

VT Esprit Careful Growth

Portfolio Date: 31/10/2025

Investment Strategy

The investment objective of the VT Esprit Careful Growth fund is to achieve a level of investment return in excess of the benchmark over the longer term (5 years+). The fund will be actively managed in order to achieve its objective by investing in a globally diversified range of asset classes including equities, fixed income, money market instruments, cash, property and commodities.

Fund Information

	Inception Date	ISIN	IA Sector	OCF	Share Class AUM	12 Month Yield
C Acc	01/09/2023	GB00BQ2KRJ72	Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	0.68%	£ 174,053,131	3.13%
Acc	23/01/2018	GB00BF0Q2S42	Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	0.93%	£ 16,958,982	3.13%

Monthly Commentary

What happened in markets?

October was another strong month for global equities as new all-time highs were posted, with technology stocks and the Magnificent 7 yet again leading the US equity market higher. We've recently written about these companies in an article titled "Have AI stocks entered bubble territory?" so we won't elaborate too much further, other than to say that the share price gains we have seen this year reflect continued strong earnings growth.

At a regional level, Emerging Market and Japanese equities were the strongest performers, delivering returns of 6.7% and 5.9% respectively, with UK and European equities lagging. The appointment of a new Prime Minister in Japan galvanised investors who believe she's likely to encourage a package of expansionary fiscal and monetary policies, as well as accelerate corporate governance reforms. The Japanese Yen weakened which usually correlates with stronger equity market performance given high exposure to overseas earnings for Japanese companies.

It was a good month for gilts, but a negative one for sterling, as weaker-than-expected inflation and a continued softening in labour market data provides some headroom for the Bank of England to resume monetary easing. Ahead of the UK budget there was also a growing sense that the Chancellor's attempt to raise enough additional tax revenue to satisfy the bond market will be to the detriment of the future growth outlook.

What is the outlook?

Following the Fed's October rate cut, commentary from Fed members has been on the 'hawkish' side, leaving the prospect of a further interest rate cut in December in the balance. The US central bank's ability to accurately gauge the health of the economy is further complicated by the ongoing US government shutdown, which is delaying the release of timely economic data such as the widely followed monthly non-farm payroll reports.

We have stronger conviction that the Bank of England will reduce interest rates in December, having digested the budget and assessed the potential implications for the UK economy. Nonetheless, recent economic data has strengthened the case for a resumption of rate cuts and inflation is forecast to move closer to target next year.

Given the strong year-to-date returns from global equities, it's only natural to expect some steam to come out of the recent rally, or even an equity market correction. Whilst corporates are delivering strong earnings growth, we acknowledge that share prices in some pockets of the market may have run-ahead of themselves, although we expect any setback to be short-lived in an environment of positive global economic growth, falling inflation and lower interest rates.

Why Invest

Simplicity

A single fund to meet your investment needs

Diversification

Access a range of asset classes, investment styles and geographies

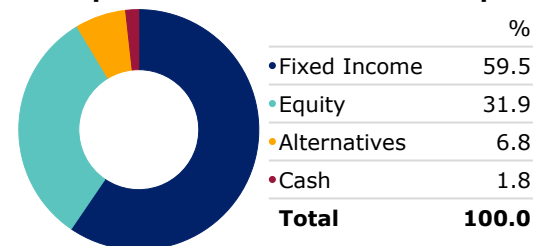
Actively managed

The fund will change as market conditions and the economic cycle evolves

Expertise

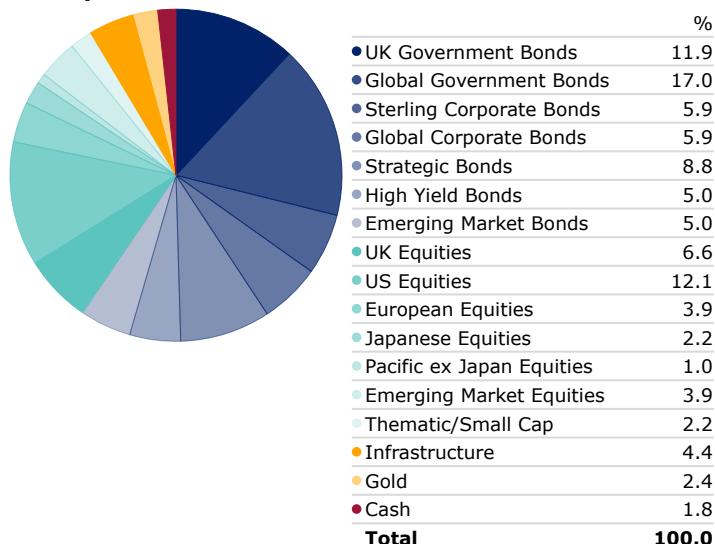
The managers share 60 years investment experience

VT Esprit Careful Growth - Asset Split



Asset Allocation

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Top 10 Holdings

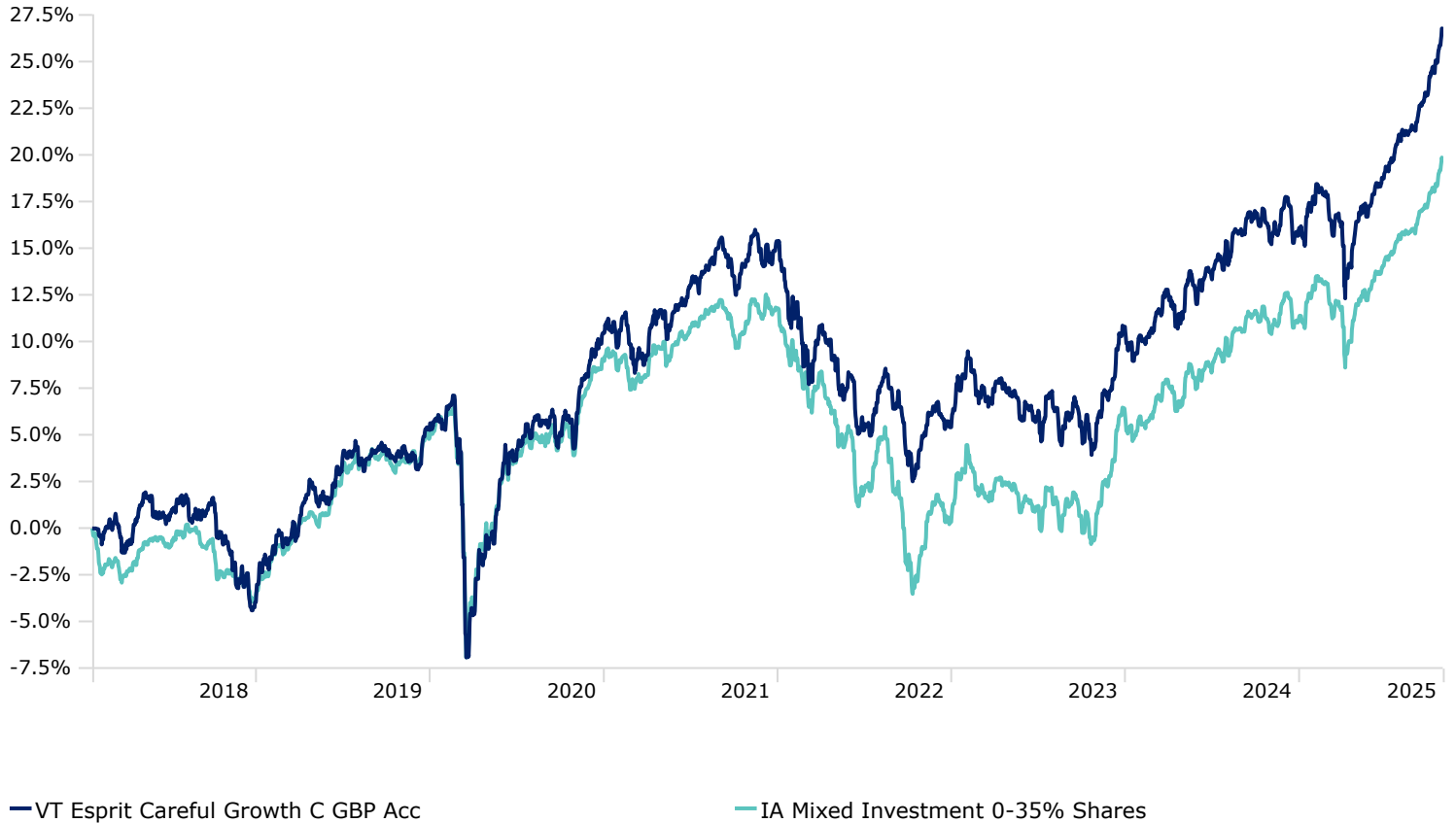
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	Portfolio Weighting %
Vanguard US Government Bond Index	12.7
Amundi UK Government Bond ETF	11.9
iShares Corporate Bond Index	5.9
Artemis Short Duration Strategic Bond Fund	5.9
abrdn Global Corporate Bond Screened Tracker	5.9
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	5.5
Vanguard Euro Government Bond Index	4.2
HSBC Global EM Government Bond Index	3.6
BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta	3.5
Amundi MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	3.4

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Investment Growth

Time Period: 24/01/2018 to 31/10/2025



Source: Morningstar Direct, Total return, GBP, Performance is for the C Acc unit but prior to 01/09/2023 it is the Acc unit

Cumulative Returns

	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years
VT Esprit Careful Growth C GBP Acc	9.48	9.39	21.24	21.45	—	—
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	7.76	8.13	21.35	15.18	37.49	67.29

Discrete Calendar Years

	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021
VT Esprit Careful Growth C GBP Acc	9.48	4.41	5.10	-8.63	4.45
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	7.76	4.37	6.06	-10.22	2.57

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OCF: The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the fund. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC), the underlying fund charges, and other operating costs.

Performance figures are net of the underlying fund charges and gross of adviser and platform charges. Deduction of these fees and charges will impact on the performance shown.

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