

## LF Seneca Diversified Growth Fund

For retail investors only

Month end April 2019



### Investment aim

To generate long term capital growth by investing in a multi-asset portfolio, managed with a focus on value. The fund may include directly invested UK equities with a bias towards mid cap stocks, and overseas equity, fixed income, specialist assets and managed liquidity held through third party funds.

### 5 year performance chart (%)



### Research area

Asset allocation  
 UK equities  
 Specialist assets  
 Fixed Income & Overseas Eq (EM)  
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### Investment team

Peter Elston - chief investment officer  
 Mark Wright - fund manager\*  
 Richard Parfect - fund manager  
 Tom Delic - fund manager \*  
 Gary Moglione - fund manager

\* Portfolio oversight (process implementation, cash and cashflow management)

### Commentary

- After a strong first quarter, equity markets continued to rise, driven by moderate inflation and the prospects of accommodative monetary policy.
- There were no changes in asset allocation targets during the month.
- Cash proceeds were received from the takeover of Dairy Crest by Canadian based Saputo. The target weight was consequently reduced to zero and temporarily increased for a passive ETF.
- AJ Bell delivered a positive trading update in which the company stated that it expects interim results to be ahead of market expectations.
- During the month, a decision by the fund manager to step down from the Goodhart Michinori Japan Equity Fund led to the Board of Directors deciding to liquidate the Fund.
- In order to maintain exposure to Japanese equity markets, we bought the iShares MSCI Japan Fund as a temporary solution whilst an alternative active manager is sought.
- We continued to build the fund's position in the Investec Global Gold Fund.
- Additions were made across fixed income, increasing investments in the Templeton and Royal London funds.
- As share price strength pushed the valuation to a wider premium to NAV, we reduced the position in Greencoat UK Wind plc in anticipation of further equity issuance from the company.
- We increased the allocation to private equity trusts, Merian Chrysalis and Woodford Patient Capital Trust as we have witnessed good advances in their investee portfolio names.

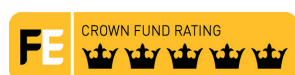
Cumulative performance (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch
LF Seneca Diversified Growth Fund	6.6	12.4	10.6	40.9	49.8	209.0
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	6.0	5.8	4.1	27.2	37.1	149.2

Discrete annual performance (%)	30.04.2019	30.04.2018	30.04.2017	30.04.2016	30.04.2015
LF Seneca Diversified Growth Fund	10.6	7.0	19.1	-3.8	10.6
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	4.1	4.8	16.7	-2.8	10.8

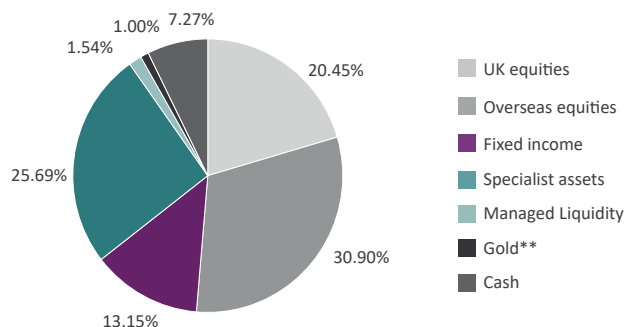
Source for all performance data: FE Analytics. Basis: Bid to bid, net income reinvested and net of fees in UK Sterling terms. The information on this factsheet is as 30.04.2019 and refers to the 'B' share class with the exception of performance prior to 26.03.2012 which is calculated using the 'A' share class, unadjusted for the lower fees of the 'B' share class.

Past performance is not a guide to future returns. The value of investments and any income may fluctuate and investors may not get back the full amount invested.



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## Asset breakdown



Source: Seneca IM

## Top five holdings

### UK Direct Equities\*

1. AJ Bell Holdings Limited	7.2 %
2. OneSavings Bank	0.9 %
3. Marston's	0.9 %
4. Babcock International Group	0.9 %
5. Kier Group	0.8 %

### Overseas Equities

1. iShares MSCI Japan	5.6 %
2. HMG Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund	4.4 %
3. Invesco Perpetual European Equity Income Fund	4.0 %
4. Samarang Asian Prosperity Fund	3.6 %
5. Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund	3.0 %

### Fixed Income

1. Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield Bond Fund	6.3 %
2. Royal London Sterling Extra Yield Bond Fund	2.5 %
3. TwentyFour Select Monthly Income Fund	2.4 %
4. Templeton Emerging Markets Bond Fund	2.0 %
5. N/A	

### Specialist Assets

1. International Public Partnership	2.5 %
2. Merian Chrysalis Investment Company	2.0 %
3. Doric Nimrod Air Two	1.8 %
4. Fair Oaks Income Fund	1.8 %
5. Sequoia Economic Infrastructure	1.7 %

\* Investment may also be made in UK equities via other third party funds.  
Source: Seneca IM

## Key facts

Launch date	8 April 2002
Size	£146.38m
A Class month end price	298.03p
B Class month end price	180.26p
N Class month end price	176.95p
Total holdings	61
IA sector	Mixed Investment 40-85% shares
Share type	Accumulation only
Valuation point	12:00 midday

Share class info	A	B	N
OCF*	1.87%	1.22%	1.47%
Min lump sum	£3,000	£100,000	£1,000
Min reg saver	£50	-	£50
ISIN	GB0031467631	GB00B7FPW579	GB00B7FW0099
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\* Based on expenses as at 30.09.2018

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On 24 May 2019 the ACD of the fund is changing to Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited. On that date the name of the fund will change to VT Seneca Diversified Growth Fund.

## Important information

\*\* Exposure to physical gold is achieved through investments in exchange traded certificates (ETC) which aim to provide the performance of gold, as measured by the LBMA Gold Price (PM), which is a recognised benchmark for gold. A Gold ETC is a certificate which is secured by gold bullion, held within the vaults of a nominated custodian.

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