25/09/17

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**UCITS** 

£9.7m

**GBP** 

Yes

Yes

100%

IA Flexible

Investment

12:00 midday

London time

Final - 31/12

Interim - 30/06

A Class - £100

# May 2025

Fund launch date:

Fund managers:

**Key Facts** 

Fund type:

Fund size

IA sector:

Base currency:

Valuation point:

Accounting dates:

SIPP & ISA eligible:

7-day Fund liquidity:

Minimum Investment:

(Daily dealing)

UCITS:

# VT PEF Global Multi-Asset Fund

(VT PEF GMAF)

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:

- 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.
- Formula-based trend following.

# Performance (% return)

	May 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 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.6	0.7	6.9	7.9	4.1	-2.8	8.4	-6.8
IA Global <sup>(2)</sup>	5.1	-1.7	84.0	16.5	7.7	-9.2	23.1	6.8
IA UK Gilts <sup>(3)</sup>	-1.2	1.0	-13.2	7.9	-14.2	-14.3	-7.0	12.0
IA Standard Money Market <sup>(4)</sup>	0.4	1.9	15.5	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	0.9%				
Best month	3.6% (Jun '19)				
Worst month	-3.2% (Feb '20)				
Average month	0.1%				
% 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	8.0	-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	-0.8	1.6								0.7

\*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

- (1) A class accumulation shares, net of fees priced at midday UK time, net dividends reinvested. Source: Valu-Trac Investment Management Ltd.
- IA Global, IA Sector Average Performance, source Morningstar IA UK Gilts, IA Sector Average Performance, source Morningstar
- IA Standard Money Market, IA Sector Average Performance, source Morningstar A (retail) class AMC 0.9% / I (institutional) class AMC 0.7%. (I-class for sums over £1m or at manager's discretion).
- 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.
- The fund normally only buys and sells positions once a month to keep trading costs as low as possible.

## **Monthly Commentary (May 2025)**

May saw capital markets move back towards a far more "risk on" position, as concerns over trade tensions eased somewhat. That said, there continue to be real concerns about government balance sheets in many parts of the world, and particularly in the US, UK and Japan. There is also scope for inflation to remain high, and for global growth to be impacted by a rather different trading environment, even if the very worst fears thrown up by "liberation day" prove unfounded.

The fund remained fairly close to fully invested throughout the month, positioned in 15 of our 17 silos. This saw the fund up 1.6% through the month. Our signals took us out of US equities, which did perform well in the month, but we are not unduly concerned given where US equity valuations and earnings expectations are, and with many market commentators advocating a rotation into regional equity markets with so many portfolios still so heavily concentrated in US equities.

The fund has long positions in all of our equity silos outside of the US, including in emerging markets, which could serve us well should an increasing number of investors decide to moderate their US exposure in favour of other equity markets.

In terms of fixed income markets, corporate and higher yield bonds seem a better place to be than in the sovereign bonds of countries, given how weak the fiscal position of so many of them is. This is aligned with our

#### **Buy Position Trades**

+ Alternatives / Real Estate (UK)

#### **Sell Position Trades**

- Equity / Developed Large (US)
- Alternatives / Real Estate (US)

positioning. As the year goes on, let us hope that the world continues to "muddle through", particularly with respect to world trade.

# **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.
- 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

- a wide selection of Exchange Traded Funds which themselves own many hundreds of underlying assets.
- 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 <u>prospectus</u> which may be obtained from the Fund's website.

### Links and further reading

**Application Form** 

**Prospectus** 

**Fund Overview** 

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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 <a href="https://www.valu-trac.com/administration-services/clients/plainenglish/">https://www.valu-trac.com/administration-services/clients/plainenglish/</a>. 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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