



VT Chelsea Managed Balanced Growth

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Fund information

Launch date	5 th June 2017
Size	£39.16m
Number of holdings	41
Share class & ISIN	VT Chelsea Managed Balanced Growth A Acc GBP GB00BF0NMX06
Initial charge	0%
Ongoing charges figure	0.80%

Top 10 holdings

Digital 9 Infrastructure	5.16%
Greencoat UK Wind PLC	4.11%
Taylor Maritime Investments Ltd	3.97%
T Rowe Price Global Focused Growth Equity	3.90%
Fidelity Index US	3.82%
Man GLG UK Absolute Value	3.74%
Fundsmith Equity I Class Acc (ST DR)	3.65%
Supermarket Income REIT PLC	3.29%
Life Science REIT plc	3.20%
Tritax EuroBox PLC	3.00%

VT Chelsea Managed Balanced Growth aims to produce capital growth over the long term[†], but with lower volatility than global equities. The fund has a target weighting of between 50% and 70% in UK and overseas equities, although it may also invest in

other assets including bonds, property, gold and targeted absolute return strategies. Exposure to assets will typically be via open-ended funds, investment trusts and exchange traded funds.

Fund commentary It has been a difficult start to the year for stock markets. Inflation has proved to be far stickier than central banks had hoped and they are now being forced to take action quickly by raising interest rates.

The war in Ukraine has compounded the situation further. Although Russia and Ukraine make up a relatively small percentage of profits for most companies they are a big exporter of commodities. Removing these commodities from the market has caused a steep rise in the prices of oil, gas, wheat, nickel and many others. This has dashed the hopes that inflation might fall back relatively quickly.

Expectations of more interest rate rises this year has hit expensive growth and tech companies particularly hard. The good news is that many now look much better value. In addition, and most importantly, many companies continue to deliver fantastic results, despite the wider macroeconomic noise.

We have been reducing the equity weight in the portfolio and allocating capital to real asset specialist investment trusts. The weight to property investment trusts is now close to the highest it has ever been. These trusts are generally very specialist and linked to specific long-term themes. For example, we have positions in digital infrastructure, which comprises things like cell towers, undersea cables and data centres. Other positions include supermarkets, care homes

and logistics warehouses. These positions are generally backed by real assets and have good inflation protection.

Another position helping us with inflation is our renewable energy exposure. Our largest position is in Greencoat UK wind which owns wind farms in the UK and continues to be an excellent performer. The trust has not hedged its power prices and has been a beneficiary of the huge increase in electricity prices we have seen recently.

Our growth equity positions have been the biggest detractors at the start of the year. However, we still believe that tech is only going to play a bigger role in the future, whatever interest rates might be. Is Amazon going to disappear because of higher inflation and interest rates? Will we all stop using Google? Will cloud computing reverse? We don't think so and many of these large cash-generative companies now trade at very reasonable valuations. In addition many of the investment trusts we hold with technology exposure trade on discounts. We took advantage of heavy falls in growth stocks to make some small top ups and began a new position in Baillie Gifford US Growth trust.

Markets have had a very strong run over the past two years so a pullback is not surprising. With valuations now lower we are looking forward to finding more exciting investment opportunities in the future.

Performance since launch (%)*



Cumulative performance

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch
Fund (%)	5.08	27.93	-	35.27
IA Sector (%)	4.02	21.02	-	22.84

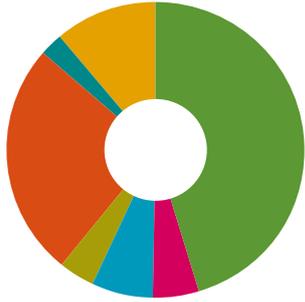
Calendar year performance

	YTD	2021	2020	2019
Fund (%)	-7.58	16.24	7.82	15.30
IA Sector (%)	-6.28	10.94	5.32	15.78

All data correct as at 28th February 2022.
[†]Long term is 5+ years.

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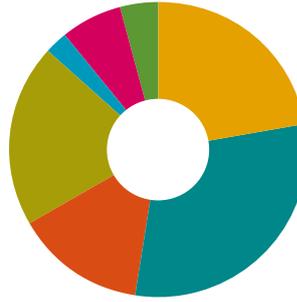
Asset allocation (%)



Equity	45.43%
Targeted Absolute Return	4.88%
Fixed Interest	6.84%
Cash	3.81%
Property	25.48%
Gold and Silver	2.60%
Alternatives	10.97%
Total	100.00%

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Geographical equity allocation (%)



UK	22.46%
USA	30.06%
Asia Pacific ex Japan	14.18%
Europe ex UK	20.05%
Japan	2.68%
Emerging Markets ex Asia	6.52%
Other	4.06%
Total	100.00%

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