of reduced borrowing costs. UK equities rose modestly, as did the European index, despite a period of political instability in France. Elsewhere, Gold continued its upward trajectory, hitting new all-time highs.

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