

VT PPM Global Dynamic Fund

Strategy Description

The Fund will seek to achieve its objective by investing in a globally diversified portfolio, primarily (70%+) consisting of a range of open-ended funds and other collective investment vehicles such as investment trusts and exchange traded funds which will provide exposure to asset classes, mainly (at least 50%) equities and fixed income and to a lesser extent (i.e., less than 50%), money market instruments, cash, property, and commodities. The Fund may also invest directly in equities (although this is not expected to be significant and, in any event, be a maximum of 15% of the portfolio), fixed income, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash. The Fund will be actively managed with the underlying exposure to different asset classes varying (i.e., being dynamic) based on the Investment Manager's assessment as to wider market conditions and which investments will best assist in the objective of the Fund being achieved. The Fund will not have any particular geographic, industry or economic sector focus and as such weightings in these may vary as required.

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate capital growth over the medium to long term (5 to 10 years).

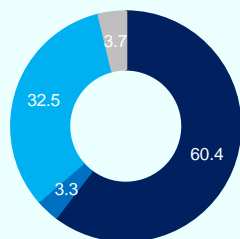
Fund Details

as of 30 June 2022

Investment Team	Paul Steven, Alan Steven, Ian Black, Atif Latif, Marco Concina
Structure	UCITS OEIC
Domicile	United Kingdom
Launch Date	02 December 2019
Fund Size	£18.3m
Share Class	A Acc
Risk Profile	Balanced
Number of Holdings	24
Base Currency	GBP (Pound Sterling)
Liquidity	Daily
Minimum Investment	£1000
Ongoing Charge	1.65%
Comparator	IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Sh.
ISIN	GB00BKTQPB49

Current Asset Allocation (%)

as of 30 June 2022



■ Equity ■ Fixed Income ■ Alternatives ■ Cash

Top 10 Holdings (%)

as of 30 June 2022

Aberdeen Standard European Logistics Income	7.7
Polar Capital Global Insurance	6.5
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund PLC	5.8
Digital 9 Infrastructure	5.3
LXI REIT PLC	5.0
iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	4.9
Baillie Gifford Responsible Global Eq Inc	4.8
TB Amati Strategic Metals Fund	4.6
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities	4.5
Heriot Global	4.4
	53.5

Quarterly Commentary

The market performance at the end of H1 has been unusually poor, with double digit losses across global markets. With most asset classes – from fixed income to equities – adding no downside protection, looking at alternatives and inflation-protected exposure is prudent. As the Russia-Ukraine war continues and a new global order arises, the macro effect for global capital markets will be felt for many years. Indeed, high commodity prices and inflation, hawkish central banks, lower growth, and recession concerns show that the current outlook will remain challenging and likely characterised by elevated volatility.

The fund delivered a total return of -8.44% during the second quarter underperforming the benchmark by 1.04% (IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares returned -7.40%). However, the fund remains slightly ahead since inception with a +0.44% excess return against the benchmark.

Over the period, we did not alter the overall asset allocation of the portfolio significantly; however, we did change the profile of the funds in the equity basket, and we reduced some exposure to both equity and fixed income in favour of alternatives which offer a higher income stream and less correlated returns to the stock market. We topped up existing holdings in Brook Absolute Return, Aberdeen Standard European Logistics Income (our largest holding), and Gore Street Energy Storage, but also held the exposure to Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust and Seraphim Space which are now trading at a large discount, and we believe represent two attractive opportunities in the long run. On the other hand, we tactically reduced the exposure to TB Amati Strategic Metals (now at c.4.5% of the overall portfolio) as we believe miners will experience increasing volatility over the near term whilst still offering a compelling longer-term opportunity.

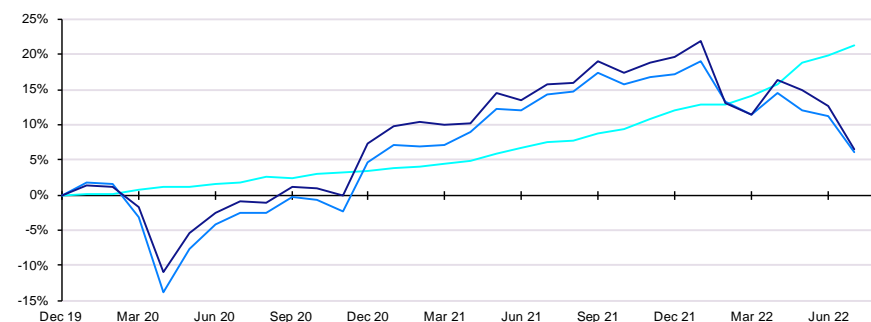
In the individual equities' basket, we added to the fund's positions in easyJet as demand for travel has returned (although we expect costs from disruption to impact summer profits) and sold GlaxoSmithKline as we don't foresee any positive catalysts in the near term.

New additions to our equity basket were the iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF, a cost-effective passive fund that tracks the FTSE 100 Index delivering almost 4% yield, and the First Trust Nasdaq Cybersecurity ETF which we preferred over the L&G ISE Cyber Security ETF for its consistently better performance.

Overall, as we head towards the end of the year, the main concern may not be inflation but whether we are tackling a recession. If it seems we will avoid a recession, we expect markets will have a major rally. However, if a recession seems inevitable, that would be negative for markets and, although a lot of that negativity may already be in the price of assets, we will alter the fund composition accordingly to deal with this different environment.

Performance Since Inception Date (%)

as of 30 June 2022



■ VT PPM Global Dynamic Fund A Acc
■ IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares
■ UK Consumer Price Index + 3% p.a.

Period from 2 December 2019 to 30 June 2022

Cumulative Performance (%)

as of 30 June 2022

	1M	3M	6M	1Y	YTD	3Y	5Y	SI*
Fund	-5.53	-8.44	-12.63	-8.02	-12.63			6.56
Comparator	-4.53	-7.40	-10.81	-7.16	-10.81			6.12
Excess Return	-1.00	-1.04	-1.82	-0.86	-1.82			0.44

Discrete Performance (%)

as of 30 June 2022

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019												1.41
2020												1.83
Fund	-0.14	-2.95	-9.28	6.08	3.09	1.76	-0.21	2.29	-0.20	-1.11	7.30	2.43
Comparator	-0.27	-4.68	-11.02	7.34	3.68	1.67	-0.01	2.31	-0.39	-1.69	7.25	2.43
2021												1.82
Fund	0.47	-0.24	0.08	3.85	-0.74	1.97	0.19	2.66	-1.53	1.32	0.76	1.82
Comparator	-0.28	0.24	1.60	3.08	-0.13	1.94	0.47	2.24	-1.36	0.93	0.25	1.53
2022												
Fund	-7.31	-1.31	4.32	-1.25	-1.85	-5.53						
Comparator	-4.73	-1.62	2.78	-2.13	-0.90	-4.53						

Source of performance data: Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

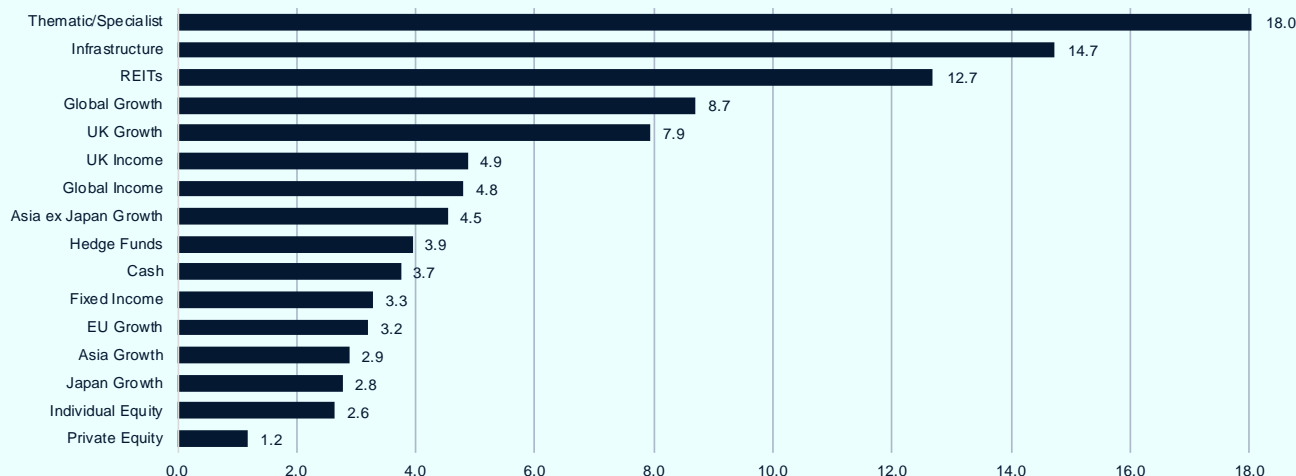
Comparator: IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares

*Since Inception: 02 December 2019

Key Risks: past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investment in the Fund carries the risk of potential total loss of capital. Investment decisions should not be based on short-term performance.

Asset Breakdown (%)

as of 30 June 2022



Investment Team

Paul Steven

Paul has 17 years' experience in the industry, and he takes the lead role in PPM's investment research and portfolio management. He is a Chartered Wealth Manager and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment. Paul holds a BA (Hons) degree in Technology & Business studies from the University of Strathclyde.

Alan Steven

Alan was a founder of PPM in 1984 and is responsible for the overall running of the business as well as providing portfolio management and financial planning advice to clients. Alan is an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute and holds the Investment Management Asset Allocation Qualification (IMAAQ).

Ian Black

Ian has over 27 years of financial services experience, and having joined PPM in 1999, has been with the firm for over 23 years. He is a law graduate and is qualified as both a securities dealer and a discretionary portfolio manager.

Atif Latif

Atif is a graduate of Aberdeen University where he read Economic Science. He started his career at EY in Scotland and latterly London – where he spent 16 years. Atif has 21 years industry experience and a background in Equity Research, Stockbroking, Trading & Derivatives. Atif is level 6 Qualified having completed the PCIAM.

Marco Concina

Marco joined PPM Wealth as a Research Analyst covering funds and individual global equities. He provides input to, and oversight of, the firm's strategic and tactical asset allocation, and contributes to the management of PPM's discretionary portfolios and in-house UCITS funds. Marco holds a Master's degree in Law from the University of Udine (Italy) and a MSc in Finance from Newcastle University. He also holds the CFA Certificate in ESG Investing.

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