

June 2024

# 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	£8.4m
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)

	June 2024	2024 YTD	*Since incep.	Q4/22 - Q3/23	Q4/21 - Q3/22	Q4/20 - Q3/21	Q4/19 - Q3/20	Q4/18 - Q3/19
VT PEF GMAF <sup>(1)</sup>	1.31	3.62	4.26	4.1	-2.8	8.4	-6.8	3.4
Global Equities <sup>(2)</sup>	2.77	12.69	111.12	22.4	-2.9	23.5	5.2	7.8
UK Bonds <sup>(3)</sup>	1.26	-2.97	-14.58	-0.6	-24.8	-7.1	3.7	14.2
Cash <sup>(4)</sup>	0.29	1.79	7.28	3.5	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.7

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	0.6%
Best month	3.6% (Jun '19)
Worst month	-3.2% (Feb '20)
Average month	0.06%
% Positive months	51%

### Charges

Entry & exit charges:	0.00%
Performance charges:	0.00%
Annual Management Charge (AMC):	0.9/0.7% <sup>(5)</sup>
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF):	1.25/1.05% <sup>(6)</sup>
Estimated trading costs:	0.012% <sup>(7)</sup>

### Codes

ISIN:	GB00BDZZSM84
SEDOL:	BDZZSM8
MEXID:	WLJKH
CITICODE:	O42K
Bloomberg Ticker:	VTGMAAG
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### 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							3.6

\*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) MSCI World Index in Sterling, net dividends reinvested, priced at close of business US time, source: MSCI Inc. The MSCI World Index is a generic portfolio of global equities across all sectors and, as such, is a fair comparison given the Fund is also global and sector agnostic.
- (3) iBoxx GBP Gilts Index, source: Refinitiv.
- (4) UK Pound Sterling Overnight Index SONIA, source: Refinitiv.
- (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 (June 2024)

Geo-political tensions (Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Hamas and Hezbollah, China/Taiwan to name but a few) have done little to upset equity markets. Markets have also been sanguine about domestic political developments – the success of the National Rally in the first round of the French parliamentary elections, mirroring a right wing ascendancy across Europe; a widely predicted Labour victory in the United Kingdom, and the prospect of a US presidential election in November fought between two suboptimal candidates. Nevertheless the VIX (the volatility index of US stocks) is at the more benign end of its trading range, the S&P 500 (powered as ever by a few tech stocks) was up just over 15% in H1, world developed equities (of which the USA is a c.70% component) were up 12% and even France, faced with the possibility of a political impasse was down only c.4% on the month.

During June the Global Multi Asset Fund appreciated by 1.31% taking its year to date return to +3.62%. The trend following methodology prompted the purchase of a position in US real estate. There were no sales. At the review date the fund was fully invested and long of all of our investment silos.

UK GDP is up 0.2% on the year, Euro Area by 0.4% and US by 2.9%, supported as previously noted by a budget deficit of 6.3%. The European Central Bank and the central banks of Canada, Switzerland and Sweden have started to cut interest rates on the assumption that inflation is subsiding. The Federal Reserve Board and the bank of England have been more reticent in the face of still buoyant wage growth. Nevertheless UK inflation has now subsided to the 2% target, while in the USA it

### Buy Position Trades

+ Alternatives / Real Estate (US)

### Sell Position Trades

- [none]

stands at 3.1%. Commodities have appreciated by c.5% on the year, with Gold up by c.12%, perhaps reflecting the tensions referred to above and also on the back of Chinese retail demand.

With the fund fully invested we hope that markets continue to shrug off geopolitical and political challenges as the second half of the year unfolds.

### Platform Availability

Aegon	Ascentric	FNZ	Hargreaves Lansdown	Pershing	Transact
AJ Bell	Aviva	Fusion	Novia Financial	Standard Life - Elevate	
Alliance Trust	Embark	Interactive Investor	Nucleus	Standard Life - Wrap	

### 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 [prospectus](#) which may be obtained from the Fund's [website](#).

### Links and further reading

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