

Growth.

Fund Factsheet January 2025

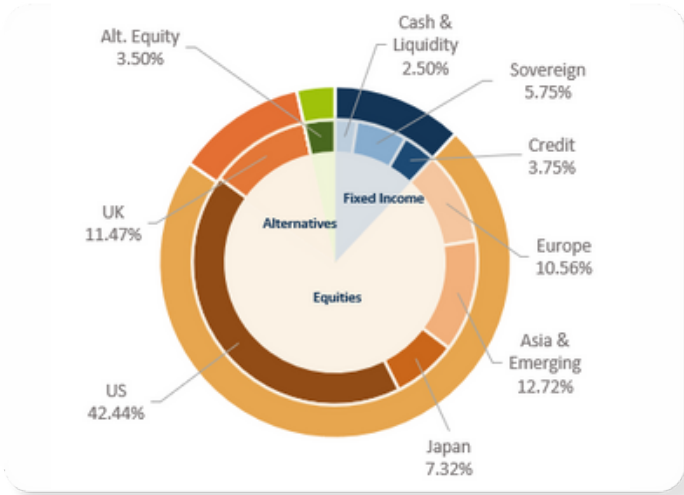


Objective

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

- Purchased:** UK Gilt 4.75% 22/10/2043 and L&G S&P 500 US Equal Weight.
- Increased:** Blackrock Sterling Liquidity.
- Sold:** Natixis S&P 500/EuroStoxx 50 Digital Synthetic 10/2024.
- Reduced:** iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF and iShares S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF.

Recycled the capital from a maturing structured product into purchasing a new gilt position, given the rise in gilt yields post the UK budget announcement to lock in an attractive yield. Reduced Emerging Market exposure through reducing our iShares MSCI EM ETF and lastly, sold our existing S&P 500 equal weight ETF in favour of a cheaper alternative, the L&G S&P 500 equal weight fund.

Holdings

Fixed Income & Cash 12.00%	
Cash & Liquidity	Cash
	Blackrock Sterling Liquid Env. Aware Fund
Sovereign	UK Gilt 4.375% 31/07/2054
	UK Gilt 4.75% 22/10/2043
Credit	Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond
	Man GLG Dynamic Income
	BlueBay Financial Capital Bond
Equity 84.50%	
UK Equity	JP Morgan UK Equity Core ETF
	ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity
	ES R&M UK Recovery
Int. Equity	ES R&M European
	LF Miton European Opportunities
	iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF
	M&G Global Emerging Markets
	Polar Emerging Markets Stars
	M&G Japan Smaller Companies
	Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity
	Baillie Gifford American
	iShares S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF
	L&G S&P 500 US Equal Weight
	Lazard US Small Cap Equity
	Invesco S&P 500 ETF
	L&G US Equity ETF
Thematic Equity	Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste
Alternatives 3.50%	
Alt. Equity	Syncona
	Structured Products

All data is valid to the 31st December 2024 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.

Performance From Launch



Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
VT Astute Growth	11.76	28.95	11.76	10.15	-15.42	11.69	10.88
Benchmark	5.40	43.81	5.40	7.50	14.03	8.86	2.26
Comparator	8.90	27.56	8.90	8.02	-10.00	11.24	8.32

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	£106.13m
Benchmark	CPI + 3.5%
Comparator	IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares
Manager	Astute Investment Management
ACD	Valu-Trac
Fund Type	OEIC (UCITS)
Launch Date	20th July 2020
OCF	0.77%
Total No. Holdings	26
Dealing Frequency	Daily
ISIN	GB00BKWGB681
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Commentary

Global yields rose in December as concerns of high inflation persist in the US, Europe and the UK. Despite ending the year with a 0.25% interest rate cut, the 10-year US Treasury yield reached its highest level since May, aided by the uncertainty around Trump's second term in the White House and policies that may be inflationary. Looking forward, the Federal Reserve forecast for two fewer rate reductions in 2025 than they had previously expected, signaling the strength of the US economy. While global stocks did decline in December it has been a strong year for markets overall. The S&P 500 generated gains of over 20% for the second consecutive year while the FTSE 100 delivered its best performance since 2021. Notably, the breadth of positive US stock market performance that followed Trump's victory narrowed once again this month, with the US technology mega-cap names continuing to outperform.

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