

February 2025

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	£9.6m
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	1.2%
Best month	3.6% (Jun '19)
Worst month	-3.2% (Feb '20)
Average month	0.10%
% 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	-0.9	-0.6	0.2	-0.7	0.8	-0.1	0.5	2.1	1.2
2024	-1.1	1.0	2.9	-0.3	-0.2	1.3	0.5	-0.2	1.3	-0.2	1.4	-1.0	5.5
2025	2.9	-0.6											2.2

*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) IA Global, IA Sector Average Performance, source Morningstar
- (3) IA UK Gilts, IA Sector Average Performance, source Morningstar
- (4) IA Standard Money Market, IA Sector Average Performance, source Morningstar
- (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)

	Feb 2025	2025 YTD	*Since incep.	Q4/23 - Q3/24	Q4/22 - Q3/23	Q4/21 - Q3/22	Q4/20 - Q3/21	Q4/19 - Q3/20
VT PEF GMAF ⁽¹⁾	-0.6	2.2	8.5	7.9	4.1	-2.8	8.4	-6.8
IA Global ⁽²⁾	-3.3	1.5	90.0	16.5	7.7	-9.2	23.1	6.8
IA UK Gilts ⁽³⁾	0.7	1.5	-12.8	7.9	-14.2	-14.3	-7.0	12.0
IA Standard Money Market ⁽⁴⁾	0.4	0.8	14.2	5.4	4.1	0.4	0.0	0.6

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Charges

Entry & exit charges:	0.00%
Performance charges:	0.00%
Annual Management Charge (AMC):	0.9/0.7% ⁽⁵⁾
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF):	1.25/1.05% ⁽⁶⁾
Estimated trading costs:	0.012% ⁽⁷⁾

Codes

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

Monthly Commentary (February 2025)

After a strong start to the year in January, the Fund gave up 0.6% during the month of February. Our signals saw us buy back into European equities (ex UK) and GBP corporate bonds, which left the fund close to fully invested again with UK real estate our only investment silo where we hold cash currently.

Slight weakness in February wasn't overly surprising given financial market sentiment in the month. In the US, February saw business and consumer sentiment weaken with consumer confidence suffering its largest fall since August 2021.

Mr Trump's honeymoon period seems well behind us, with markets concerned about how sustainable mega cap tech valuations may be, something we have been writing about for several months, and the state of the US national balance sheet more generally. Geopolitical tensions continued, most particularly with respect to the situation in the Ukraine. Markets have shrugged off such considerations for a long time, but such risks may have more of a role to play in 2025 than in the recent past.

European and UK equities continued to play catch up, and there is much being written about a possible rotation out of the US and into Europe and the UK. It remains to be seen how this theme may or may not play out.

Buy Position Trades

+	Equity / Developed Large (Europe ex. UK)
+	Fixed Income / Corporate (£)

Sell Position Trades

- [none]

With the fund near fully invested, we will hope that our holdings in fixed income, ex-US equities, commodities, gold, and real estate might more than mitigate US equity weakness in the weeks and months ahead.

Platform Availability

7IM	Barclays	Close Brothers	Hargreaves Lansdown	Pershing	Wealthtime
Abrdn - Wrap and Elevate	Benchmark Capital	Eqi	Interactive Investor	Scottish Widows	
Aegon	Bestinvest	Fidelity	iWeb	Standard Life	
AJ Bell	Canada Life	FNZ	M&G	Stocktrade	
Aviva	Charles Stanley Direct	Halifax	Nucleus	Transact	

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. 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.
 - Concentration Risk: The Fund seeks to minimise concentration risk by owning
- 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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Important Information

Plain English Finance Limited has used all reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this communication at the date of publication. An English language Prospectus for the VT PEF Global Multi-Asset Fund (the "Fund") and the Fund's Key Investor Information Document is available on request and via <https://www.valu-trac.com/administration-services/clients/plainenglish/>. Investors should read the Prospectus in conjunction with the Key Investor Information Document and the relevant application form before purchasing shares in the Fund.

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