

April 2023

## VT PEF Global Multi-Asset Fund (VT PEF GMAF)

### Key Facts

Fund launch date:	25/09/17
Fund type:	UCITS
Fund managers:	Andrew Craig & Roderick Collins
Fund size	£10.3m
IA sector:	IA Flexible Investment
Base currency:	GBP
Valuation point: (Daily dealing)	12:00 midday London time
Accounting dates:	Final – 31/12 Interim – 30/06
UCITS:	Yes
SIPP & ISA eligible:	Yes
7-day Fund liquidity:	100%
Minimum Investment:	A Class – £100

### Performance Analysis Since 25/09/17

Annualised rate of return	-0.1%
Best month	3.6% (Jun '19)
Worst month	-3.2% (Feb '20)
Average month	0.00%
% Positive months	51%

### Monthly Performance (% return)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.5*	1.6	-0.8	0.4	0.7
2018	1.2	-1.5	-1.9	0.4	0.1	-0.7	0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-1.8	-0.4	-1.3	-6.4
2019	0.9	-1.1	1.2	0.8	0.2	3.6	3.0	-1.3	-0.2	-2.2	0.2	-0.6	4.4
2020	-1.3	-3.2	-1.9	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.3	-1.1	3.1	1.3	-1.2
2021	-1.0	-0.6	1.3	2.2	0.5	1.7	-0.3	1.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.9	5.2
2022	-1.7	-0.2	1.6	0.5	-1.0	-1.5	0.6	0.2	-1.4	-0.1	0.5	-0.2	-2.9
2023	0.9	-2.0	1.0	0.1									-0.1

\*September 2017 was only a partial month, as the fund was launched on the 25th September 2017. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Source: Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

### Notes

- (1) A class accumulation shares, net of fees priced at midday UK time, net dividends reinvested. Source: Valu-Trac Investment Management Ltd.
- (2) MSCI World Index in Sterling, net dividends reinvested, priced at close of business US time, source: MSCI Inc. The MSCI World Index is a generic portfolio of global equities across all sectors and, as such, is a fair comparison given the Fund is also global and sector agnostic.
- (3) iBoxx GBP Gilts Index, source: Refinitiv.
- (4) UK Pound Sterling Overnight Index SONIA, source: Refinitiv.
- (5) A (retail) class AMC 0.9% / I (institutional) class AMC 0.7%. (I-class for sums over £1m or at manager's discretion).
- (6) This figure will reduce if the fund increases in size: £30,000 of fixed costs over £10m = 0.30% but only 0.03% over £100m, for example.
- (7) The fund normally only buys and sells positions once a month to keep trading costs as low as possible.

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide capital growth over the medium to long term. The Fund will aim to meet its objectives by employing two primary investment techniques:

1. True diversification which may include exposure to equities, fixed income, commodities, real estate and infrastructure in different jurisdictions throughout the world, primarily using Exchange Traded Funds.
2. Formula-based trend following.

### Performance (% return)

	Apr. 2023	2023 YTD	*Since incep.	Q4/21 - Q3/22	Q4/20 - Q3/21	Q4/19 - Q3/20	Q4/18 - Q3/19	Q4/17 - Q3/18
VT PEF GMAF <sup>(1)</sup>	0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-2.8	8.4	-6.8	3.4	-1.8
Global Equities <sup>(2)</sup>	0.1	4.9	68.3	-2.9	23.5	5.2	7.8	14.4
UK Bonds <sup>(3)</sup>	-1.5	0.8	-14.4	-24.8	-7.1	3.7	14.2	0.6
Cash <sup>(4)</sup>	0.2	0.9	3.0	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.6

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### Charges

Entry & exit charges:	0.00%
Performance charges:	0.00%
Annual Management Charge (AMC):	0.9/0.7% <sup>(5)</sup>
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF):	1.24/1.04% <sup>(6)</sup>
Estimated trading costs:	0.012% <sup>(7)</sup>

### Codes

ISIN:	GB00BDZZSM84
SEDOL:	BDZZSM8
MEXID:	WLJKH
CITICODE:	O42K
Bloomberg Ticker:	VTGMAAG
Lipper:	LP68439582

## Monthly Commentary (April 2023)

A feature of the opening months of 2023 has been the central banks' mission to reduce inflation to the arbitrarily chosen 2 per cent level. Debate remains about the cause of the inflation: an inevitable consequence of super-low interest rates and quantitative easing, an external shock from high commodity and energy prices (largely Ukraine war induced), a classical demand-pull inflation (which the central banks seem to assume and wish to combat) or cost-push (which at least in the UK is a possibility). In the USA the CPI has now retreated to 5 per cent year on year, in the Euro area 6.9 per cent and in the UK a stubborn 10 per cent.

Commodity and energy prices are now falling, though gold is in positive territory year on year. An inevitable consequence of tighter monetary policy has been a reduction in GDP down to 0.9 percent year on year in the USA, 0.6 percent in the UK and 1.8 percent in the Euro area. The inflationary environment been reflected in an increase in government bond yields, up 66 basis points year to date in the

USA, 179 basis points in the UK and 159 basis points in the Euro area. Losses on government securities have been a key contributor to the failure of several US banks and the tighter interest rate environment may have contributed to the demise of Credit Suisse

During the month the Global Multi Asset Fund appreciated by 0.1 per cent, in line with Global equities and ahead of UK bonds. A new position was introduced in European corporate bonds, while we exited Emerging Market Government bonds.

### Buy Position Trades

+ Fixed Income / Corporate (€)

### Sell Position Trades

- Fixed Income / Emerging (Gov \$)

## Platform Availability

Aegon	Ascentric	FNZ	Hargreaves Lansdown	Pershing	Transact
AJ Bell	Aviva	Fusion	Novia Financial	Standard Life - Elevate	
Alliance Trust	Embark	Interactive Investor	Nucleus	Standard Life - Wrap	

## Key Risks

- Counterparty risk: The Fund can conclude various transactions with contractual partners. If a contractual partner becomes insolvent, it can no longer or can only partly settle unpaid debts owed to the Fund.  
a wide selection of Exchange Traded Funds which themselves own many hundreds of underlying assets.
  - Market Risk: External factors can cause an entire asset class to decline in value which would result in a decrease in the value of investments. The Fund aims to mitigate this risk by investing in all major asset classes in many geographic regions and owning assets which are often negatively correlated.
  - Concentration Risk: The Fund seeks to minimise concentration risk by owning  
— Liquidity Risk: adverse market conditions may affect the ability to sell certain assets when necessary. The Fund invests nearly exclusively in large, liquid ETFs so liquidity risk should be significantly lower than in a more conventional actively managed fund investing in single assets.
- For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the [prospectus](#) which may be obtained from the Fund's [website](#).

## Links and further reading

[Application Form](#)

[Prospectus](#)

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