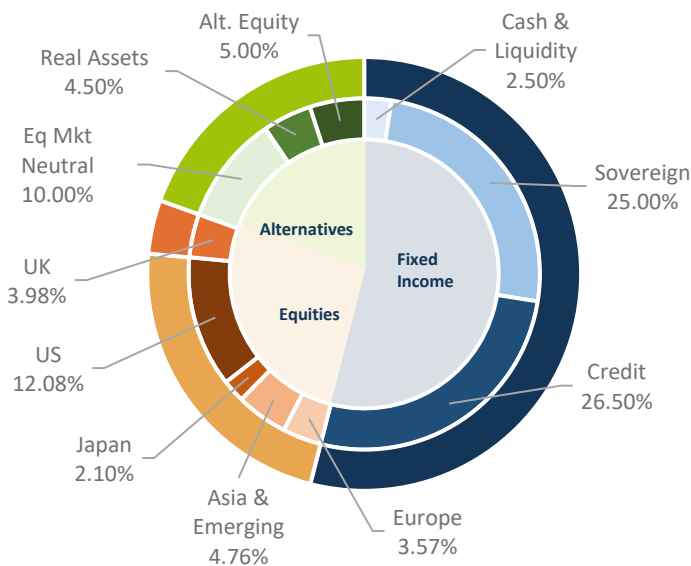


### Objective

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)

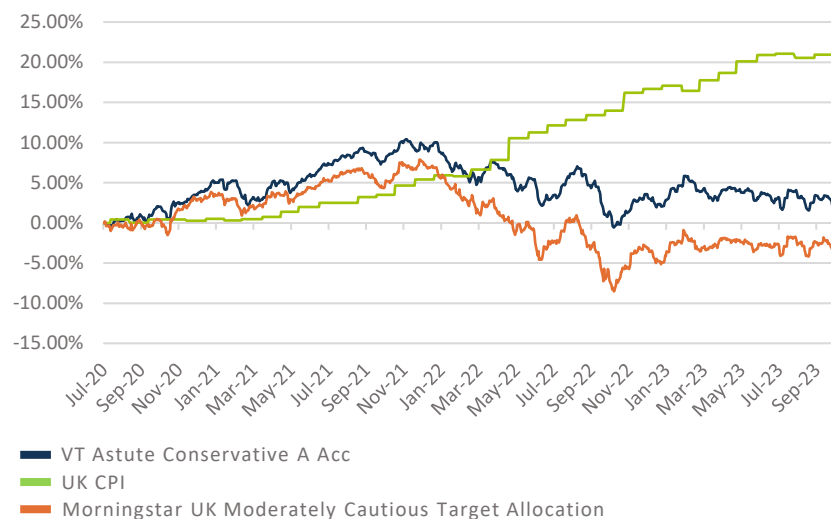
- Purchased** iShares USD Treasury Bd 20+y ETF.
  - Increased** iShares Core UK Gilts ETF & Man GLG Dynamic Income.
  - Sold** Hermes Multi-Strategy Credit.
  - Reduced** VT Gravis Clean Energy Income, Tritax Eurobox, abrdn European Logistics Income, Gresham House Energy Storage, LXI REIT & iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF.
- We reduced position sizes in several of our alternative assets in order to increase our position in the iShares UK Gilts ETF. We also sold our position in Hermes Multi Strategy Credit, to increase the Man GLG Dynamic Income position, which is a global dynamic bond offering, and to fund the purchase of the iShares USD Treasury Bd 20+y ETF to further increase our sensitivity to interest rates.

### Holdings

Fixed Income & Cash		54.0%
Cash & Liquidity	Cash	
	Blackrock Sterling Liquid Env. Aware Fund	
Sovereign	iShares Core UK Gilts ETF	
	iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF	
	iShares USD Treasury Bd 20+y 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	
	Man GLG Dynamic Income	
	Robeco QI Global Multi-Factor Credit	
	Royal London Short Duration High Yield	
Equity		26.5%
UK Equity	ES R&M UK Recovery Fund	
	JPMorgan UK Equity Core	
	Abdrn 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	
	iShares Core 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		19.5%
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	
	Structured Products	

### Performance

#### From Launch



### Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2022	2021	2020*
<b>VT Astute Conservative</b>	0.97	2.04	-7.21	5.74	4.06
<b>Benchmark</b>	6.13	20.94	10.53	5.39	0.53
<b>Comparator</b>	3.97	-3.11	-11.07	3.70	3.05

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

### Commentary

In September, global equity markets declined in line with global government bonds. Global activity momentum remained resilient, despite a mixed regional picture. Core inflation rates declined across the US and Europe, but hawkish central banks reiterated their “higher for longer” stance. In commodity markets, energy remained in focus with Brent crude oil rising, following the extension of production cuts by Saudi Arabia. Gold also declined, amid rising real bond yields and a stronger US dollar. In the US, inflation data was mixed: the headline rate rose again in August to 3.7%, amid the surge in oil prices, but core inflation declined to 4.3%. The Fed left its target rate range unchanged at 5.25-5.50%, though the latest projections showed one further rate hike this year, along with a tighter policy stance through next year. Eurozone inflation slowed by more than anticipated in September: the headline rate fell to 4.3%, while core inflation eased to 4.5%. The UK headline inflation rate edged lower to 6.7% in August, though core inflation decreased more sharply to 6.2%. The ECB raised its deposit rate by 25bps, to 4%, but the BoE unexpectedly kept rates on hold at 5.25%. Despite the resilience witnessed in economic activity year to date, recession risks remain elevated which we will be paying close attention to.

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### ESG Rating

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ESG RATINGS



CCC	B	BB	BBB	<b>A</b>	AA	AAA
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### Fund Details

<b>Fund Size</b>	£ 93.18m
<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>	0.90%
<b>Total No. Holdings</b>	37
<b>Dealing Frequency</b>	Daily
<b>ISIN</b>	GB00BKWGB467
<b>SEDOL</b>	BKWGB46

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### 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.