



# VT Munro Smart-Beta UK Fund

Previously the VT Maven Smart Dividend UK Fund

Factsheet 152: March 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

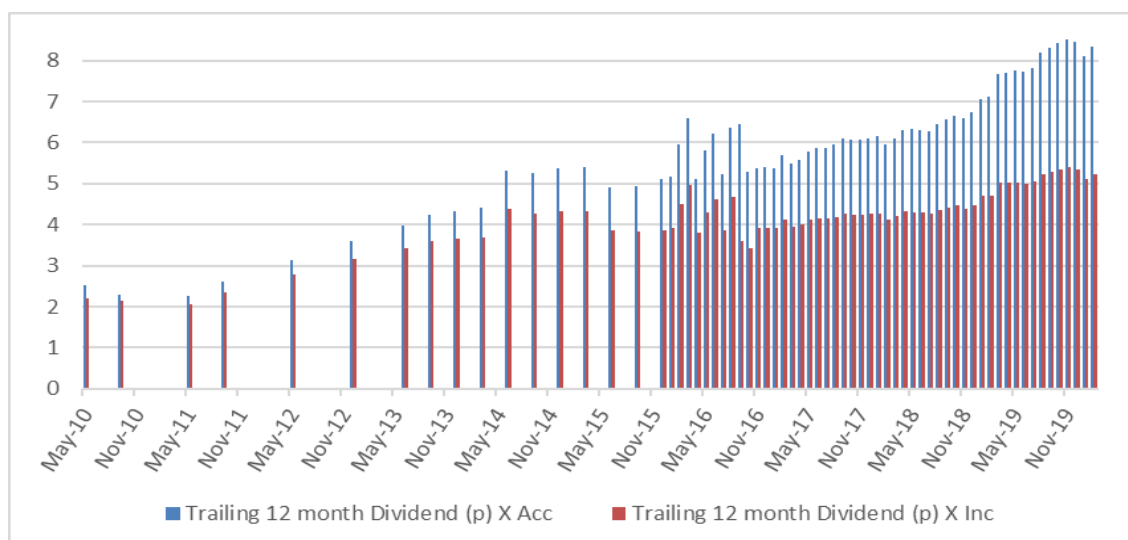
The VT Munro Smart-Beta UK Fund will seek to deliver a consistent return over the long term by holding mainly large and medium sized securities, excluding Investment Trusts, listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Fund will be constructed on the basis of the underlying fundamental financial attributes 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 2nd March 2020)

The sharp fall in the UK stock market at the end of February pushed the yield on the fund to 6.4%; the highest in the UK All Companies Sector. Yet dividend forecasts for the largest 300 companies listed in the UK increased by 1.4% to £110 billion over the last month. Even if these estimates are too high and actual payments turn out to be half this level, i.e. back to those seen in 2009, the yield from equities would remain substantially higher than that from fixed income.

<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	33.9%	59.8%	10.7%	-0.4%	-5.7%
Quartile (IA UK All Companies)		4th	4th	4th	4th
Standard Deviation (5yr)		10.43%	Volatility (3 years)		1st Quartile
Beta (5 year)		1.00	AMC (X Class)		0.5%
Yield (X Inc)		6.4%	Yield Ranking		1st Quartile

Source: Reuters, FT, FT Adviser, Trustnet and Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited (29/02/2020), 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 February 28th

HSBC Holdings PLC	7.58%	Unilever PLC	1.57%
BP PLC	5.93%	Glencore PLC	1.55%
British American Tobacco PLC	5.44%	Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC	1.50%
Royal Dutch Shell PLC A	4.66%	Legal & General Group PLC	1.46%
BHP Group PLC	4.50%	Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	1.43%
Royal Dutch Shell PLC B	4.28%	Prudential PLC	1.37%
Rio Tinto PLC	4.18%	SSE PLC	1.34%
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	3.96%	BAE Systems PLC	1.23%
AstraZeneca PLC	3.08%	Persimmon PLC	1.13%
Lloyds Banking Group PLC	2.41%	Aviva PLC	1.11%
National Grid PLC	2.24%	Relx PLC	1.10%
Vodafone Group PLC	1.82%	Taylor Wimpey PLC	1.09%
Diageo PLC	1.76%	BT Group PLC	1.00%
Imperial Brands PLC	1.74%	Anglo American PLC	1.00%
Barclays PLC	1.60%	Tesco PLC	0.91%

**Dividends**

Dividends	X Class Income	X Accumulation	XD Date	Payment Date
2019 March	0.7336p	1.1430p	29/03/2019	31/05/2019
2019 April	0.4676p	0.7343p	30/04/2019	28/06/2019
2019 May	0.5872p	0.9267p	31/05/2019	31/07/2019
2019 June	0.2994p	0.4755p	28/06/2019	30/08/2019
2019 July	0.0828p	0.1319p	31/07/2019	30/09/2019
2019 August	1.1054p	1.7628p	30/08/2019	31/10/2019
2019 September	0.2710p	0.4376p	30/09/2019	31/11/2019
2019 October	0.3239p	0.5244p	31/10/2019	31/12/2019
2019 November	0.4450p	0.7232p	29/11/2019	31/01/2020
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	1.1962p	28/02/2020	30/04/2020
Total 12 month distribution	5.2141p	8.3282p		

**Key Data**

	Price (as at noon 28/02/20)	AMC	Bloomberg	SEDOL	ISIN	MexiD
<b>X Accumulation</b>	133.9p	0.5%	SWMNUXA LN	B1Z8LM4	GB00B1Z8LM43	WLSW
<b>X Income</b>	81.1p	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)**

Please call: 01343 880 344

Annual accounting date is 31st January

**WARNING:** The information in this Report is presented by Valu-Trac using all reasonable skill, care and diligence and has been obtained from or is based on third party sources believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed as to its accuracy, completeness or timeliness, nor is it a complete statement or summary of any securities, markets or developments referred to. The information within this Report should not be regarded by recipients as a substitute for the exercise of their own judgement.

The information in this Report has no regard to the specific investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any specific recipient and is published solely for informational purposes and is not to be construed as a solicitation or an offer to buy or sell any securities or related financial instruments. In the absence of detailed information about you, your circumstances or your investment portfolio, the information does not in any way constitute investment advice. If you have any doubt about any of the information presented, please consult your stockbroker, accountant, bank manager or other independent financial advisor.

Value of investments can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you have invested. Income from an investment may fluctuate in money terms. If the investment involves exposure to a currency other than that in which acquisitions of the investments are invited, changes in the rates of exchange may cause the value of the investment to go up or down. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance.

Any opinions expressed in this Report are subject to change without notice and Valu-Trac is not under any obligation to update or keep current the information contained herein. Sources for all tables and graphs herein are Valu-Trac unless otherwise indicated.

The information provided is "as is" without any express or implied warranty of any kind including warranties of merchantability, non-infringement of intellectual property, or fitness for any purpose. Because some jurisdictions prohibit the exclusion or limitation of liability for consequential or incidental damages, the above limitation may not apply to you.

Users are therefore warned not to rely exclusively on the comments or conclusions within the Report but to carry out their own due diligence before making their own decisions.

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited and its affiliated companies, employees of Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited and its affiliated companies, or individuals connected to them, may have or have had interests of long or short positions in, and may at any time make purchases and/or sales as principal or agent in, the relevant securities or related financial instruments discussed in this Report.

© 2020 Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (UK), registration number 145168. This status can be checked with the FCA on 0800 111 6768 or on the FCA website (UK). All rights reserved. No part of this Report may be reproduced or distributed in any manner without the written permission of Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited. Valu-Trac™ is a registered trademark.