

# VT REDLANDS FUND RANGE

## What are the VT Redlands Funds?

The VT Redlands Funds invest in one of four defined “asset classes” namely Equity, Multi-Asset, Property and Fixed Income. Each fund carries a prescribed Risk Profile, measured on a scale of 1 to 7 – with for example Equity being the highest at a factor 5. Each fund is used as a building block, creating 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 broad diversification within their portfolios. This reduces volatility and creates the potential for better, more consistent returns.

Each fund is constructed as a “Fund of Funds” providing access to the “best of the best” sector funds from a huge investment universe. The funds 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 30 different funds are held in each portfolio, with each one in turn managed by leading investment houses.

To manage each fund, David Williams IFA has appointed Hawksmoor Investment Management Limited (Hawksmoor), an award-winning, independent, and specialist fund management group that manages over £4bn for individual private clients, charities and intermediaries.

## What do Hawksmoor do?

Hawksmoor are specialist Multi-Manager investors, they are experts in choosing fund managers who are likely to perform well, building portfolios that blend together to create a cohesive whole. No single asset management group has the top fund manager in every sector and as Multi-Managers, Hawksmoor can cherry pick the very best talent from across every fund management group. Alongside these active managers Hawksmoor also identifies the best value passive funds to include in portfolios, providing low-cost access to core investment markets.

## Why did we choose Hawksmoor?

Hawksmoor Fund Managers (HFM), the specific team within Hawksmoor that manage the Redlands Portfolios, have built a strong and proven performance track record of over 14 years. Like David Williams IFA, HFM believe that 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. HFM has delivered not just strong performance, but strong risk-adjusted performance over the long term.

HFM have a simple and clear philosophy, to deliver the very best returns within the confines of a given risk framework. Their investment process is built around dynamic management of portfolios and excellent fund selection driven by both quantitative and importantly fundamental qualitative resources. The team's own research is complimented by other research resources across Hawksmoor, including the proprietary fund research tool SEMAFOUR and output from over 40 investment professionals and analysts.



**Hawksmoor Fund Managers** Daniel Lockyer and Ben Conway have worked together at Hawksmoor for over ten years. They are supported by Ben Mackie and Dan Cartridge. The strong track records of the Funds since their respective launch dates have resulted in the team winning many industry Awards.

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## Important Information

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# VT Redlands Equity Portfolio

## April 2024

### 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	22
Fund Size	£527.4m
Ongoing Charge Figure*	0.66%
Ongoing Charge Figure (excluding IT costs)**	0.51%
Yield	1.79%
3 Year Annualised Volatility	8.8%

\* The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses and the net asset value as at 28 March 2024. 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.

\*\* Please note, this figure excludes the underlying costs of investment company securities held within the Fund, in accordance with updated regulatory guidance from November 2023.

### Holdings as at 30 April 2024

Augmentum Fintech PLC	1.9%
Brown Advisory Global Leaders B Inc GBP	4.6%
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities W-Acc	3.1%
Fidelity Asian Values PLC	1.5%
Fidelity Index Japan P Acc	6.5%
Fidelity Index UK P Acc	8.4%
Fiera Atlas Global Companies I Acc GBP	2.9%
FTF Martin Currie UK Equity Income Fund W acc	3.1%
Hermes Asia ex Japan Equity F GBP Acc	5.2%
Invesco Perpetual UK Smaller Cos Inv Tst PLC	0.7%
iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD (Acc)	13.3%
Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity EA Acc GBP	1.9%

Legal & General UK Mid Cap Index C Acc	6.7%
M&G Japan Smaller Companies Sterling PP Acc	1.5%
Oakley Capital Investments Ltd	2.2%
Premier Miton US Opportunities B Acc	4.5%
Ranmore Global Equity Institutional GBP Acc	3.0%
RIT Capital Partners PLC	3.1%
Rockwood Strategic plc	0.3%
Vanguard S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD Acc	13.4%
WS Gresham House UK Multi Cap Inc F Sterling Acc	7.5%
WS Lightman European I Acc GBP	3.9%
Cash	0.6%

### Performance Summary as at 30 April 2024

	1 MONTH	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION DATE 7 JUNE 2017	Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance
VT Redlands Equity Portfolio	0.06%	15.35%	13.37%	11.01%	40.10%	56.04%	
UK Consumer Price Index <sup>1</sup>	n/a	0.76%	1.99%	20.80%	23.61%	28.75%	Figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested.
UM Equity—International <sup>2</sup>	-1.77%	15.20%	13.63%	16.58%	47.68%	62.95%	

1 Source: Office for National Statistics. Figures to most recently published data, being end of March 2024. All CPI statistics shown do not include the final month index figure for the period in question.

2 Source: FE fundinfo.

# VT Redlands Multi-Asset Portfolio

## April 2024

### 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	29
Fund Size	£124.2m
Ongoing Charge Figure*	1.35%
Ongoing Charge Figure (excluding IT costs)**	0.55%
Yield	2.39%
3 Year Annualised Volatility	5.1%

\* The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses and the net asset value as at 28 March 2024. 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.

\*\* Please note, this figure excludes the underlying costs of investment company securities held within the Fund, in accordance with updated regulatory guidance from November 2023.

### Holdings as at 30 April 2024

AQR Global Risk Parity UCITS C1 GBP	3.8%
Atrato Onsite Energy	1.6%
BBGI SICAV SA	3.6%
BH Macro Limited GBP	2.9%
Chrysalis Investments Ltd	1.7%
Fulcrum Asset Management Income F GBP Acc	3.0%
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund PLC	1.4%
Hermes Absolute Return Credit F GBP Acc Hdg	3.0%
HICL Infrastructure Company Ltd	3.3%
Hipgnosis Songs Fund Ltd	5.2%
IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital C Acc	1.8%
International Public Partnerships Ltd	3.5%
iShares Physical Gold ETC	3.9%
JPM Global Macro Opportunities C Net Acc	3.8%
Latitude Horizon Fund GBP Acc	4.8%

North Atlantic Smaller Companies Investment Trust PLC	4.8%
Oakley Capital Investments Ltd	3.8%
Pershing Square Holdings Ltd	1.9%
Renewables Infrastructure Group Ltd	2.4%
RIT Capital Partners PLC	5.8%
Ruffer Investment Company Ltd	3.7%
Schroder British Opportunities Trust PLC	1.7%
SEI Liquid Alternative Hedged GBP Wealth A Dist	5.3%
Third Point Offshore Investors Limited USD	6.3%
Troy Trojan O Acc	2.0%
Tufton Oceanic Assets Ltd	3.9%
VT Argonaut Absolute Return I GBP Acc	2.0%
WS Lancaster Absolute Return Fd Sterling Instl Acc	2.3%
WS Ruffer Diversified Return I Acc	3.6%
Cash	3.3%

### Performance Summary as at 30 April 2024

	1 MONTH	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION DATE 7 JUNE 2017
VT Redlands Multi-Asset Portfolio	4.07%	10.96%	5.76%	4.33%	22.35%	22.51%
UK Consumer Price Index <sup>3</sup>	n/a	0.76%	1.99%	20.80%	23.61%	28.75%
MA Composite Benchmark TR <sup>4</sup>	-0.42%	8.41%	6.32%	4.59%	15.96%	18.30%

Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance

Figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested.

3 Source: Office for National Statistics. Figures to most recently published data, being end of March 2024. All CPI statistics shown do not include the final month index figure for the period in question.

4 Source: FE fundinfo. The Multi Asset Composite Benchmark is a composite benchmark of sectors that includes 60% FE fundinfo UM Mixed Asset - Balanced and 40% Investment Association UT Targeted Absolute Return.

# VT Redlands Property Portfolio

## April 2024

### 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	30
Fund Size	£89.5m
Ongoing Charge Figure*	1.20%
Ongoing Charge Figure (excluding IT costs)**	0.50%
Yield	4.42%
3 Year Annualised Volatility	7.3%

\* The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses and the net asset value as at 28 March 2024. 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.

\*\* Please note, this figure excludes the underlying costs of investment company securities held within the Fund, in accordance with updated regulatory guidance from November 2023.

### Holdings as at 30 April 2024

abrdn European Logistics Income PLC	3.7%
AEW UK REIT PLC	2.3%
Alternative Income REIT PLC	2.5%
Amundi FTSE EPRA Europe Real Estate UCITS ETF-E(C)	2.7%
ARC TIME Commercial Long Income PAIF N Acc	10.0%
Aviva Investors UK Property Fund 2 Acc	0.4%
Balanced Commercial Property Trust Limited	3.0%
Cordiant Digital Infrastructure Ltd	3.8%
db x-track FTSE EPR NRT Dev Eur RE UCITS ETF 1C DR	3.4%
Digital 9 Infrastructure	0.4%
Downing Renewables & Infrastructure Trust PLC	2.1%
Empiric Student Property PLC	2.2%
Greencoat UK Wind PLC	4.0%
Home REIT plc	0.3%
Impact Healthcare REIT PLC	3.8%
iShares Developed Mkts Prop Yield UCITS ETF USD (Dist)	1.9%

iShares UK Property UCITS ETF GBP (Dist)	2.0%
Legal & General Global Infrastructure Index C Acc	5.4%
Life Science REIT plc	2.1%
Londonmetric Property PLC	5.7%
M&G Feeder of Property Portfolio Sterling I Acc	1.3%
M&G Global Listed Infrastructure L Acc	1.6%
Primary Health Properties PLC	5.0%
Schroder Real Estate Investment Trust Ltd	2.8%
SPDR Dow Jones Global Real Estate UCITS ETF	3.9%
Supermarket Income REIT PLC	3.7%
TR Property Investment Trust PLC	4.1%
Tritax Big Box REIT PLC	3.4%
UK Commercial Property Trust Ltd	4.3%
Urban Logistics REIT PLC	4.0%
Cash	4.1%

### Performance Summary as at 30 April 2024

	1 MONTH	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION DATE 7 JUNE 2017	Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance
VT Redlands Property Portfolio	-1.21%	1.85%	-5.28%	-10.63%	-12.28%	-4.80%	Figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested.
UK Consumer Price Index <sup>5</sup>	n/a	0.76%	1.99%	20.80%	23.61%	28.75%	
Property Composite Benchmark <sup>6</sup>	-0.09%	0.55%	-3.08%	-2.59%	-3.16%	4.27%	

5 Source: Office for National Statistics. Figures to most recently published data, being end of March 2024. All CPI statistics shown do not include the final month index figure for the period in question.

6 Source: FE fundinfo. 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% FE fundinfo UM Property International.

# VT Redlands Fixed Income Portfolio

## April 2024

### 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	19
Fund Size	£57.6m
Ongoing Charge Figure*	0.63%
Ongoing Charge Figure (excluding IT costs)**	0.53%
Yield	4.84%
3 Year Annualised Volatility	3.5%

\* The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses and the net asset value as at 28 March 2024. 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.

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### Holdings as at 30 April 2024

Amundi UK Government Bond UCITS ETF Dist	16.5%
Artemis Corporate Bond F GBP Dis	6.3%
Blackstone / GSO Loan Financing Ltd	0.8%
Close Sustainable Select Fixed Income X GBP Acc	4.5%
db x-track. II Barclays GIAGgBd UCITS ETF 2C USD Hgd	2.8%
Hermes Unconstrained Credit F GBP Acc Hgd	2.2%
iShares \$ TIPS UCITS ETF GBP Hgd Inc	6.9%
JPM GBP Ultra-Short Income UCITS ETF Acc GBP	5.1%
Legal & General All Stocks Ind Link Gilt Ind C Acc	8.3%
Legal & General Global Inflation LnkD Bd Idx C Acc	3.6%

Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bd Inst Acc F	7.9%
MI TwentyFour - Monument Bond I Acc	9.0%
Premier Miton Strategic Monthly Inc Bond C Acc	5.6%
Rathbone Ethical Bond Inst Acc	3.1%
Real Estate Credit Investments Ltd	1.5%
RM Infrastructure Income PLC	1.9%
Starwood European Real Estate Finance Limited	1.4%
TwentyFour Corporate Bond GBP Acc	2.8%
Vanguard Total International Bond Index Fund	6.2%
Cash	3.6%

### Performance Summary as at 30 April 2024

	1 MONTH	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION DATE 7 JUNE 2017	Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance
VT Redlands Fixed Income Portfolio	-1.20%	5.76%	4.67%	-4.04%	0.61%	2.60%	Figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested.
UK Consumer Price Index <sup>7</sup>	n/a	0.76%	1.99%	20.80%	23.61%	28.75%	
UM Fixed Interest—Global <sup>8</sup>	-1.41%	6.61%	5.00%	-3.91%	6.89%	9.55%	
UT Global Bonds <sup>8</sup>	-1.14%	4.37%	2.26%	-6.02%	0.92%	2.51%	

7 Source: Office for National Statistics. Figures to most recently published data, being end of March 2024. All CPI statistics shown do not include the final month index figure for the period in question.

8 Source: FE fundinfo.

# Commentaries

## April 2024

### VT Redlands Equity Portfolio

April saw a stark reversal in equity market leadership with MSCI USA down 4.2% (in local currency terms) and the much-maligned UK up 2.8%. Asian markets also continued to recover following a tough start to the year. This proved positive for relative returns given the fund's underweight exposure to the US and significant overweight to the UK. The best performing holding was RIT Capital Partners which rose 12.6% helped by a significant narrowing in the trust's discount to net asset value. Funds investing in the US and Japan were the worst performers. Man GLG Japan Core Alpha was switched into Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity, introducing a more balanced approach following a strong run for Japanese large-cap value.

### VT Redlands Multi-Asset Portfolio

Despite the negative returns delivered by traditional equity and bond markets the fund performed well, helped by its exposure to more idiosyncratic asset classes. The standout performer was Hipgnosis Songs (+51%) which received a takeover approach and is now subject to a bidding war which has seen the shares re-rate from a price of 70p in mid-April to 105p at time of writing. Following a busy March for dealing, activity in April was more muted with a small top-up of Chrysalis the only buy. The position in Oakley Capital was trimmed and more profits taken. Asian Energy Impact Trust was sold in full. The latter has been a problematic holding and whilst the investment trust is set to wind up, it's difficult to have confidence in the valuation of the underlying assets or the timeframes over which disposals will take place.

### VT Redlands Property Portfolio

Property is an interest rate sensitive asset class and was not immune from the shift higher in bond yields over the month. Real Estate Investment Trusts continue to trade on wide discounts to net asset value with greater certainty regarding interest rate cuts required before a sustained re-rating can get underway. The fund is focused on sectors with supportive supply / demand dynamics (so called Beds, Meds and Sheds) where progression in rents should support earnings and dividend growth. There was meaningful performance dispersion with Schroder REIT +6.0% and Supermarket Income REIT -5.4% on limited news flow. On the 'Meds' theme, Impact Healthcare REIT was introduced offering exposure to economically insensitive, inflation-linked cashflows via long dated, indexed leases which help underpin an attractive and fully covered dividend.

### VT Redlands Fixed Income Portfolio

Market expectations on interest rates shifted during April, with the view now that we'll be waiting longer for the first cut. This saw developed market government bond yields continue to move higher resulting in capital losses for bondholders. Real Estate Credit Investors was the best performer rising 1.8% whilst Legal & General Index-Linked Gilt Index was the worst performer down 2.5% owing to its greater sensitivity to interest rates. The Redlands Portfolio has been underweight sovereign debt and took advantage of the move higher in yields to add exposure. Allianz Strategic Bond, where the dominant allocation is to developed market sovereign debt was sold with proceeds recycled into a lower cost US government inflation linked bond ETF where real yields have been tracking higher in recent months.