



The VT Redlands Portfolios

What are the VT Redlands Portfolios?

The VT Redlands Portfolio funds each invest in one of four defined “asset classes” namely the Equity, Multi-Asset, Property and Fixed Income categories. Each fund carries a prescribed Risk Profile on a scale of 1 to 7 – with for example Equity being the highest at a factor 5. Each one is used as a building block in the creation of bespoke risk rated investment portfolios for clients of David Williams IFA.

By combining the four VT Redlands funds with other asset classes such as With Profits/ Smoothed Managed and Structured Equity funds, our clients can enjoy the benefits of a very wide level of diversification within their portfolios. This reduces volatility and creates the potential for rewarding rates of return year after year.

Each Portfolio fund is constructed as a Fund of Funds providing access to the “best of the best” sector funds from a huge investment universe. The Portfolios are designed to meet their objectives as efficiently as possible whilst keeping costs to a minimum and are run according to a strict risk-control criteria.

Typically, 15 to 25 different funds are held in each portfolio, with each one in turn managed by leading investment houses such as Fundsmith, Fidelity and Invesco as well as specialist boutiques including Ruffer, Fulcrum and Somerset. Underlying funds have exposure to a great many shares, bonds and other assets. Therefore, a single investment into one of the Redlands Portfolios gives a spread across a myriad of different holdings, countries and investment styles.

To manage each fund and essentially pick the best funds to hold on a day to day basis we have selected **Wellian Investment Solutions**, an award-winning independent specialist fund management group who are then accountable to us for fund conduct and most crucially fund performance.

What do Wellian Investment Solutions do?

Wellian are specialist Multi-Manager investors. They are experts in choosing fund managers who are likely to perform well, allowing funds to blend together to create a cohesive portfolio. It is our belief that no single fund management group has the top fund manager in every sector and as Multi-Managers Wellian can cherry pick the very best talent from across every fund management group.

Why did we choose Wellian Investment Solutions?

Many professional fund selectors use the “5 P” test as the basis for assessing a fund and fund manager. This analyses Performance, Process, Philosophy, Prosperity and People. Wellian scored very highly across these five key metrics.

1. Performance

Ultimately, performance is the most important factor for most clients. The return achieved net of charges for a given level of risk is what matters most. Wellian has delivered not just excellent performance, but excellent risk adjusted performance over the long term.

2. Process

A robust, repeatable process is vital to any investment management business. SEMAFOUR is Wellian’s manager selection tool that analyses over 20,000 funds every month. It assesses onshore, offshore, active, passive, open and closed ended collective funds in the same unemotional way. No other fund of fund business that we know of has a process as powerful. PORTCULLIS is their risk analysis tool which they built in-house as they couldn’t find anything robust enough in the market. PORTCULLIS allows Wellian to assess the impact that any change in the portfolio will have on overall volatility to create the ideal blend. Having used technology to narrow the field individual fund manager meetings are then essential in final selection to understand the “5 Ps” of the individual sub-funds chosen. Wellian conduct hundreds of manager meetings each year.

3. Philosophy

Wellian have a simple, clear philosophy. They don't believe in over-committing to any single asset class or investment. They don't believe in investing into illiquid areas or into things they don't understand. They do believe in the power of genuine diversification and go further than most managers in understanding diversification. They also spend a huge amount of time understanding the hidden risks within funds, fund managers and fund management businesses. They are believers in both passive investing (index tracking) and active investing (stock picking). They regard passive as an active choice and not just as a way of keeping costs down. In some markets, passive is not just cheaper but also better.

4. Prosperity

It was important that the manager we selected was established and well resourced. Wellian Investment Solutions is wholly owned by Harwood Wealth Management Group Ltd with over £5.3 bn of Assets Under Influence. HWMG is subject to the highest standards of corporate governance.

5. People

People are the key to any successful investment solution. To measure the calibre of people at Wellian we needed to look at their experience, knowledge, previous performance and how they all knitted together. Wellian Investment Solutions is an award-winning team of Multi-Manager investors founded in 2008. The investment team has held the most senior investment roles in leading businesses such as Hargreaves Lansdown, Skandia, Foreign & Colonial and AXA Architas and collectively have more than 100 years of investment experience.



Richard Philbin is Chief Investment Officer of Wellian Investment Solutions. He is one of the UK's best-known multi-manager investors and previously AA rated by OBSR, Citywire and S&P. He is also the inventor of the highly regarded and publicised 'Traffic Light Analysis' system of assessing funds. Prior to Wellian, he was AXA Architas Multi Manager's Chief Investment Officer where he chaired the investment committee and helped the company go from a founding business to a top 5 player in the multi manager space in the UK with responsibility for assets of over £7 bn. Previously, Richard was Head of Multi Manager at F&C Investments. Whilst at F&C he launched the successful LifeStyle range of funds. Assets grew from £100m to over £1bn during his tenure.



Alan Durrant is Chief Executive Officer of Wellian Investment Solutions. Previous roles for Alan were Group Chief Investment Officer at The National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD) and prior to NBAD he was Head of Asset Management at Gulf Finance House. Before moving to the Middle East, Alan was Chief Investment Officer at Skandia Investment Management and Chairman of the investment committee. During his tenure the firm won the Best MultiManager at the prestigious Money Marketing Awards in three consecutive years. Whilst at Skandia, Alan conceived and launched the popular Global Best Ideas and Asset Allocator ranges. Prior to Skandia, he was at Hargreaves Lansdown for 12 years, latterly as Investment Director.

Important Investment Notes

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VT Redlands Equity Portfolio

January 2021

Investment Objective

The objective of the VT Redlands Equity Portfolio is to provide capital growth. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective primarily by investing in collective investment vehicles (including for example collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds and investment trusts) which provide exposure to listed equity securities across developed and emerging markets. The Fund may also invest in other collective investment schemes, transferable securities, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash. The Fund does not have a specific benchmark. However, the performance of the Fund can be assessed by considering whether the objective for capital growth over the long term is achieved. There is no particular emphasis on any geographical area or industry sector.

Fund Information

Inception Date	7 June 2017
Number of Holdings	23
Fund Size	£357.0m
Ongoing Charge Figure *	0.56%
Yield	0.97%
3 Year Annualised Volatility	11.0%

* The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses and the net asset value as at 30 October 2020. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs. The Funds annual report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made.

Holdings

Augmentum Fintech PLC	2.2%	Fundsmith Equity I Class Acc (ST DR)	0.4%
AXA Framlington Health Z Acc	4.0%	HgCapital Trust PLC	3.1%
Baillie Gifford Japanese B Acc	4.7%	Invesco Perpetual UK Smaller Cos Inv Tst PLC	1.0%
Baring Global Dividend Champions F GBP Acc	3.1%	iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF USD (Acc)	13.0%
BlackRock Continental European Income D Acc	5.0%	iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD (Acc)	7.3%
Brown Advisory Global Leaders B Inc GBP	6.2%	Legal & General UK Mid Cap Index C Acc	2.7%
Fidelity Asian Values PLC	1.6%	Legg Mason IF MC European Unconstrained S Acc	4.5%
Fidelity China Special Situations PLC	1.3%	Liontrust Special Situations Fund (I)	2.3%
Fidelity Emerging Markets W-Acc	3.9%	MS INV Asia Opportunity ZH GBP	6.5%
Fidelity Index Japan P Acc	4.2%	RIT Capital Partners PLC	4.2%
Fidelity Index World P Acc	14.9%	TB Amati UK Smaller Companies B Acc	0.3%
Franklin UK Equity Income W Acc	2.2%	Cash	1.2%

Performance Summary as at 31 January 2021

	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION DATE 7 JUNE 2017
VT Redlands Equity Portfolio	0.23%	11.23%	14.88%	10.67%	23.47%	30.86%
UM Equity – International	0.19%	11.29%	12.71%	11.47%	23.70%	29.91%

Source: Financial Express Analytics & Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited. All figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested.

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Commentary

During the month of January the allocation to global funds and European funds were reduced, with Asia being the major beneficiary, and in particular the investment in the Morgan Stanley Asia Opportunity fund. Cash was also allowed to rise a little to offset some of the increased risk for investing in Asia. A new position was initiated with a small investment house - Amati – where we invested in their successful UK Smaller Company fund – managed by Paul Jourdan and his team based in Edinburgh.

January saw major issues surrounding the inauguration of President Biden and increased volatility in the capital markets. Our view is 2021 will see equity market skittishness.



VT Redlands Multi-Asset Portfolio

January 2021

Investment Objective

The objective of the VT Redlands Multi-Asset Portfolio is to provide capital growth. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective primarily by investing in collective investment vehicles (including for example collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds and investment trusts) which provide exposure to various different asset classes including equities, fixed income securities and assets having absolute return strategies. The Fund may also invest in other collective investment schemes, transferable securities, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash. The Fund does not have a specific benchmark. However, the performance of the Fund can be assessed by considering whether the objective for capital growth over the long term is achieved. There is no particular emphasis on any geographical area or industry or economic sector.

Fund Information

Inception Date	7 June 2017
Number of Holdings	28
Fund Size	£100.1m
Ongoing Charge Figure *	0.78%
Yield	1.24%
3 Year Annualised Volatility	5.1%

* The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses and the net asset value as at 30 October 2020. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs. The Funds annual report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made.

Holdings

Aegon Diversified Monthly Inc B Acc	4.0%	Liontrust Sustainable Future Managed 6 Acc	6.4%
AQR Global Risk Parity UCITS C1 GBP	5.6%	North Atlantic Smaller Companies Investment Trust PLC	3.7%
AXA Global Distribution Z Acc	4.2%	Oakley Capital Investments Ltd	3.4%
BH Global Limited GBX	3.3%	Pershing Square Holdings Ltd	1.2%
Fulcrum Asset Management Income F GBP Acc	2.9%	RIT Capital Partners PLC	5.5%
Goldman Sachs Abs Return Tracker Pf I Acc GBP-H	1.5%	Round Hill Music Royalty Fund Limited	1.3%
H2O MultiReturns Fund I/A (GBP)	0.4%	Royal London Sustainable Diversified Trust A Inc	5.0%
Hermes Absolute Return Credit F GBP Acc Hdg	5.0%	Ruffer Investment Company Ltd	1.5%
Hipgnosis Songs Fund Ltd	4.2%	Schroder British Opportunities Trust PLC	1.2%
IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital C Acc	3.5%	SEI Liquid Alternat Hdg GBP Wealth A Dist	4.4%
iShares Physical Gold ETC	2.2%	Third Point Offshore Investors Limited USD	5.0%
JPM Global Macro Opportunities C Net Acc	5.7%	Troy Trojan O Acc	3.6%
Latitude Horizon Fund GBP Acc	3.8%	Tufton Oceanic Assets Ltd	3.1%
LF Odey Absolute Return GBP Inst Acc	2.0%	Cash	1.6%
LF Ruffer Total Return C Acc	5.0%		

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	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION DATE 7 JUNE 2017	Source: Financial Express Analytics & Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited. All figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested.
VT Redlands Multi-Asset Portfolio	-0.18%	8.04%	9.45%	5.71%	9.20%	11.34%	
Multi Asset Composite Benchmark *	-0.27%	5.83%	6.09%	4.06%	7.88%	9.83%	

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* The Multi Asset Composite Benchmark is a composite benchmark of sectors that includes 60% Financial Express UM Mixed Asset - Balanced and 40% Investment Association UT Targeted Absolute Return.

Commentary

In January the number of holdings rose by one due to the introduction of a new holding – Pershing Square Holdings plc. No existing holding was entirely removed meaning the portfolio now contains twenty-eight positions.

Other changes made to the portfolio saw an increase to the allocation of SEI Liquid Alternatives (a hedge fund replication strategy), Oakley Capital Investments (an Investment Trust that invests in companies that are not publicly listed) and Federated Hermes Absolute Return Credit (a fund that utilises the fixed investment universe (including derivatives) to achieve a positive return).



VT Redlands Property Portfolio

January 2021

Investment Objective

The investment objective of VT Redlands Property Portfolio is to generate capital growth over the long term. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective primarily by investing in collective investment vehicles which have exposure to physical property and property related assets. The Fund may also invest in other collective investment schemes, transferable securities, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash. The Fund does not have a specific benchmark. However, the performance of the Fund can be assessed by considering whether the objective for capital growth over the long term is achieved. There is no particular emphasis on any geographical area or industry or economic sector, other than to hold a minimum of 70% in UK real property assets to maintain qualification for the UK Direct Property sector.

VT Redlands Property Fund invests in assets that may at times be hard to sell. This means that there may be occasions when you experience a delay or receive less than you might otherwise expect when selling your investment. For more information on risks, see the prospectus and key investor information document.

Fund Information

Inception Date	7 June 2017
Number of Holdings	22
Fund Size	£99.3m
Ongoing Charge Figure *	0.96%
Yield	3.17%
3 Year Annualised Volatility	5.7%

* The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses and the net asset value as at 30 October 2020. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs. The Funds annual report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made.

Holdings

3i Infrastructure PLC	1.6%	LF Miton Global Infrastructure Income F Acc	3.2%
Alternative Income REIT PLC	2.1%	M&G Feeder of Property Portfolio Sterling I Acc	8.4%
Amundi Luxembourg AM FTSE EPRA Europe Real Estate	3.4%	Primary Health Properties PLC	1.1%
Aviva Investors UK Property 2 GBP Acc	4.3%	Schroder Real Estate Investment Trust Ltd	2.1%
BMO UK Property Feeder 2 Acc	7.0%	SLI UK Real Estate Acc Feeder Inst Acc	10.0%
BNY Mellon Global Infrastructure F Acc	1.5%	SPDR Dow Jones Global Real Estate UCITS ETF	3.5%
db x-track FTSE EPR/NRT Dev Eur RE UCITS ETF 1C DR	3.1%	Supermarket Income REIT PLC	1.0%
GCP Student Living PLC	3.3%	Time Investments Commercial Long Income PAIF	9.5%
iShares UK Property UCITS ETF GBP (Dist)	2.2%	TR Property Investment Trust PLC	2.9%
iSharesDevelotedMkts PropYield UCITS ETF USD (Dist)	3.3%	Urban Logistics REIT PLC	4.1%
Janus Henderson UK Property PAIF Feeder I Acc GBP	12.6%	Cash	0.9%
Legal & General UK Property I Acc (PAIF)	8.9%		

Performance Summary as at 31 January 2021

	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION DATE 7 JUNE 2017
VT Redlands Property Portfolio	-0.28%	4.06%	2.29%	-7.96%	0.43%	2.97%
Property Composite Benchmark *	0.62%	3.65%	2.97%	-4.69%	-0.49%	3.38%

Source: Financial Express Analytics & Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited. All figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested.

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* The Property Composite Benchmark is a composite benchmark of sectors that includes 75% Investment Association UT Direct Property, 20% AIC IT Commercial Property and 5% Financial Express UM Property International.

Commentary

Please note this fund is suspended from trading following the suspension of underlying funds. For more information please click [here](#).

During the month, the fund increased cash (by selling down small allocations in a number of holdings) with the intention of investing the proceeds in an upcoming launch – which will be mentioned in the next commentary.

The fund remains suspended due to a number of the underlying holdings remaining suspended themselves, although it has been announced that in February the largest position (managed by Janus Henderson) will lift this control and being as this is one of the largest funds in the investment universe, an increasing amount of pressure should now fall on the few remaining holdings to resume trading in the near future.



VT Redlands Fixed Income Portfolio

January 2021

Investment Objective

The objective of the VT Redlands Fixed Income Portfolio is to provide capital growth. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective primarily by investing in collective investment vehicles (including for example collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds and investment trusts) which provide exposure to fixed income strategies and assets. The Fund may also invest in other collective investment schemes, transferable securities, bonds, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash. The Fund does not have a specific benchmark. However, the performance of the Fund can be assessed by considering whether the objective for capital growth over the long term is achieved. There is no particular emphasis on any geographical area or industry sector.

Fund Information

Inception Date	7 June 2017
Number of Holdings	24
Fund Size	£59.4m
Ongoing Charge Figure *	0.58%
Yield	2.25%
3 Year Annualised Volatility	3.6%

* The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses and the net asset value as at 30 October 2020. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs. The Funds annual report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made.

Holdings

Allianz Strategic Bond I Acc GBP	6.8%	Lyxor Core FTSE Acturs UK Gilts (DR)UCITS ETF-Dist	2.9%
Artemis Corporate Bond F GBP DIS	8.4%	M&G Emerging Markets Bond I Acc GBP	1.5%
Baillie Gifford Strategic Bond B Acc	5.0%	Man GLG Strategic Bond Class I GBP	1.8%
Blackstone /GSO Loan Financing Ltd	1.0%	Rathbone Ethical Bond Inst Acc	4.2%
BNP Paribas Flexi I US Mortgage Priv H GBP Cap	1.0%	Real Estate Credit Investments Ltd	2.0%
db x-track. II Barclays GIAGBd UCITS ETF 2C USD Hgd	6.5%	RM Secured Direct Lending PLC	1.1%
Hermes Unconstrained Credit F GBP Acc Hgd	5.7%	Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield Bond Z Acc	3.4%
iShares Core Corp Bond UCITS ETF GBP (Dist)	7.6%	Schroder Sterling Corporate Bond Z Acc	1.7%
iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD (Dist)	7.5%	SPDR Barclays Cap Sterling Corporate Bond ETF	6.7%
Janus Henderson Strategic Bond I Acc	4.5%	Starwood European Real Estate Finance Limited	1.9%
JPM GBP Ultra-Short Income UCITS ETF GBP dis	4.0%	Vanguard Total International Bond Index Fund	8.2%
Jupiter Strategic Bond Z Acc	2.1%	Cash	1.2%
Legal & General Global Inflation Lnkd Bd Idx C Acc	3.2%		

Performance Summary as at 31 January 2021

	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION DATE 7 JUNE 2017
VT Redlands Fixed Income Portfolio	-0.40%	1.02%	1.30%	0.96%	10.61%	8.52%
UM Fixed Interest – Global	-0.91%	-1.23%	-0.27%	3.21%	13.05%	9.21%
IA Global Bond	-0.80%	-0.40%	0.27%	4.25%	12.81%	10.94%

Source: Financial Express Analytics & Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited. All figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested.

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Commentary

One new investment was introduced to the model – a predominantly investment grade corporate bond fund managed by Schroder. One holding, that invests with a similar objective – managed by BlackRock – was removed, so at the end of the month the fund continues to invest in twenty-four underlying investments.

Elsewhere in the portfolio, the allocation to “strategic” bonds was reduced with the exposure to Sterling investment grade debt increased which would have assisted in the returns due to Sterling strengthening against both the US Dollar and the Euro.