

October 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	£8.7m
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)

	Oct 2024	2024 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 ⁽¹⁾	-0.2	5.0	5.7	7.9	4.1	-2.8	8.4	-6.8
IA Global ⁽²⁾	1.13	10.13	82.71	16.5	7.7	-9.2	23.1	6.8
IA UK Gilts ⁽³⁾	-2.31	-2.58	-13.56	7.9	-14.2	-14.3	-7.0	12.0
IA Standard Money Market ⁽⁴⁾	0.41	4.39	12.45	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	0.8%
Best month	3.6% (Jun '19)
Worst month	-3.2% (Feb '20)
Average month	0.07%
% 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	0.8	-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			5.0

*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) IA Global, IA Sector Average Performance, source Morningstar
- (3) IA UK Gilts, IA Sector Average Performance, source Morningstar
- (4) IA Standard Money Market, IA Sector Average Performance, source Morningstar
- (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 (October 2024)

Our trend following methodology prompted a purchase of commodities at the start of the month. There were no sales transactions. This left the fund fully invested.

The political, economic and financial data as at the end of October (and in the knowledge of the US presidential result after the end of the review period) seem even more kaleidoscopic than usual. In the US, the S&P 500 has appreciated by 21% year to date, GDP is up 2.7% and the CPI has moderated at 2.4%. The elephant in the room remains the budget deficit at 7.3% of GDP, and levels of corporate and private debt at or near all time highs.

10 year US Treasuries yield c.4.4% at the time of writing, nervously watching the potentially inflationary consequences of Trumpian deficit financing and protectionism. Elsewhere low growth is the norm. The UK managed 0.1% in the third quarter with a 4% budget deficit. It is hard to reconcile the new government's supposed pro-growth agenda with a budget widely considered to be ideologically driven and anti-business. GDP in the Euro area is growing at 0.9% (with Germany particularly sluggish).

One outstanding feature of the year has been the appreciation of gold by more than 30%. Post hoc rationalisations have included concern about excessive deficit financing behind almost all of the fiat currencies, central

Buy Position Trades

+ Alternatives / Commodities - Basket

Sell Position Trades

- [none]

bank reserve diversification in particular away from the US dollar, and retail buying in China and the sub-continent.

The Global Multi Asset Fund has appreciated by 5% year to date, having given up 0.2% during October.

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.
a wide selection of Exchange Traded Funds which themselves own many hundreds of underlying assets.
- 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.
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.
- Concentration Risk: The Fund seeks to minimise concentration risk by owning

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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