# **VT Cape Wrath Focus Fund**

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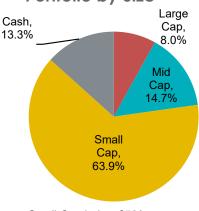
# Commentary

Companies typically appear on our radar when existing investors 'just want out'. Last month we initiated coverage on a stock which had de-rated from a peak forward P/E of 28.1x (at 3,910p) to a trough of 4.4x (at 594p), as the market realised that growth was more cyclical than they had thought. Reading the psychology behind this change in perception of value is fascinating - it's one of the reasons I choose to be an investor. The company is Future PLC (FUTR) and it is the latest addition to your portfolio. FUTR's specialist media content is tailored to readers who are either prepared to pay for editorial / curated content ('MoneyWeek', 'The Week Junior'); or seeking information to guide a purchasing decision (and so of high value to advertisers and retailers). The Group also owns the price comparison site Go.Compare. The new CEO has shifted capital allocation from M&A to organic investment in content, and initiated a share buy-back. Debt levels are modest versus FCF, and the shares could double and still be cheap versus comparable businesses.

#### **Top Ten Equity Holdings**

1	Somero Enterprises	7.5%		
2	Gulf Marine Services	7.1%		
3	Enquest	5.2%		
4	Costain Group	5.1%		
5	Renewi	4.7%		
6	Newriver Reit	4.6%		
7	Future	4.5%		
8	NCC Group	4.0%		
9	Capita	3.9%		
10	Synthomer	3.8%		
TOTAL		50.4%		

## Portfolio by Size



#### Small Cap below £500m, Mid Cap from £500m to £3,000m, Large Cap above £3,000m

## **Portfolio Characteristics**

Holdings (ex cash) that:			
Trade at < TBV <sup>+</sup>	29.9%		
Trade at < 10x P / E <sup>++</sup>	80.5%		
Trade at > 10% FCFE yield <sup>†</sup>	64.2%		
Have balance sheet net cash <sup>†</sup>	31.2%		

# **Key Facts**

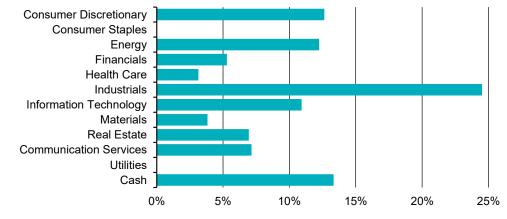
Structure	UK NURS OEIC			
AUM	£11.6m			
Class A / B price	140.1p / 138.8p			
% held by CWC employees	13.3%			
Holdings	23			
Launch date	3 October 2016			
Share type	Net accumulation			
Class A OCF / Performance fee*	0.45% / 20% versus benchmark** + HWM			
Class B OCF / Performance fee*	0.90% / nil			

- † Last reported / †† Consensus forecast
- <sup>^</sup> Excluding IFRS16

\* Refer to prospectus for full details

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### Portfolio by Sector



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Class A GBP Net Accumulation	6.7%	11.5%	13.5%	30.3%	44.8%	40.1%
MSCI UK IMI Net TR - rebased	4.4%	5.6%	8.0%	30.2%	36.0%	42.1%
MSCI UK Smallcap Net TR - rebased	8.5%	9.5%	9.8%	-2.4%	20.7%	23.7%



Past performance is not indicative of future results

<sup>\*\*</sup> MSCI UK IMI Net Dividends Reinvested

# **VT Cape Wrath Focus Fund**



### **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate capital growth over the long term by typically investing at least 70% in a concentrated portfolio of UK listed equities. The Fund follows a value philosophy, looking for situations in which investors have overreacted to events and valuations no longer reflect company fundamentals. The best opportunities often are found after a period of disappointment has created emotional reasons not to invest. Every investment requires a clear catalyst, which impacts on earnings, or the multiple the market applies to those earnings.

#### **Platforms**

AJ Bell
Alliance Trust Savings
Allfunds
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Cofunds
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#### **Fund Manager**



#### Adam Rackley, CFA

After working as an analyst at the Alliance Trust, Adam joined Montanaro Asset Management, where he

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