

# Growth

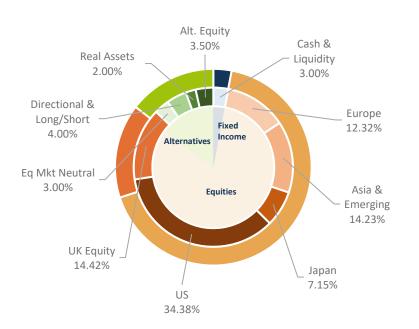
### FUND FACTSHEET | MAY 2022

### Objective

To deliver high levels of capital growth in excess of the Consumer Prices Index over the recommended minimum time horizon of 10+ 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 growth assets (such as equities) than to defensive assets (such as fixed interest and cash).

### Asset Allocation



### Recent Changes (Previous 3 months)





Sold None.

Reduced None.

There have been no key changes to the Growth fund during the previous 3 months. Positions are reviewed regularly, and whilst we are always looking for better alternatives, we have made the active decision to make no changes.

### Holdings

Fix	xed Income & Cash	3%		
Cash & Liquidity	Cash			
, ,	Equity	82.5%		
UK Equity	JPMorgan UK Equity Core			
	ES R&M UK Recovery			
	Baillie Gifford British Smaller Companies			
	ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity			
Int. Equity	ES R&M European			
	LF Miton European Opportunities			
	Comgest Growth Europe Ex. UK			
	Allianz China A-Shares			
	Polar Emerging Markets Stars			
	iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF			
	Jupiter Japan Income			
	M&G Japan Smaller Companies			
	Baillie Gifford American			
	SPDR® MSCI USA Small Cap Value ETF			
	Federated Hermes US SMID Equity Hedged			
	Granahan US SMID Select			
	Xtrackers MSCI USA Financials ETF			
	Invesco S&P 500 ETF			
	L&G US Equity			
Alternatives 1				
Eq. Mkt Neutral	Blackrock European Absolute Alpha			
Long / Short	Blackrock UK Emerging Companies			
Real Assets	Invesco Physical Gold			
	Aberdeen Standard European Logistics			
	LXI REIT			
	Syncona			
Alt. Equity	HarbourVest Global Private Equity			
	Chrysalis Investments			





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# Performance From Launch 30.00% 25.00% 10.00% 5.00% 0.00%

- VT Astute Growth A Acc
- **UK CPI + 3.5%**

-5.00%

Morningstar UK Moderately Adventurous Target Allocation

### Cumulative & Discrete Performance

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	1 Year	Launch	2021	2020*
VT Astute Growth	-5.42	10.61	11.69	10.88
Benchmark	9.55	14.27	8.86	2.26
Comparator	1.76	13.55	12.27	6.14

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

### Commentary

April was no improvement on the first quarter of the year. The war in Ukraine, lockdowns in China and the prospect of substantially tighter US monetary policy all weighed on sentiment. Global equities continued their recent decline. The commodity-heavy FTSE All-Share was the winner through April, with a positively flat return. Conversely growth stocks saw further heavy losses. Fixed income also came under pressure, with global bonds coming off further in April as US 10-year Treasury yields approached 3%. Expectations for the path of monetary policy have seen a major shift this year, with markets now pricing in interest rates of well over 2% in both the US and the UK by year-end, while eurozone rates are expected to move into positive territory as early as October. Central bankers face substantial challenges as they look to tighten policy to help bring inflation back down to target without tipping the economy into recession. Against this backdrop, there is potential for further pressure on equity valuations ahead. Companies that can maintain healthy margins due to strong pricing power will likely be relative outperformers. In fixed income, the case for owning duration is stronger than it was at the start of 2022, but yields may still rise further as central banks push ahead with their tightening plans.

### **ESG** Rating

# MSCI ESG RATINGS



CCC B BB BBB A AA AAA

### **Fund Details**

Fund Size £ 65.21m

Benchmark CPI + 3.5%

Comparator Morningstar UK Moderately Adventurous Target Allocation Astute Investment Management

ACD Valu Trac
Fund Type OEIC (UCITS)
Launch Date 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020
OCF 0.92%
Total No. Holdings 27
Dealing Frequency Daily

ISIN GB00BKWGB681
SEDOL BKWGB68

### Fund Management Team



**Scott Osborne** PhD CFA Chief Investment Officer



**Toby Hulse** DipPFS IMC Investment Analyst

### 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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