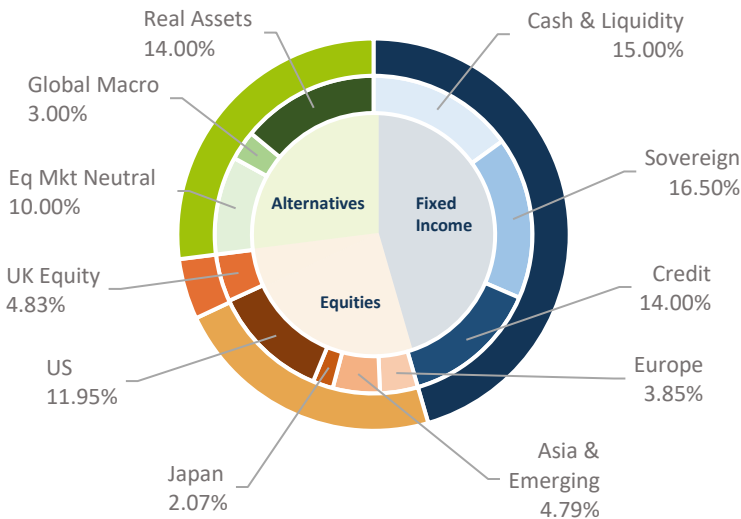


## Objective

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** iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF, iShares Core UK Gilts ETF, M&G Global Listed Infrastructure & Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste.

**▲** **Increased** iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF, Gresham House Energy Storage & Tritax EuroBox.

**●** **Sold** Pimco Mortgage Opportunities & Invesco Physical Gold

**▼** **Reduced** Allianz Fixed Income Macro, iShares USD TIPS ETF, JPM UK Equity Core, ES R&M UK Recovery, Premier Miton European Opportunities & VT Gravis Clean Energy Income.

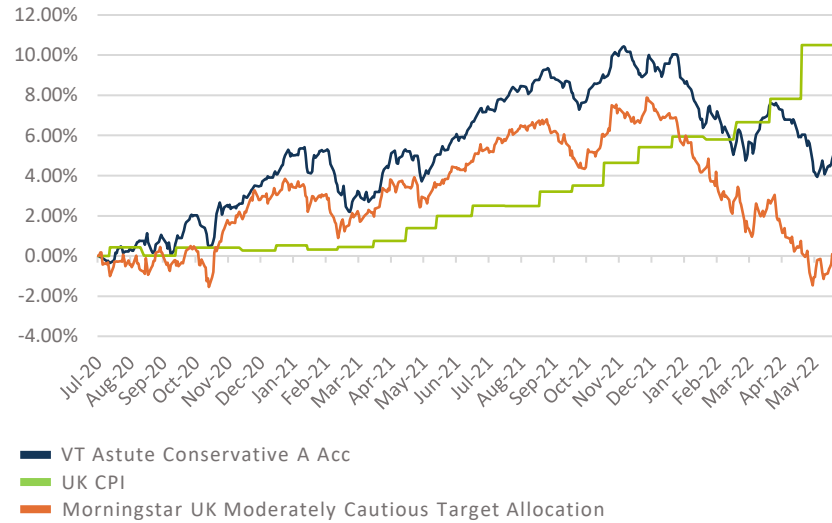
We further increased our position in the iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF as well as buying the iShares Core UK Gilts ETF, this was to increase portfolio duration after yields had risen to a suitable level. We reduced some of our UK positions in favour of purchasing M&G Global Listed Infrastructure and Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste, to introduce the infrastructure theme to the fund. We also sold our Invesco Physical Gold position to increase equity exposure following market falls.

## Holdings

Fixed Income & Cash		45.5%
Cash & Liquidity	Cash	
	Blackrock Sterling Liquid Env. Aware Fund	
	Aegon European ABS	
Sovereign	Royal London Diversified ABS	
	iShares USD TIPS ETF	
	iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF	
	iShares China CNY Bond ETF	
Credit	iShares Core UK Gilts ETF	
	M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond	
	Robeco QI Global Multi-Factor Credit	
Hermes Multi-Strategy Credit		
Equity		27.5%
UK Equity	ES R&M UK Recovery Fund	
	JPMorgan UK Equity Core	
	ASI 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	
	Invesco S&P 500 ETF	
	Federated Hermes US SMID Equity Hedged	
	L&G US Equity	
Thematic Equity	M&G Global Listed Infrastructure	
	Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste	
Alternatives		27.0%
Eq. Mkt Neutral	Blackrock European Absolute Alpha	
	Protea Eco Advisers ESG Absolute Return	
Macro	Allianz Fixed Income Macro	
Real Assets	VT Gravis Clean Energy Income	
	VT RM Alternative Income	
Real Assets Direct	Aquila European Renewables Income Fund	
	Gresham House Energy Storage	
	The Renewables Infrastructure Group	
	Sequoia Economic Infrastructure	
	LXI REIT	
	Starwood European Real Estate Finance	
	Real Estate Credit Investments	
	Tritax EuroBox	
	Aberdeen Standard European Logistics	

**Performance**

**From Launch**



**Cumulative & Discrete Performance**

	1 Year	Launch	2021	2020*
<b>VT Astute Conservative</b>	0.57	5.65	5.74	4.06
<b>Benchmark</b>	8.34	10.50	5.39	0.53
<b>Comparator</b>	-3.81	-0.41	3.70	3.05

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

**Commentary**

Markets ended the month broadly flat in May, but there was some intra-month volatility. The key macro risks of the war in Ukraine, tightening monetary policy and Covid restrictions in China remain, and markets lacked a clear catalyst for a change in sentiment. Value stocks and commodities continued to perform well. Growth stocks continued to struggle, off the back of valuation concerns, and some high-profile earnings warnings. The BOE raised the UK base rate to 1.00% in May and is likely to raise rates by 0.25% in June. The ECB clarified its position, indicating its first-rate hike was likely in July. The US Federal Reserve increased rates by 0.50% in May but having been pre-warned in April, this was in line with market expectations and so did not affect yields. The market is now pricing another two 0.50% hikes in June and July, which would take US interest rates to 2%. Inflation remains elevated but looks to have peaked in the US at least. Labour markets remain tight, but wages are rising more slowly than inflation, squeezing consumer spending power. Central banks remain committed to tackling rising costs but are also warning of the risk this presents to economic growth. Pressure on company margins started to show in earnings results, particularly in consumer facing companies. Pricing power is likely to be a key driver of relative company performance moving forward.

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**ESG Rating**

**MSCI**  
ESG RATINGS



CCC B BB BBB **A** AA AAA

**Fund Details**

<b>Fund Size</b>	£ 85.36m
<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>	0.88%
<b>Total No. Holdings</b>	39
<b>Dealing Frequency</b>	Daily
<b>ISIN</b>	GB00BKWGB467
<b>SEDOL</b>	BKWGB46

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**Risks**

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