

March 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

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)

	Mar 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⁾	-2.1	0.0	6.2	7.9	4.1	-2.8	8.4	-6.8
IA Global ⁽²⁾	-6.1	-4.7	78.4	16.5	7.7	-9.2	23.1	6.8
IA UK Gilts ⁽³⁾	-0.7	0.8	-13.5	7.9	-14.2	-14.3	-7.0	12.0
IA Standard Money Market ⁽⁴⁾	0.4	1.2	14.6	5.4	4.1	0.4	0.0	0.6

Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. *Date of inception of the fund was 25/09/17 and the initial investment in the fund was made on this date.

Performance Analysis Since 25/09/17

Annualised rate of return	0.8%
Best month	3.6% (Jun '19)
Worst month	-3.2% (Feb '20)
Average month	0.10%
% Positive months	51%

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 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	-2.1										0.0

*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.

Monthly Commentary (March 2025)

Our signals at the beginning of the month suggested no changes to the portfolio. This left the fund fully invested, in all silos save for UK property. Through March, there was real focus on US tariff-related headlines, with new tariffs on steel, aluminium and autos, even before the "Liberation Day" announcement made by Mr Trump on the 2nd of April.

This was negative for stocks. The MSCI US and MSCI World were down 8.2% and 6.7% respectively (in GBP). Our diversification afforded some protection, with the GMAF -2.1% in March, nearly half of which came on the last trading day of the month as the market fretted about what Trump might say later that week

Other notable themes included European policymakers announcing large fiscal stimulus packages, with E800bn from the EU to boost defence, and a E500bn German infrastructure plan. There were green shoots in the UK stock market, if not in the economy: In BAML's Global FM survey in February, the UK was rated the least attractive market. In March, it saw a huge swing for the first time in a long while, becoming the third most overweight sector.

To date, April has seen extreme volatility as financial markets seek to navigate the impact of an era of complicated tariff negotiations, and concerns around US government debt refinancing. With Trump's 90 day pause announced on the 9th April, and tariff negotiations underway

Buy Position Trades

+ [none]

Sell Position Trades

- [none]

globally, we hope that things may stabilise somewhat in the coming weeks.

Platform Availability

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

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Important Information

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