

## **VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth**

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#### **Fund information**

Launch date	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Size	£22.66m
Number of holdings	31
Benchmark	IA Global
Share class & ISIN	VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth A Acc GBP GB00BF0NMY13
Initial charge	0%
Ongoing charges figure	1.11%

#### **Top 10 holdings**

Artemis US Extended Alpha	6.46%
HSBC American Index	6.12%
Merian Chrysalis Investment Co Ltd	5.90%
Fidelity Index US	5.19%
BlackRock European Dynamic	4.62%
Fidelity S&P 500 Index (GBP Hedged)	4.54%
Hermes Asia ex Japan Equity	4.23%
Polar Capital Global Insurance	4.16%
Fidelity Global Special Situations	4.01%
Global X Silver Miners ETF	3.81%

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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 Over the summer, a weakening in the global economy caused bond yields around the world to fall to unprecedented levels. The US Federal Reserve cut interest rates despite predicting a rise in rates just a few months earlier. Much of the world's debt now has a negative yield. If you lend €100 to the German government for 10 years you get back €93! In this extraordinary environment we have tried to position the portfolio for many different outcomes but we are ready to react quickly should the need arise. We continue to find exciting ideas.

The collapse in yields was good news for our silver miners holding. Gold and Silver rose strongly as the market considered the possibility of further money printing by central banks. Our Global X Silver Miners holding rose 40% over the period." The position remains an important hedge.

Boris Johnson won the Conservative

leadership contest and became Prime Minister. His aggressive willingness to push ahead with a 'no deal' Brexit if he cannot achieve a deal caused the pound to fall. This benefited the fund's overseas holdings such as Artemis US Extended Alpha, Fidelity US Index and RWC Continental European Equity which all rose over the period.

Our value funds continue to struggle in the low yield environment but we believe patience is required and we retain a combination of different investing styles. We also took the opportunity to add to some UK investment trusts which saw the double combination of a fall in their value and a widening of their discounts, allowing us to buy in at an attractive level. We have moved some of the portfolio into hedged share classes to protect against a sudden bounce back in the pound should a Brexit deal be struck, but overall the fund should still benefit if the pound continues to fall further.

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



#### **Cumulative performance**

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch
Fund (%)	3.86	-	-	16.75
Benchmark (%)	5.43	-	-	18.50

#### **Calendar year performance**

	YTD	2018	2017	2016
Fund (%)	14.82	-4.08	-	-
Benchmark (%)	19.45	-5.72	-	_

Past performance is not a reliable guide to future returns.

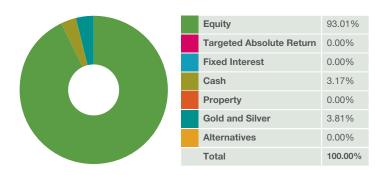
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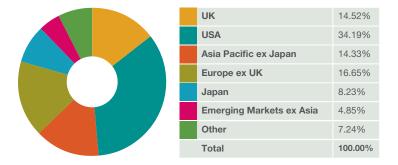
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#### **Asset allocation (%)**

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



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