



# VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth

VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth aims to produce capital growth over the long term. The fund will invest up to 100% in UK and overseas equities, although it may also invest in other assets including bonds, indirect 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\*** The fund returned -0.47% over the past 3 months versus -1.67% for the IA Flexible sector.\*\*

It's been a volatile few months for markets. Trump's initial tariffs were considerably worse than expected and caused a steep fall in the stock market. Surprisingly, despite increased fears of recession, bond yields remained stubbornly high. Usually if the market expects a recession, bond yields fall as the market prices in future interest rate cuts. However, tariffs damage both economic growth and also lead to higher prices, and therefore inflation, making it much harder for central banks such as the Federal Reserve to take action and cut rates. Furthermore, there are increasing concerns about US debt sustainability. All of this uncertainty seems to have damaged the US and the US dollar's safe-haven status. We've seen gold do very well in this environment and some overseas investors have started to pull money out of the US to invest closer to home. Fortunately, having seen the market reaction, Trump has been forced to limit or postpone many of the tariffs and markets have bounced back fairly quickly as a result.

It was an good relative period of performance for the fund, with investors finally recognising the value in some of our alternative investment trust positions.

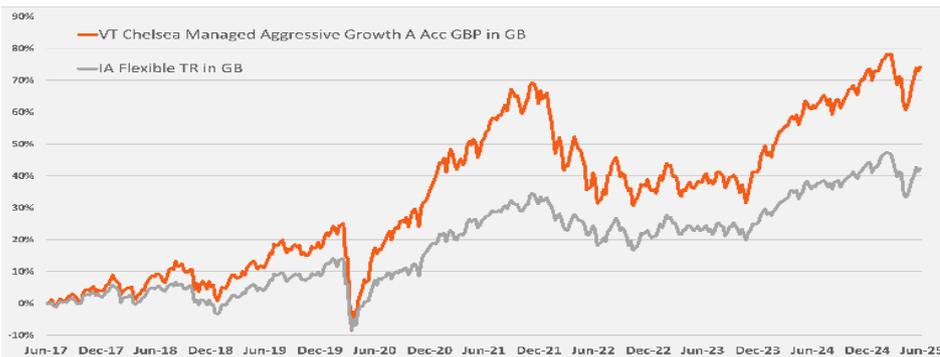
Our defence ETF rose 20% in the period benefiting from increasing geo-political uncertainty. Chikara Indian subcontinent bounced back strongly and gained 17%.

Raynar UK Smaller companies rose 8%. UK Smaller companies are finally starting to show some signs of life after a very difficult few years.\*\*

The overall fund performance was dragged down by the weakness in the US market and the weakness of the dollar. Most of our US and global equity positions fell in the period. Ranmore Global Equity, a new addition to the fund, was a notable exception as it strongly outperformed global equities in the period. Polar Capital Biotechnology was the weakest performer in the period, falling 15%. Luckily, we had reduced the weighting in the fund as we feared the impact Trump's pharmaceutical tariffs could have on the industry.

Polar Capital Technology remains one of our largest positions and was only down 2.54% over the period but has been very volatile. We believe AI will be transformative and we are happy with having this exposure for the long term. Despite weaker sentiment, US tech earnings and guidance was generally strong. The government is now mandating UK pension funds to invest in private UK assets. This should be supportive for many of our alternative investment trust positions. One area which continues to lag, where we haven't yet seen much corporate activity, is with the renewable infrastructure trusts but we are hopeful this will change and are happy to be patient.

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



Past performance is not a reliable guide to future returns. The value of investments and income can fall as well as rise, so you could get back less than you invest.

## Cumulative performance

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since launch
Fund (%)	8.17	23.77	50.19	74.17
IA Flexible Sector (%)	4.63	14.22	34.96	42.26

## Calendar year performance

	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund (%)	0.88	15.51	11.09	-18.93	16.85	16.68
IA Flexible Sector (%)	0.26	9.42	7.08	-8.98	11.30	6.70



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## Fund information

Number of holdings	41
Size of fund (£m)	54.30
OCF	0.86%

## Top 10 holdings

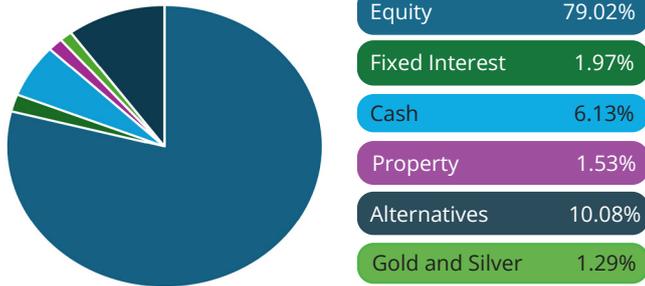
Chrysalis Investments Ltd	5.46%
Fidelity Index US	5.39%
Polar Capital Technolgy Trust PLC	5.10%
Ranmore Global Equity	4.05%
HSBC American Index	4.04%
WS Raynar UK Smaller Companies	3.85%
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust PLC	3.67%
Future of Defence UCITS ETF	3.53%
IFSL Marlborough European Special Situations	3.16%
Artemis UK Select	2.86%

\*FE Funds Info 28/02/2025-31/05/2025 VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth vs IA Flexible sector total return in sterling.

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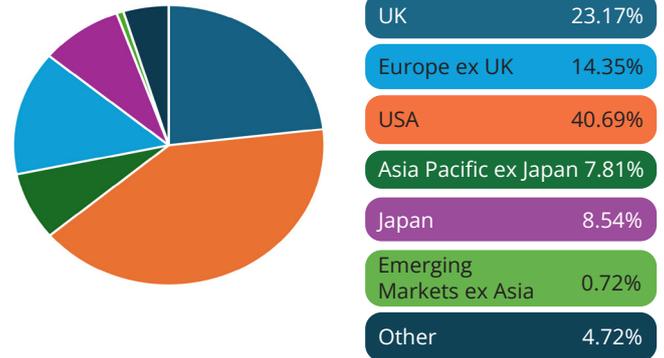
†Long term is 5+ years

## Asset allocation (%)



Data correct as at 31/05/2025. Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

## Geographical equity allocation (%)



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- ✓ Chelsea's experienced research team looking after your investments
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