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## Fund information

Launch date	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Size	£40.52m
Number of holdings	38
Share class & ISIN	VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth A Acc GBP GB00BF0NMY13
Initial charge	0%
Ongoing charges figure	1.20%

# Top 10 holdings

Fidelity Index US	8.06%	
HSBC American Index	5.91%	
Chrysalis Investments Ltd	5.38%	
Polar Capital Biotechnology	4.06%	
Polar Capital Technology Trust PLC	4.05%	
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunitues	3.56%	
Ninety One Global Environment	3.45%	
Baillie Gifford Japan Trust PLC	3.33%	
Schroder Global Recovery	3.04%	
M&G Japan	3.02%	

#### VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth

aims to produce capital growth over the long term<sup>†</sup>. The fund will invest up to 100% in UK and overseas equities, although it may also invest in other assets including bonds,

Fund commentary\* It was a tough three months for the fund with a total return of +0.46% versus +0.75% for the IA Flexible Investment sector and +2.71% for the IA Global sector.\* The fund's heavy exposure to smaller companies continues to be the biggest drag on performance with holdings in Chelverton UK Equity Growth, Smithson trust, Jupiter European Smaller Companies, Marlborough European Special Situations and Jupiter UK Dynamic dragging on performance during the period. The US stock market has been led almost entirely by its seven largest companies. Smaller companies typically outperform over the longer term and despite their recent performance we are confident that they will again in the future. Valuations are now looking very attractive for smaller companies, particularly in the UK.

The fund also has substantial exposure to pre-IPO private companies mainly via our holdings in Chrysalis and Schiehallion trusts. These trusts have heavily underperformed the broader market in the past couple of years and trade on substantial discounts. We believe there is huge potential in some of their holdings and if the IPO market re-opens some of this value can

## Performance since launch (%)\*\*

70

60

VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth A Acc GBP in GBP IA Global TR in GBP

## **Cumulative performance**

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch
Fund (%)	-1.71	10.87	23.88	39.26
IA Sector (%)	3.25	23.31	38.75	55.94

## **Calendar year performance**

	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund (%)	3.51	-18.93	16.85	16.68	19.71
IA Sector (%)	6.87	-11.06	17.68	15.27	21.92

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

be realised. The recent high profile positive IPO of ARM is a good sign in this regard. We also note recent positive comments from Klarna, a holding within Chrysalis, that it is now profitable and is ready to IPO when conditions improve. We are starting to see some more positive news but we remain patient.

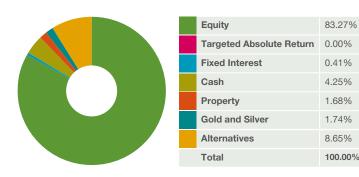
On a positive note the fund's US and Emerging market holdings performed well in the period. Baillie Gifford US Growth trust (+7.18%), RWC Global Emerging Markets (+6.74%), HSBC American Index (+5.08%) and Fidelity US Index (+5.04%) all had strong gains in the period.\* The fund has also increased our exposure to some alternative investment trusts including Hipgnosis Songs fund and Bluefield Solar Income fund. Both trusts trade on substantial discounts to their stated net asset value.

It has been an incredibly tough period for investors but we are now seeing some positive signs. Inflation looks to have peaked, although it remains stubborn. We are seeing cracks in the UK economy and we don't think interest rates can continue to rise much further. The fund continues to be patient and add to exciting opportunities on weakness.

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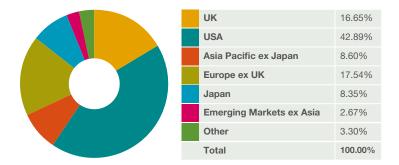
## Asset allocation (%)



Data correct as at  $31^{\rm st}$  August 2023. Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



## **Geographical equity allocation (%)**



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