

# **VT Chelsea Managed Balanced Growth**

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### **Fund information**

Launch date	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Size	£22.03m
Number of holdings	35
Benchmark	IA Mixed Investment 40%–85% Shares
Share class & ISIN	VT Chelsea Managed Balanced Growth A Acc GBP GB00BF0NMX06
Initial charge	0%
Ongoing charges figure	1.13%

## **Top 10 holdings**

Fidelity S&P 500 Index (GBP Hedged)	5.27%
Man GLG UK Absolute Value	5.24%
JOHCM UK Dynamic	4.96%
Fidelity Global Situations	4.56%
Artemis Global Income	4.52%
Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Hedged	4.23%
Merian Gold & Silver	4.10%
Merian Chrysalis Investment Co Ltd	4.03%
Fundsmith Equity	3.85%
Investec Global Special Situations	3.79%

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aims to produce capital growth over the long term<sup>†</sup>, but with lower volatility than global equities. The fund has a target weighting of between 50% and 70% in UK and overseas equities, although it

may also invest in 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 gold & silver holding as the market considered the possibility of further money printing by central banks. Merian Gold & Silver rose 44% over the period." The position had previously been a drag on

performance but the recent move shows the importance of being patient. In the past we continued to top up the position on weakness and the fund has now benefited as a result. It 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 RWC Continental European Equity, Fundsmith Equity and Fidelity Global Special Situations which all rose over the period. 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 (%)		2.69	-	-	11.31
Benchmar	k (%)	2.97	-	-	8.63

### Calendar year performance

	YTD	2018	2017	2016
Fund (%)	9.90	-3.01	-	-
Benchmark (%)	12.13	-6.11	-	-

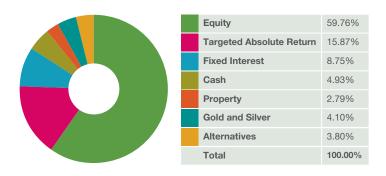
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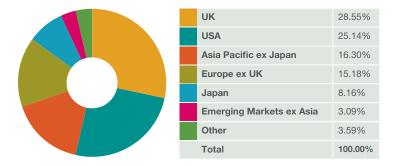
"FE Analytics 31/05/2019-31/08/2019 total return in sterling

## **Asset allocation (%)**

# **Geographical equity allocation (%)**



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