



# VT Munro Smart-Beta UK Fund

Previously the VT Maven Smart Dividend UK Fund

Factsheet 161: December 2020

## 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

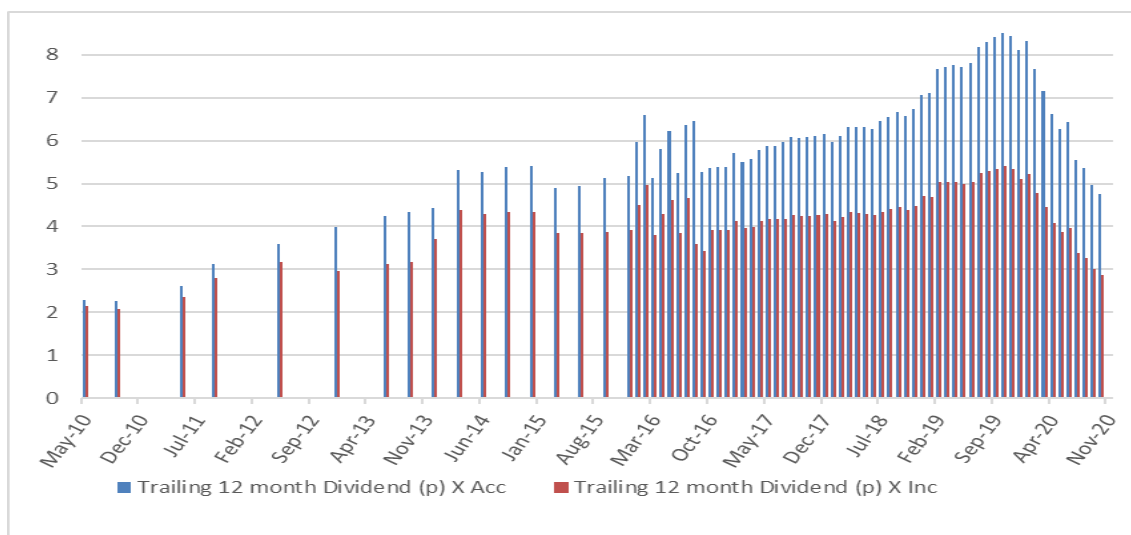
The VT Munro Smart-Beta UK Fund will seek to deliver a consistent return over the long term by holding mainly large and medium sized securities, excluding Investment Trusts, listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Fund will be constructed on the basis of the underlying fundamental financial attributes 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 (as at 30th November 2020)

The unification of Unilever into a single UK based company has increased the number of its shares listed on the LSE and thus dividend payments due to that class. That has the effect of increasing the total dividend payment for the UK market and was the main reason that the forecast for dividend payments for next year increased by 1.5% to £83.8 billion. This was despite a 3% fall in the value of the dollar which reduces the sterling value of dividends declared in that currency.

<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	<b>28.2%</b>	<b>46.9%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>-10.2%</b>	<b>-14.9%</b>
Quartile (IA UK All Companies)	<b>4th</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>4th</b>
Standard Deviation (5yr)		<b>13.34%</b>	Volatility (3 years)		<b>1st Quartile</b>
Beta (5 year)		<b>1.04</b>	AMC (X Class)		<b>0.5%</b>
Yield (X Inc)		<b>3.8%</b>	Yield Ranking		<b>1st Quartile</b>

Source: Reuters, FT, FT Adviser, Trustnet and Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited (30/11/2020), 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.

**Top 30 Holdings**  
As at 30th November

HSBC Holdings PLC	5.75%	Imperial Brands PLC	1.81%
British American Tobacco PLC	5.56%	Legal & General Group PLC	1.68%
Rio Tinto PLC	5.28%	Natwest Group PLC	1.60%
BHP Group PLC	5.02%	Anglo American PLC	1.51%
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	4.15%	SSE PLC	1.40%
BP PLC	3.86%	Lloyds Banking Group PLC	1.31%
AstraZeneca PLC	3.86%	Persimmon PLC	1.27%
Royal Dutch Shell PLC A	3.17%	BAE Systems PLC	1.22%
Royal Dutch Shell PLC B	2.59%	Relx PLC	1.22%
National Grid PLC	2.32%	Aviva PLC	1.21%
Diageo PLC	2.21%	Tesco PLC	1.07%
Glencore PLC	2.07%	Ferguson Plc	1.03%
Unilever PLC	2.04%	Taylor Wimpey PLC	1.01%
Vodafone Group PLC	1.97%	BT Group PLC	1.01%
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	1.95%	Barclays PLC	0.95%

**Dividends**

Dividends	X Class Income	X Accumulation	XD Date	Payment Date
2019 December	0.1254p	0.2047p	31/12/2019	28/02/2020
2020 January	0.0414p	0.0677p	31/01/2020	31/03/2020
2020 February	0.7314p	1.19624	28/02/2020	30/04/2020
2020 March	0.2935p	0.4845p	31/03/2020	29/05/2020
2020 April	0.1379p	0.2197p	30/04/2020	30/06/2020
2020 May	0.2348p	0.3915p	29/05/2020	31/07/2020
2020 June	0.0729p	0.1221p	30/06/2020	31/08/2020
2020 July	0.1779p	0.2981p	31/07/2020	30/09/2020
2020 August	0.5262p	0.8728p	28/08/2020	30/10/2020
2020 September	0.1510p	0.2556p	30/09/2020	30/11/2020
2020 October	0.0771p	0.1308p	30/10/2020	31/12/2020
2020 November	0.2984p	0.5068p	30/11/2020	29/01/2021
Total 12 month distribution	2.8679p	4.7507p		

**Key Data**

	Price (as at noon 30/11/20)	AMC	Bloomberg	SEDOL	ISIN	MexiD
<b>X Accumulation</b>	128.2p	0.5%	SWMNUXA LN	B1Z8LM4	GB00B1Z8LM43	WLSW
<b>X Income</b>	75.2p	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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