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VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth aims to produce capital growth over the long term<sup>†</sup>. The fund will invest up to 100% in UK and overseas equities, although it may also invest in other assets including bonds, property, gold and targeted absolute return strategies. Exposure to assets will typically be via open-ended funds, investment trusts and exchange traded funds.

**Fund commentary\*** It was another good three months for the fund with a total return of +4.06%, versus +3.11% for the IA Flexible sector and 2.11% for the IA Global sector.\* The fund outperformed its sector over the three months.

Inflation is coming down painfully slowly and this has meant the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England have yet to start cutting rates although they are still expected to do so later in the year. Whilst bonds have been mediocre equity markets have been quite strong.

UK stocks and UK smaller companies have finally done a bit better, as investors recognise the value on offer. There have been a number of bids from private equity for cheap UK stocks. Europe has also had quite a good start to the year, with the rally led by the drug company Novo Nordisk and its revolutionary weight loss drug Wegovy. In the US, enthusiasm for AI has continued to power tech stocks and the market higher.

The fund's alternative investment trust and specialist property REITs make up around a third of the fund.

Their performance has been mixed.

Some special situations have worked very well. The best performer in the period was Hipgnosis Songs fund which was up 60% after two private equity companies got into a bidding war to take it over. The fund bought into the controversial trust at a deep discount last year and has now fully sold its position. GCP Infrastructure has recovered from an extreme discount and Doric Nimrod Air Two continues to perform.

The funds second top performer in the period was Schehallion trust which rallied 53%. The fund bought this when it was heavily distressed last year and trading on a very wide discount. The funds UK equity holdings did well in the period. Chelverton UK Equity Growth rose 15.60% following a small recovery in UK smaller companies and Slater Growth rose 11.61%. Overall, it's a familiar story. The fund continues to be patient. We think there is the potential for a lot of value to come through if rates fall.



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# **Fund information**

Number of holdings	38
Size of fund (£m)	47.47
OCF	0.85%

### Performance since launch (%)\*\*



# **Cumulative performance**

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since launch
Fund (%)	16.14%	6.65%	44.86%	61.01%
IA Global Sector (%)	15.50%	18.20%	58.58%	75.35%
IA Flexible Sector (%)	10.64%	7.92%	30.75%	35.97%

# **Calendar year performance**

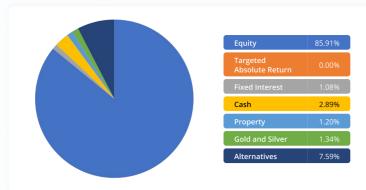
	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund (%)	7.72%	11.09%	-18.93%	16.85%	16.68%
IA Global Sector (%)	6.70%	12.68%	-11.06%	17.68%	15.27%
IA Flexible Sector (%	6) 4.85%	7.08%	-8.98%	11.30%	6.70%

# Top 10 holdings

Fidelity Index US	6.85%
Chrysalis Investments Ltd	6.22%
Polar Capital Technology Trust PLC	4.95%
HSBC American Index	4.77%
Schroder Global Recovery	4.00%
Polar Capital Biotechnology	3.33%
MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth	3.20%
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities	3.04%
Rathbone Global Opportunities	2.95%
BlackRock Global Unconstrained Equity	2.92%

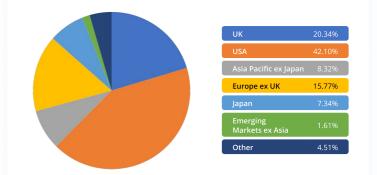
\*FE Funds Info 29/02/2024-31/05/2024 VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth vs IA Flexible sector vs IA Global sector total return in sterling \*FE Funds Info 29/02/2024-31/05/2024 total return in sterling 1Long term is 5+ years

### **Asset allocation (%)**

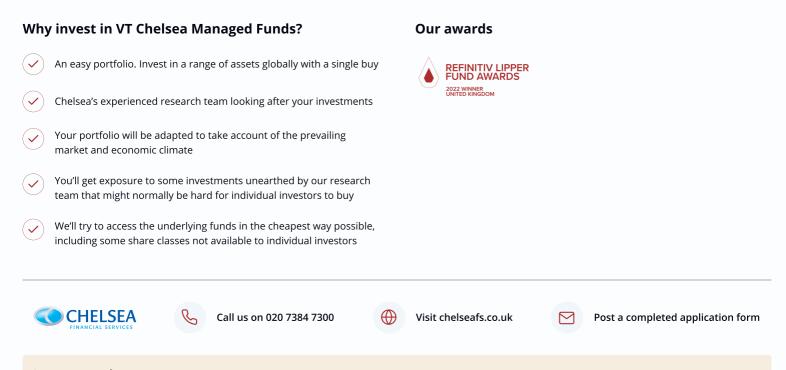


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## **Geographical equity allocation (%)**



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