

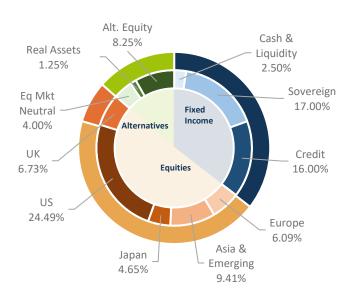
# Balanced

## Objective

To deliver capital growth in excess of the Consumer Prices Index over the recommended minimum time horizon of 7+ years.

The fund will seek to achieve its objective by investing at least 70% in collective investment vehicles, a roughly equal proportion of which will be allocated to defensive assets (such as fixed interest and cash) and growth assets (such as equities).

## Asset Allocation



#### Recent Changes (Previous 3 months)

**Purchased** iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20yr+, UK Gilt 4.375% 31/07/2054, Lazard US Small Cap Equity, Invesco S&P 500 GBP Hedged, Aegon Investment Grade Global Bond.

**Increased** JPM UK Equity Core ETF, iShares S&P 500 Equal Weight, Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste, Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity.

**Sold** JPM UK Equity Core, Federated Hermes US SMID Equity, L&G Russell 200 US Small Cap Equity, iShares Core S&P 500 GBP Hedged, Robeco Global Multi-Factor Credit, Jupiter Japan Income.

**Reduced** Robeco Global Multi-Factor Credit, iShares Core UK Gilts, M&G Global Listed Infrastructure, L&G US Equity, M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond.

Reduced iShares Core UK Gilts to add in a direct Gilt to lock in high nominal coupons. Reduced Robeco to add 20yr+ Treasuries to increase duration. Reduced Jupiter Japan Income to increase Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity. We switched JPM UK Equity Core into the cheaper ETF product. Sold M&G Global Listed Infrastructure to increase Regnan Water and Waste. L&G Russell 2000 US Small was sold in favour of Lazard US Small Equity. Hermes was sold in favor of S&P 500 Equal Weight. Core US exposure switches to save on costs. We sold the remainder of Robeco and trimmed M&G UK Inflation Linked to introduce a new Core Global Investment Grade fund.

## Holdings

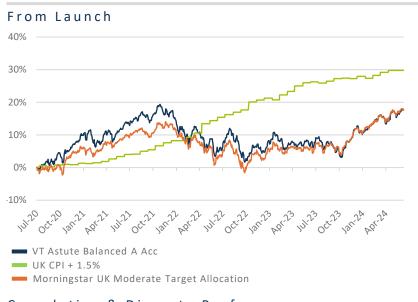
	Fixe	d Income & Cash	35.50%			
	Cash &	Cash				
	Liquidity	Blackrock Sterling Liquid Env. Aware Fund				
		iShares USD Treasury Bond ETF				
	Sovereign	UK Gilt 4.250% 07/12/2040				
		UK Gilt 4.375% 31/07/2054				
		iShares USD Treasury Bond 20yr+ ETF				
		iShares Core UK Gilts ETF				
	Credit	M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond				
		L&G ESG GBP Corporate Bond ETF				
		Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond				
		BlueBay Financial Capital Bond				
		Nomura Corporate Hybrid Bond Fund				
		Man GLG Dynamic Income				
		Aegon Investment Grade Global B	Bond			
		Royal London Short Duration High Yield				
		Ninety One EM Blended Debt				
		Equity	51.00%			
	UK Equity	JPMorgan UK Equity Core				
		ES R&M UK Recovery				
		Abrdn UK Mid-Cap Equity				
	Int. Equity	ES R&M European				
		LF Miton European Opportunities				
		Polar Emerging Markets Stars				
		iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF				
		Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity				
		M&G Japan Smaller Companies				
		Baillie Gifford American				
		iShares S&P 500 Equal Weight ET	F			
		Lazard US Small Cap Equity				
		Invesco S&P 500 ETF GBP Hedged				
		L&G US Equity				
	Thematic	M&G Global Listed Infrastructure				
	Equity	Regnan Sustainable Water and W				
	E. 6411	Alternatives 13.5				
	Eq. Mkt Neutral	Blackrock European Absolute Alpha				
	Real	Gresham House Energy Storage				
	Assets Direct	Tritax EuroBox				
	Direct	Aberdeen Standard European Logistics				
	Alt.	Syncona				
	Equity	Structured Products				

All data is valid to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 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.



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#### Performance



## Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2023	2022	2021	2020*
VT Astute Balanced	9.47	17.70	7.61	-10.71	8.71	7.91
Benchmark	2.75	29.75	5.50	12.06	6.86	1.29
Comparator	10.99	17.58	9.26	-9.26	8.00	4.63

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

#### Commentary

With no major developments, yields saw a minimal change in June, though a surge in the wellknown tech names did push some equity indices to new highs. Recent softer inflation prints were welcome news, but the likelihood of rate cuts remained broadly unchanged as Central Banks await further confirmation. The US election race remains somewhat close, but Trump likely gained a further edge due to Biden's weaker performance during the televised debate. In Europe, attention is on the first round of the French election given a victory for the National Rally party will likely introduce some market volatility. However, the key is that fiscal easing appears inevitable, which could support economic growth but will constrain the European Central Bank's path going forward. In Japan, the Yen continued to depreciate to new lows prompting discussions about potential intervention, though historically, such measures has only offered temporary relief. This adds pressure on the Bank of Japan leading up to their July meeting to adopt a more hawkish stance which could include an additional 25bps rate hike alongside the already announced significant reduction in government bond buying. Looking ahead, European markets will likely dominate the headlines in July as the French election unfolds but also given that the upcoming UK election appears to be Labours to lose.

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#### ESG Rating



Fund Size	£264.61m
Benchmark	CPI + 1.5%
Comparator	Morningstar U Allocation
Manager	Astute Investm
ACD	Valu Trac
Fund Type	OEIC (UCITS)
Launch Date	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
OCF	0.73%
Total No. Holdings	41
Dealing Frequency	Daily
ISIN	GB00BKWGB5
SEDOL	BKWGB57

E264.61m CPI + 1.5% Morningstar UK Moderate Target Allocation Astute Investment Management Valu Trac DEIC (UCITS) 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 0.73% 41 Daily GB00BKWGB574 BKWGB57

#### Fund Management Team



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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.

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