

VT Astute Conservative.

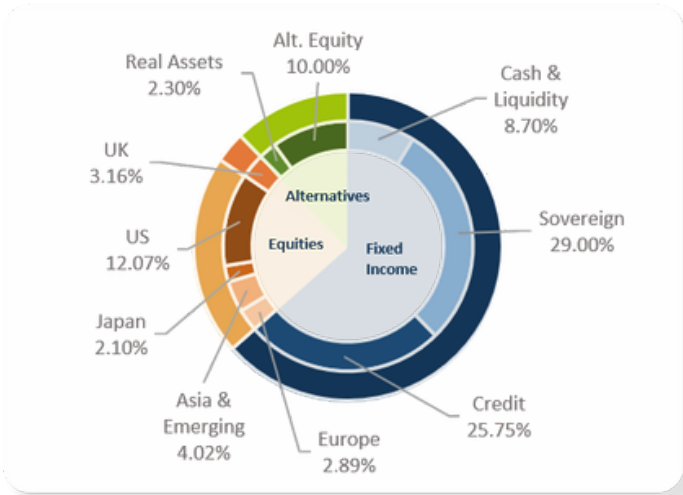
Fund Factsheet July 2026

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:**
- ↑ Increased:** JPM UK Equity Core ETF, L&G UK Index and Blackrock Liquidity Fund.
- Sold:** Blackrock European Absolute Alpha.
- ↓ Reduced:** L&G UK Mid Cap Index.

Within alternatives, sold our Blackrock position following significant manager departures and rotated the proceeds into cash, reflecting a more defensive posture while market volatility remains elevated. Within equities, the post-ceasefire rally had left the portfolio overweight mid-caps, so we trimmed the position to restore balance, rotating into large caps.



Holdings

Fixed Income & Cash 63.45%	
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 Sterling Corporate Bond
	BlueBay Financial Capital Bond
	Nomura Corporate Hybrid Bond
	Man Dynamic Income
	M&G Global Corporate Bond
	Royal London Short Duration High Yield

Equity 24.25%	
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 Min Volatility ETF
	Premier Miton European Opportunities
	Xtrackers S&P Europe ex UK ETF
	M&G Global Emerging Markets
	Polar Capital Emerging Market Stars
	Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity
	M&G Japan Smaller Companies
	L&G S&P 500 US Equal Weight Index
Thematic Equity	Invesco S&P 500 ETF
	L&G US Equity ETF
Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste	

Alternatives 12.30%	
Eq. Mkt Neutral	-
Real Assets Direct	Aberdeen European Logistics
	Gresham House Energy Storage
	LondonMetric Property PLC
	Starwood European Real Estate Finance
	3i Infrastructure Ord
Alt. Equity	International Public Partnerships Ord
	Structured Products

All data is valid to the 30th June 2026 and collated by Astute Investment Management. Asset allocation data reflect the underlying holdings using the latest available data from Morningstar Direct. Please note, data may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Source: Morningstar Direct.

Cumulative Performance From Launch



Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
VT Astute Conservative	8.40%	26.64%	8.11%	4.67%	6.42%	-7.21%	5.74%
Benchmark	2.52%	31.09%	2.93%	2.19%	3.99%	10.53%	5.39%
Comparator	8.84%	18.82%	7.95%	4.42%	6.04%	-11.06%	2.98%

Source: Morningstar Direct. Performance is net of ongoing charges. 1 Year data from 30th June 2025 to 30th June 2026.



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	£141.8m
Benchmark	CPI
Comparator	IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares
Manager	Astute Investment Management
ACD	Valu-Trac
Fund Type	OEIC (UCITS)
Launch Date	20th July 2020
OCF	0.61%
Total No. Holdings	40
Dealing Frequency	Daily
ISIN	GB00BKWGB467
SEDOL	BKWGB46



Commentary

In June, focus shifted from escalation to de-escalation as hopes of an Iran peace deal and a partial reopening of the Strait of Hormuz pulled energy prices back, easing inflationary pressure and softening bond yields. Monetary policy diverged: the ECB hiked even as it downgraded growth, and the Bank of Japan raised rates while signalling more to come. The Federal Reserve and Bank of England both held but turned hawkish, with traders now leaning toward further hikes rather than cuts this year. Politically, Prime Minister Keir Starmer stepped down following a wave of cabinet resignations, leaving Andy Burnham the frontrunner to succeed him, though the more consequential question for markets is who takes the Treasury. Equity markets were broadly stagnant, the standout move a sharp sell-off in technology and semiconductor stocks on stretched valuation fears.

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