



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 1.76% over the past 3 months versus 1.05% for the IA Flexible Investment sector.*

It's been an interesting start to the year. The original market enthusiasm for Trump's victory has waned as he has moved to impose aggressive tariffs. This has worried the US stock market. By contrast European markets have started the year well with defence stocks leading the way. As the US adopts a more isolationist stance, Europe has looked to boost its own defence. However, all this extra potential spending on defence has worried bond investors, which has caused yields and borrowing costs to rise.

Last year we anticipated higher defence spending and took a position in a defence ETF which has performed very well and was up another 9% in the past three months. Our physical gold exposure has also continued to perform well and was up another 8% in the period. Our UK smaller companies positions have continued to lag but look very good value. The Indian market fell 13% in the period.^ Our Indian holding, Chikara Indian Subcontinent outperformed the market but still down 9%. We are still firm believers in India's long term potential.

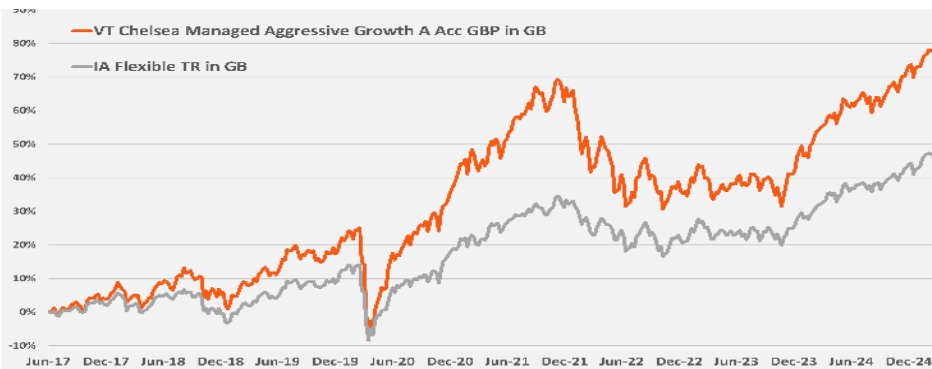
Artemis UK Select continues to deliver stellar performance. It's heavy investment in UK financials has been working well and it gained another 9% in the period. The funds best performer was the Schiehallion trust, which rose 24%, and continues to recover from a very wide discount to its stated value. It has benefited from a big revaluation to Space X, it's largest holding which now makes up 9.5% of the trust. There is also increasing excitement around a number of

the trusts other private companies, some of which may launch IPO's this year should market conditions remain favourable.

The discount in some alternative investment trusts has now become so extreme that we have started to add a number of them to the aggressive fund. Trusts which previously traded on 20% premiums to their net asset values are now trading on 30%, 40% or even 50% discounts. They are also trading on huge dividend yields, in some cases north of 10%. Greencoat UK Wind, Assura and SCDL Energy Efficiency Income are all names which have been recently added. We have also very recently supported a new investment trust, Achilles, which is set to target alternative investment trusts and take activist action to unlock value for shareholders. The manager of Achilles previously did an excellent job as chairman of one of our previous holdings – Hipgnosis, the music royalty company.

This strategy has already started to bear fruit. Assura received a bid from private equity giants KKR and Stonepeak at 49.4p (it had recently traded as low as 36p).^ Assura's reliable boring NHS backed high income seemed very good value to us. We think KKR and Stonepeak are getting a steal but we are not disappointed because there are so many other opportunities we can reinvest into. This deal is not yet finalised but the Assura board has said they are minded to accept. Assura's bid came at the start of March so it is not yet reflected in the performance figures on this factsheet which runs to the end of February. Activity is starting to happen in the alternative investment trust market. It's becoming impossible for private equity investors to ignore the value on offer. We remain excited for the opportunities available.

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 (%)	13.10	21.13	52.18	74.99
IA Flexible Sector (%)	9.71	16.16	36.11	44.67

Calendar year performance

	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund (%)	1.36	15.51	11.09	-18.93	16.85	16.68
IA Flexible Sector (%)	1.96	9.42	7.08	-8.98	11.30	6.70



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Fund information

Number of holdings	38
Size of fund (£m)	52.72
OCF	0.86%

Top 10 holdings

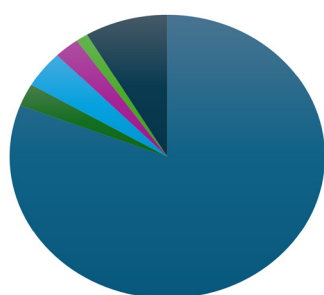
Fidelity Index US	6.16%
Chrysalis Investments Ltd	5.70%
Polar Capital Technolgy Trust PLC	4.75%
HSBC American Index	4.42%
Schroder Global Recovery	3.97%
Polar Capital Biotechnology	3.21%
Future of Defense UCITS ETF	3.05%
IFSL Marlborough European Special Situations	3.02%
Rathbone Global Opportunities	2.97%
Schiehallion Fund Ltd	2.93%

FE Funds Info 30/11/2024-28/02/2025 VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth vs IA Flexible Investment sector total return in sterling

†Long term is 5+ years

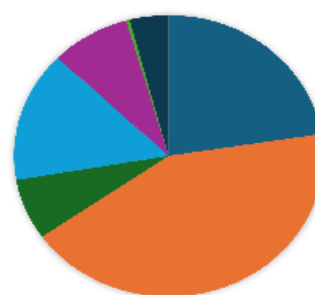
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Asset allocation (%)



Data correct as at 28/02/2025. Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Geographical equity allocation (%)



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