

VT Seneca Diversified Growth Fund

For retail investors only

Month end August 2019



Research area

Asset allocation
UK equities
Specialist assets
Fixed Income & Overseas Eq (EM)
Fixed Income & Overseas Eq (Dev)

Investment team

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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 (%)



Commentary

- There were no asset allocation target changes during the month.
- August saw a rise in risk aversion, with equities generally weak and safe haven assets strong.
- The beginning of the month saw US President Trump impose 10% tariffs on \$300 billion of Chinese goods that had yet to be impacted, a move that was met with retaliation from China three weeks later.
- Ultra Electronics released strong interim results that included a healthy order book and revenue growth.
- Kier Group plc released a positive trading update, in which net debt came in at the lower end of guidance.
- Following strong performance, we reduced the holding in the Investec Global Gold Fund, which had moved above our target weighting.
- We added to the Invesco Perpetual European Equity Income Fund.
- Hipgnosis Songs Fund announced the issue of further equity to enable it to further broaden its portfolio of music royalty income.
- Merian Chrysalis announced further deployment of capital into disruptive "fintech" companies: Klarna (a global payments provider) and Sorted (a delivery management platform helping retailers manage stock delivery and returns).

Cumulative performance (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch
VT Seneca Diversified Growth Fund	1.4	4.8	9.7	32.2	46.8	209.2
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	4.0	7.0	2.9	19.3	36.3	155.1

Discrete annual performance (%)	31.08.2019	31.08.2018	31.08.2017	31.08.2016	31.08.2015
VT Seneca Diversified Growth Fund	9.7	2.2	17.9	8.4	2.4
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	2.9	4.8	10.6	12.6	1.5

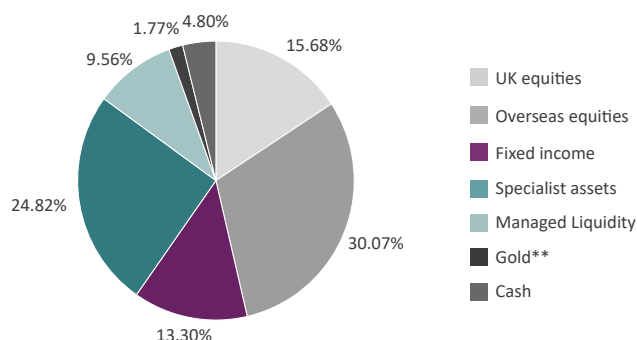
Source for all performance data: FE Analytics. Basis: Bid to bid, net income reinvested and net of fees in UK Sterling terms. The information on this factsheet is as 31.08.2019 and refers to the 'B' share class with the exception of performance prior to 26.03.2012 which is calculated using the 'A' share 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	2.8 %
2. Marston's	1.1 %
3. Babcock Intl Group	1.0 %
4. iShares Core FTSE 100	0.9 %
5. BT Group	0.9 %

Overseas Equities	
1. iShares MSCI Japan ETF	5.6 %
2. HMG Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund	4.5 %
3. Invesco Perpetual European Equity Income Fund	4.2 %
4. Samarang Asian Prosperity Fund	3.3 %
5. Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund	2.6 %

Fixed Income	
1. Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield Bond Fund	6.8 %
2. Royal London Sterling Extra Yield Bond Fund	2.7 %
3. TwentyFour Select Monthly Income Fund	2.1 %
4. Templeton Emerging Markets Bond Fund	1.8 %
5. N/A	

Specialist Assets	
1. International Public Partnerships	2.0 %
2. Fair Oaks Income Fund	2.0 %
3. Merian Chrysalis	2.0 %
4. Sequoia Economic Infrastructure	1.7 %
5. Doric Nimrod Air Two	1.5 %

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

Key facts

Launch date	8 April 2002
Size	£167.36m
A Class month end price	297.62p
B Class month end price	180.41p
N Class month end price	176.94p
Total holdings	62
IA sector	Mixed Investment 40-85% shares
Share type	Accumulation only
Valuation point	12:00 midday

Share class info	A	B	N
OCF*	1.78%	1.13%	1.38%
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 21.05.2019

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