



# VT Munro Smart-Beta UK Fund

Previously the VT Maven Smart Dividend UK Fund

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## Fund Objective

The Fund seeks to maximize the overall return by seeking to replicate the performance of the Freedom Smart-Beta UK Dividend Index<sup>1</sup>. It is a UCITS fund.

## Fund Process

The VT Munro Smart-Beta UK Fund will seek to deliver a consistent return over the long term by holding mainly large and medium sized securities, excluding Investment Trusts, listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Fund will be constructed on the basis of the underlying fundamental financial attributes of the companies listed on the London Stock Exchange rather on their market capitalisation. The weight of each company in the Fund will be determined by the proportion that its forecast total dividend will be expected to make of the total income of all the companies held. The Fund distributes every month and can be considered to be managed with the aim of replicating the performance of the Freedom Smart-Beta UK Dividend Index which is constructed on the same basis.

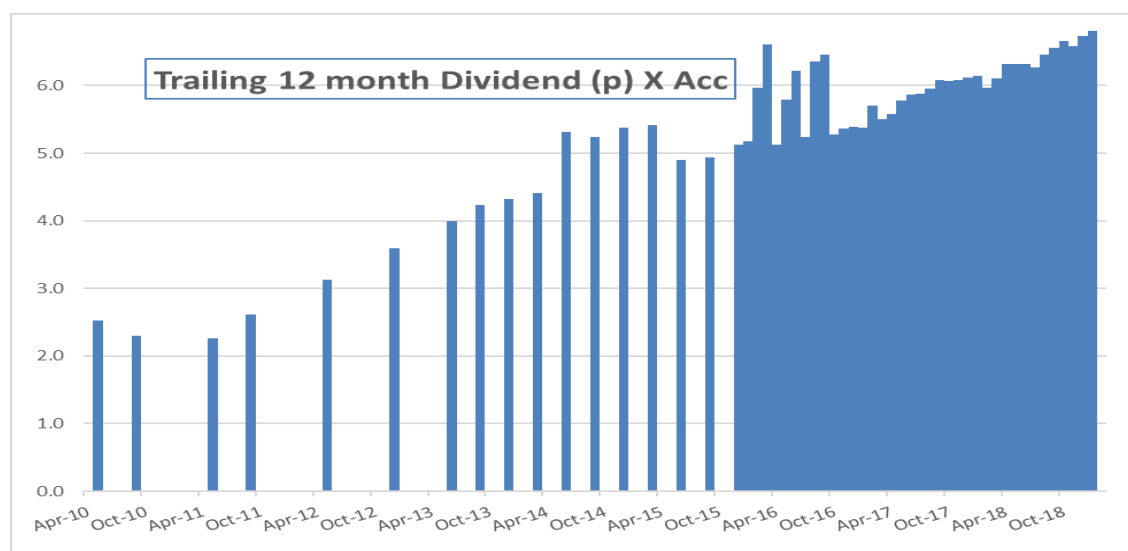
## Market comment

(VT interpretation based on data from Reuters as at 31/01/19)

A rise in sterling in January had the effect of reducing the value of overseas earnings, and hence forecast dividends. The net effect was a reduction of 1.8% to £107.6 billion in the dividends expected to be paid by the largest UK companies. However, dividends declared by the fund in the 12 months to end January reached a record 7.1p for the accumulation units and 4.7p for the income units putting them on a yield of 5.2%.

<sup>1</sup>The Freedom Smart-Beta UK Dividend index is a Sterling based total return index, comprising approximately 300 of the largest dividend paying stocks (excluding Investment Trusts) that are quoted on the London Stock Exchange. While the full universe is initially determined by market capitalisation, the investible universe is reweighted based on expected dividend payout. The Fund aims to replicate the performance of the Freedom Smart-Beta UK Dividend index but will not necessarily be invested in all the constituents.

Distribution changed from semi-annual to quarterly in September 2013 and to monthly in October 2015.



Launch Date 15/09/2007	Since Launch	10 Year	5 Year	3 Year	1 Year
Total Return of Fund	39.9%	118.1%	27.0%	33.9%	-4.6%
Quartile (IA UK All Companies)		4th	3rd	1st	2nd
Standard Deviation (5yr)	10.06%	Volatility (3 years)		1st Quartile	
Beta (5 year)	0.98	AMC (X Class)		0.5%	
Yield (X Inc)	5.2%	Yield Ranking		1st Quartile	

Source: Reuters, FT, FT Adviser, Trustnet and Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited (31/01/19), relative to IA UK All Companies Sector

## Important Information:

- The value of your shares and the income from them can go down as well as up and you may get back less than you invested.
- Past performance is not a guide to future returns.
- Further information on charges and risks can be found in the KIID.

<b>Top 30 Holdings</b>	HSBC HOLDINGS PLC	7.59%	NATIONAL GRID	1.69%
	BP	5.81%	DIAGEO	1.67%
	BHP BILLITON PLC	5.13%	BT GROUP	1.53%
	ROYAL DUTCH SHELL B	4.60%	BARCLAYS	1.51%
	ROYAL DUTCH SHELL A	4.55%	PRUDENTIAL	1.45%
	BRIT AMER TOBACCO	4.29%	RECKITT BENCK GRP	1.32%
	RIO TINTO	4.11%	LEGAL & GENERAL GP	1.31%
	GLAXOSMITHKLINE	3.63%	ROYAL BK SCOT GRP	1.28%
	LLOYDS BANKING GP	3.25%	AVIVA	1.18%
	ASTRAZENECA	2.91%	STANDARD CHARTERED	1.14%
	VODAFONE GROUP	2.77%	INTL CONS AIRLINE	0.94%
	GLENCORE XSTRATA PLC	2.25%	BAE SYSTEMS	0.94%
	UNILEVER PLC	2.13%	CARNIVAL PLC	0.92%
	IMPERIAL BRANDS PLC	1.99%	SSE PLC	0.91%
	ANGLO AMERICAN	1.80%	REED ELSEVIER	0.88%

#### Dividends

Dividends	X Class Income	X Accumulation	XD Date	Payment Date
2018 February	0.6306p	0.9290p	28/02/2018	30/04/2018
2018 March	0.3979p	0.5900p	29/03/2018	31/05/2018
2018 April	0.4626p	0.6890p	30/04/2018	29/06/2018
2018 May	0.5923p	0.8862p	31/05/2018	31/07/2018
2018 June	0.3366p	0.5066p	29/06/2018	31/08/2018
2018 July	0.0343p	0.0516p	31/07/2018	28/09/2018
2018 August	0.9136p	1.3802p	31/08/2018	31/10/2018
2018 September	0.2142p	0.3252p	28/09/2018	30/11/2018
2018 October	0.2658p	0.4055p	31/10/2018	31/12/2018
2018 November	0.3949p	0.6052p	30/11/2018	31/01/2019
2018 December	0.1892p	0.2912p	31/12/2018	28/02/2019
2019 January	0.2665p	0.4111p	31/01/2019	29/03/2019
Total 12 month distribution	4.6985p	7.0708p		

#### Key Data

	Price (as at 10am 31/01/19)	AMC	Bloomberg	SEDOL	ISIN	MexiD
<b>X Accumulation</b>	139.9p	0.5%	SWMNUXA LN	B1Z8LM4	GB00B1Z8LM43	WLSW
<b>X Income</b>	90.4p	0.5%	SWMNUXI LN	B1Z8L91	GB00B1Z8L916	WLSWXS

Investment Manager	Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited
IA Sector	IA UK All Companies
Fund Website	<a href="http://www.valu-trac.com/administration-services/clients/munro/">http://www.valu-trac.com/administration-services/clients/munro/</a>

#### Dealing (Daily)

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Annual accounting date is 31st January

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