# **VT SINFONIA OEIC**

(Sub-funds VT Sinfonia Income Portfolio, VT Sinfonia Income and Growth Portfolio, VT Sinfonia Cautious Managed Portfolio, VT Sinfonia Balanced Managed Portfolio and VT Sinfonia Adventurous Growth Portfolio)

Interim Report and Financial Statements (Unaudited) for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

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## Type of Company:

VT Sinfonia OEIC (the Company) is an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated under the OEIC Regulations. The Company is a UCITS Scheme as defined in COLL and is also an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with registered number IC000624. The Company was authorised by an order made by the FCA with effect from 09 May 2008 with the Product Reference Number (PRN) 478014.

The Company is structured as an umbrella company, in that different Sub-funds may be established from time to time by the AFM with the approval of the FCA and the agreement of the Depositary. On the introduction of any new Sub-fund, a revised prospectus will be prepared setting out the relevant details of each Sub-fund.

The Company currently has five Sub-funds:

- VT Sinfonia Income Portfolio (PRN: 646095);
- VT Sinfonia Income and Growth Portfolio (PRN: 646096);
- VT Sinfonia Cautious Managed Portfolio (PRN: 646097);
- VT Sinfonia Balanced Managed Portfolio (PRN: 646099); and
- VT Sinfonia Adventurous Growth Portfolio (PRN: 646100).

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

## STATEMENT OF THE AUTHORISED FUND MANAGER'S (AFM's) RESPONSIBILITIES

The rules of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook require the Authorised Fund Manager to prepare financial statements for each accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company at the end of the financial period and its net revenue and net capital gains for the period. In preparing these financial statements the Authorised Fund Manager is required to:

- > comply with the Prospectus, the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, the Instrument of Incorporation, generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures which are required to be disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- > select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- > make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- > prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

The Authorised Fund Manager is required to keep proper accounting records and to manage the Company in accordance with the COLL regulations, the Instrument of Incorporation, and the Prospectus. The Authorised Fund Manager is responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT**

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Scheme's Sourcebook, we hereby certify the interim report.

David E. Smith CA

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited Authorised Fund Manager

Date

### SUB-FUND OVERVIEW

Name of Sub-fund VT Sinfonia Income Portfolio

Size of Sub-fund (£'000) £3,829,884

policy

Investment objective and The Sub-fund aims to provide returns over the long term (5 years) by a combination of both income generation as well as some capital growth.

> The Sub-fund's investment objective will be achieved by investing in a diversified portfolio of equities, fixed interest securities, warrants and money market instruments primarily (at least 70%) through investment in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (which may include those managed and/or advised by the AFM or Investment Manager). The Sub-fund will typically be invested in a global portfolio of assets with a focus on UK assets.

> Normally, the Sub-fund will be fully invested except for an amount to enable redemption of shares, efficient management of the Sub-Fund in relation to its strategic objectives, and other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Sub-fund. However, there may be short periods (e.g. in times of market stress) where it is considered appropriate for the scheme property not to be fully invested (and so for higher levels of liquidity to be maintained).

> One measure of risk is the proportion invested in the riskiest assets, such as equities. For this Subfund, over the long-term (5 years), it is expected that the proportion of the Sub-fund exposed to equities will be approximately 25%. In the shorter term, this weighting may be adjusted tactically as economic and market conditions dictate while not deviating by more than ±12.5%.

> The asset classes in which the Sub-fund may also invest includes transferable securities, money market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits as such asset classes.

**Derivatives** 

The Sub-fund is permitted to invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for investment purposes, however, it is the Investment Manager's intention that the Sub-Fund shall utilise derivative instruments and forward transactions for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management techniques (and if this intention is to change the AFM shall provide advance notice to Shareholders).

Benchmark

The Sub-fund is not managed to or constrained by a benchmark, and nor does the AFM use a benchmark in order to assess performance.

However, the performance of the Sub-fund can be compared to that of the ARC Cautious Index.

The performance of the Sub-fund can be compared against that of the index. This index has been selected as it is considered that this index most closely reflects the investments which the Sub-fund will make (and its risk/return objectives) at the current time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager is not bound or influenced by the index when making its decisions and can make investments that are not included in the index.

Authorised Fund Manager (AFM)

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

**Ex-distribution dates** 

30 September (final), 31 December, 31 March and 30 June (interims)

**Distribution dates** 

By 30 November (final), by last day of February, 31 May, 31 August (interims)

(ISA)

Individual Savings Account The Sub-fund is a qualifying investment for inclusion in an ISA.

# **SUB-FUND OVERVIEW (Continued)**

Share classes Class A Income Shares;

Class A Accumulation Shares; Class B Income Shares; Class B Accumulation Shares; Class C Income Shares^; Class C Accumulation Shares^; Class D Income Shares; and Class D Accumulation Shares.

^Share classes are currently not active.

## **Minimum investment**

Lump sum subscription: All share classes - £1,000

Top-up: All share classes - £1,000

Holding: All share classes - £1,000

Redemption: All share classes - £1,000

Switching: N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Initial charges: Class A Shares - 0.00%

Class B, Class C & Class D Shares - 5.50%

Redemption and switching Nil

charges:

The AFM may waive the minimum levels (and waive or discount the initial charge) at its discretion.

Annual management

charges Class A Shares - 0.65%

Class B Shares - 1.50% Class C Shares - 2.00% Class D Shares - 1.75%

The above percentages being a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund attributable to the relevant class (plus VAT if applicable).

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW**

### Investment review

The VT Sinfonia Income Portfolio A Acc sub-fund returned 6.8% in the six-months to 31 March 2024. While the prospectus does not explicitly state a benchmark, a useful comparator, the ARC Cautious PCI TR GBP Index returned 4.86% over the same period, meaning the sub-fund outperformed by 1.94%.

#### Overview

The sub-fund positioning was adjusted several times over the 6 months to 31 March 2024. The most recent rebalance held on 21 February 2024, was guided by our thoughts at the time, described below:

The global economy kept expanding despite rather tight monetary conditions. A closer look reveals that in the developed world, it was predominantly driven by the US, supported by loose fiscal conditions. Inflation has been cooling thanks to easing supply chains and lower commodity prices. This prompted the US Central Bank, the Fed, to pivot in December and suggest that interest rates had peaked, a move followed by other Central Banks such as the Bank of England and the European Central Bank.

Subsequently, North American equities rallied, and the US economy was strong, reducing the need for the Fed to cut interest rates, so markets pushed out expectations of the first cuts to the second half of 2024. On the other hand, Gross Domestic Product from Europe point to stagnation or mild recession, such as in the UK. Labour markets are still holding up but could be lagging as a function of fewer people choosing to join the workforce. European stock markets have been performing rather well, a reaction to a substantial normalisation of gas prices.

Japanese equities clearly outshone their Chinese counterparts over the last few months, so the news that Japan struggled for growth in the fourth quarter of 2023 was a surprise. Nevertheless, past corporate reforms, and some signs that decades of deflation may be behind Japan, attracted inflows.

China remained in 'stop and go' for policy reforms in its property market, with observers torn over whether support is decisive enough to free China of its recent underperformance and disinflationary environment. India has the opposite situation, its stock market kept performing well into the new year - mirrored by 'friendshoring' (where supply chain networks are focused on countries regarded as political and economic allies) winner Mexico. Indeed, in the next few years, there will be focus on which countries around the world will be able to attract investment as supply chains get diversified.

### Outlook

In the US, any monetary easing would most likely just be driven by a lower headline inflation rate. Bond yields may fail to ease substantially until first cracks in the US economy become deeper or

extend into the wider economy: currently, stressed areas are commercial real estate, regional banks and consumer loans.

Extreme liquidity conditions post Covid provided a cushion for financial markets – although the Fed's quantitative tightening (QT) has been nibbling away at it. This year looks to be more decisive – will the Fed intend to tighten liquidity, or is it happy to operate with a buffer? The latter would indicate easing QT sooner rather than later. At the same time, stock markets are only likely to be diverted from their upward trend once returns elsewhere become attractive (for example in the form of higher bond yields) or when earnings expectations have to be scaled down (for example as credit events are taking place).

Europe's running economic growth rate is lower than that in the US. Fiscal policy is tighter so equity performance may be closer linked to valuations — especially if expectations are the 'worst is behind us'. A potential stumbling block, especially for domestically focused sectors, is that the BoE and ECB present themselves rather determined to stamp out any residual sniff of inflation despite signs that past interest rate hikes have had an impact already.

China is likely to benefit from looser financial conditions, as authorities are mindful of providing a floor to past poor economic performance. However, doubts remain how far policy makers are willing to let the recovery run. Especially in sectors outside of the central government's strategic focus which is on IT, biotech, and new energy. In the background, geopolitical questions will keep rumbling, especially as the US enters a presidential election year.

## **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW (Continued)**

### **Fund positioning**

The sub-fund's long-term strategy remains unchanged, however there were several changes made on a shorter-term tactical basis.

Within fixed income, there were adjustments made to the balance of government bonds versus corporates. In October, we increased the iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF GBP Hedged (Dist) by seeking to benefit from higher US bond yields, which was funded by a reduction in strategic bond funds, mainly the HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF.

This position was later removed in December 2023 and the proceeds were reallocated to high yield bonds and global government & corporate bonds, via increases in HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP and HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP.

In February 2024, we added the Natixis International Funds (Dublin) I - Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund H-F/D (GBP), which was funded by a reduction in HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP and FTF Brandywine Global inc Optimiser Fund Class W Inc.

Also in February 2024, we reduced exposure in Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies Fund Class GBP I2 Accumulating-Hedged, with the proceeds reallocated to Janus Henderson Global Multi-Strategy Fund G2 HGBP to help increase the diversification of the sub-fund's exposure to alternatives.

Within equities, Legal & General UK Index Trust C Class Accumulation was sold in November 2023 to fund the purchase of iShares UK Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc. In Japan, Fidelity Index Japan P Accumulation was also sold in November 2023 to fund the purchase of Amundi Index Solutions - Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF DR. At the same time, iShares Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc was sold and the proceeds reallocated to Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund GBP Acc.

In December 2023, J O Hambro Capital Management UK Dynamic A Acc was sold, given the news that the lead portfolio manager, Alex Savvides, is leaving the business, the committee has decided to sell the position before the replacement manager takes over. The proceeds were reallocated to iShares UK Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc.

Lastly, in February 2024, HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF was sold, and the proceeds reallocated between Emerging Markets and US equities. Names that benefitted from this reallocation included the Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund GBP Acc and the HSBC American Index Fund Accumulation C.

Tatton Investment Management Limited Investment Manager to the Fund 29 May 2024

# PERFORMANCE RECORD

# Financial Highlights

Class A Income			
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	March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
Changes in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	118.1739	120.8995	140.2106
Return before operating charges	8.9016	1.9777	(15.3153)
Operating charges (note 1)	(0.8676)	(1.4464)	(1.4231)
Return after operating charges *	8.0340	0.5313	(16.7384)
Distribution on income shares	(1.6907)	(3.2569)	(2.5727)
Closing net asset value per share	124.5172	118.1739	120.8995
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	6.80%	0.44%	(11.94%)
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Other information			
Closing net asset value	£434,938	£541,348	£848,075
Closing number of shares	349,300	458,095	701,494
Operating charges (note 2)	1.43%	1.21%	1.09%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	125.3500	127.0366	142.6219
Lowest share price	116.1817	118.1739	120.8955
Class A Accumulation			
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# Financial Highlights (Continued)

	Income			
Old35 B		Period ended 31	Year ended 30	Year ended 30
		March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
Change	s in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
	Opening net asset value per share	106.7659	110.1577	128.8563
	Return before operating charges	8.0281	1.7991	(14.0261)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(1.2471)	(2.2343)	(2.3184)
	Return after operating charges *	6.7810	(0.4352)	(16.3445)
	Distribution on income shares	(1.5250)	(2.9566)	(2.3541)
	Closing net asset value per share	112.0219	106.7659	110.1577
	*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Perform	ance			
1 01101111	Return after charges	6.35%	(0.40%)	(12.69%)
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Other in	formation	C440 24E	C112 716	C422 400
	Closing net asset value Closing number of shares	£119,345	£113,746 106,538	£123,189 111,830
	Operating charges (note 2)	106,538 2.28%	2.06%	1.94%
	Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Direct transaction costs	0.00 /6	0.00 /6	0.00 /6
Prices				
	Highest share price	112.9773	115.4052	130.9508
	Lowest share price	104.9075	106.7659	110.1577
Class B	Accumulation			
		Period ended 31	Year ended 30	Year ended 30
		March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
Change	s in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Onlango	Opening net asset value per share	139.6402	140.2583	160.8302
	Return before operating charges	10.5153	2.2649	(17.6513)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(1.6425)	(2.8830)	(2.9206)
	Return after operating charges *	8.8728	(0.6181)	(20.5719)
	Closing net asset value per share	148 5130	139 6402	140 2583
	Closing net asset value per share	148.5130	139.6402	140.2583
	Closing net asset value per share Retained distributions on accumulated shares	148.5130 2.0022	139.6402 3.8015	140.2583 2.9589
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# Financial Highlights (Continued)

		Period ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022
Changes in net ass	sets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Opening	net asset value per share	102.8876	106.4259	124.8685
	efore operating charges	7.7319	1.7332	(13.6321)
	g charges (note 1)	(1.3327)	(2.4176)	(2.5327)
	fter operating charges *	6.3992	(0.6844)	(16.1648)
	on on income shares net asset value per share	(1.4686) 107.8182	(2.8539) 102.8876	(2.2778) 106.4259
*after dire	ect transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance				
	fter charges	6.22%	(0.64%)	(12.95%)
Other information				
Closing r	net asset value	£2,342	£2,235	£2,312
•	number of shares	2,172	£2,172	£2,172
	g charges (note 2)	2.53%	2.31%	2.19%
Direct tra	ansaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
-	share price	108.8057	111.3969	126.8643
Lowest s	hare price	101.0800	102.8876	106.4259
Class D Accumula	ation			
		Period ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022
Changes in net ass	sets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Opening	net asset value per share	134.3859	135.3199	155.5576
Return be	efore operating charges		100.0100	100.0070
Operation	elole operating charges	10.1132	2.1811	(17.0526)
	g charges (note 1)	(1.7529)	2.1811 (3.1151)	(17.0526) (3.1851)
			2.1811	(17.0526)
Return at Closing r	g charges (note 1)  fter operating charges *  net asset value per share	(1.7529)	2.1811 (3.1151)	(17.0526) (3.1851)
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Return at Closing r Retained	g charges (note 1)  fter operating charges *  net asset value per share	(1.7529) 8.3603 142.7462	2.1811 (3.1151) (0.9340) 134.3859	(17.0526) (3.1851) (20.2377) 135.3199
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Return at  Closing r Retained  *after dire  Performance Return at  Other information Closing r Closing r	g charges (note 1)  fter operating charges *  net asset value per share I distributions on accumulated shares  ect transactions costs of:  fter charges  net asset value	(1.7529) 8.3603 142.7462 1.9250 - 6.22%	2.1811 (3.1151) (0.9340) 134.3859 3.6627 - (0.69%)	(17.0526) (3.1851) (20.2377) 135.3199 2.8582 - (13.01%)
Return at  Closing r Retained  *after dire  Performance Return at  Other information Closing r Closing r Operating	g charges (note 1)  fter operating charges *  net asset value per share I distributions on accumulated shares  ect transactions costs of:  fter charges  net asset value number of shares	(1.7529) 8.3603  142.7462 1.9250 - 6.22%  £191,733 134,317	2.1811 (3.1151) (0.9340) 134.3859 3.6627 - (0.69%)	(17.0526) (3.1851) (20.2377) 135.3199 2.8582 - (13.01%) £301,620 222,894
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## **PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)**

- 1. The operating charges per share figure is calculated by applying the operating charges percentage to the average net asset valuation per share throughout the period.
- 2. The operating charges percentage is based on the expenses incurred during the period annualised, as a proportion of the average net asset value of the Sub-fund together with the ongoing charges included within the underlying Open Ended Investment Companies held within the Sub-fund's holdings.

### **Risk Profile**

Based on past data, the Sub-fund is ranked a '4' on the synthetic risk and reward indicator scale (of 1 to 7) as described fully in the Key Investor Information Document (30 September 2023 ranked '4'). The Sub-fund is ranked '4' because monthly historical performance data indicates that average rises and falls in market prices would have occurred historically.

# As at 31 March 2024

Holding	Name	Value £	% of net assets
	Collective Investment Schemes (30.09.2023: 90.99%)		
303,046	Allianz Strategic Bond	263,984	6.90%
10,618	Artemis US Select	37,861	1.00%
18,813	AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap	19,660	0.52%
2,348	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return	193,149	5.04%
129,520	BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta	115,804	3.02%
67,825	ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity Fund	78,203	2.04%
32,937	Fidelity Index Pacific ex Japan	40,206	1.05%
387	HC Snyder US All Cap Equity Fund	50,654	1.32%
23,966	HSBC American Index	220,730	5.76%
43,294	HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	385,818	10.07%
33,400	HSBC Global Corporate Bond Index	310,409	8.10%
54,008	HSBC Global Government Bond Index	501,457	13.09%
184,420	iShares UK Equity Index	194,731	5.08%
10,599	Janus Henderson Global Multi-Strategy	114,387	2.99%
12,868	JPM US Equity Income	59,166	1.54%
259,831	FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser	254,894	6.66%
29,259	Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund	307,517	8.03%
18,489	Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	191,361	5.00%
18,459	Schroder Recovery	19,640	0.51%
424	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	77,866	2.03%
363	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	99,132	2.59%
1,537	Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	154,576	4.04%
		3,691,205	96.38%
	Exchange Traded Funds (30.09.2023: 6.90%)		
2,439	Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF	59,499	1.55%
		59,499	1.55%
	Portfolio of investments (30.09.2023: 97.89%)	3,750,704	97.93%
	Net other assets (30.09.2023: 2.11%)	79,180	2.07%
		3,829,884	100.00%

# SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

	£
Total purchases for the period	2,104,296
HSBC Global Corporate Bond UCITS ETF Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund iShares UK Equity Index HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index HSBC Global Government Bond Index HSBC American Index Janus Henderson Global Multi-Strategy Vanguard UK Long Duration Gilt Index iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Other purchases	305,430 305,322 247,591 240,099 232,478 129,971 114,639 78,453 77,422 73,707 299,184
Total sales for the period	£ 2,529,365
Vanguard Global Bond Index iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index Legal & General UK Index Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies Vanguard UK Long Duration Gilt Index HSBC American Index iShares UK Equity Index iShares Emerging Markets Equity Index Other Sales	578,165 352,846 338,272 218,567 197,329 136,184 87,655 74,163 63,433 62,633 420,118

The above transactions represent all the purchases and sales during the period.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the six mo	nth period ended 31 March	202	24	2023	
		£	£	£	£
Income	Net capital gains		213,459		111,315
	Revenue	59,883		70,610	
Expenses		(25,311)		(30,013)	
Interest payable	e and similar charges	(9)	_	(20)	
Net revenue be	fore taxation	34,563		40,577	
Taxation		<u> </u>	_	-	
Net revenue aft	er taxation	-	34,563	_	40,577
Total return bef	ore distributions		248,022		151,892
Finance costs:	distributions	-	(54,319)		(60,225)
	t assets attributable to from investment activities		193,703	_	91,667

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the six month period ended 31 March		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	3,999,526	5,568,658
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	26,139	31,701
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(434,286)	(526,266)
Dilution levies	166	-
Accumulation dividends retained	44,636	48,213
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	193,703	91,667
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	3,829,884	5,213,973

The Investment Association SORP requires that comparatives are shown for the above report. As comparatives are shown for the comparable interim period the net asset value at the end of the period will not agree to the net asset value at the start of the period. The Sub-funds net asset value as at 30 September 2023 was £3,999,526.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

As at 31.03.2024		24	30.09.2023	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Investment assets		3,750,704		3,915,461
Current assets				
Debtors	21,123		76,357	
Cash and bank balances	72,176		127,905	
Total current assets		93,299		204,262
Total assets		3,844,003		4,119,723
Current liabilities				
Creditors	(10,334)		(116,275)	
Distribution payable on income shares	(3,785)		(3,922)	
Total current liabilities		(14,119)		(120,197)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		3,829,884		3,999,526

## **Accounting policies**

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 and are described in those financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and to the amendments to the SORP issued by the IA in June 2017. The functional currency of the Sub-fund is Sterling.

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

# Q1 Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 October 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased on or after 01 October 2023 and on or before 31 December 2023

Class A Income	Net revenue 29.02.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 29.02.2024	Distribution 28.02.2023
Group 1	0.8442p	-	0.8442p	0.6590p
Group 2	0.2001p	0.6441p	0.8442p	0.6590p

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 29.02.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 29.02.2024	Distribution 28.02.2023
Group 1	1.0974p	-	1.0974p	0.8338p
Group 2	0.3800p	0.7174p	1.0974p	0.8338p

Class B Income	Net revenue 29.02.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 29.02.2024	Distribution 28.02.2023
Group 1	0.7624p	-	0.7624p	0.6003p
Group 2	0.7624p	-	0.7624p	0.6003p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 29.02.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 29.02.2024	Distribution 28.02.2023
Group 1	0.9974p	-	0.9974p	0.7644p
Group 2	0.2950p	0.7024p	0.9974p	0.7644p

Class D Income	Net revenue 29.02.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 29.02.2024	Distribution 28.02.2023
Group 1	0.7348p	-	0.7348p	0.5801p
Group 2	0.7348p	-	0.7348p	0.5801p

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 29.02.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 29.02.2024	Distribution 28.02.2023
Group 1	0.9594p	-	0.9594p	0.7374p
Group 2	0.9594p	-	0.9594p	0.7374p

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES (Continued)**

# Q2 Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 January 2024

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 January 2024 and on or before 31 March 2024

Class A Income	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	0.8465p	-	0.8465p	0.6980p
Group 2	0.0790p	0.7675p	0.8465p	0.6980p

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	1.1075p	-	1.1075p	0.8878p
Group 2	0.1623p	0.9452p	1.1075p	0.8878p

Class B Income	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	0.7626p	-	0.7626p	0.6338p
Group 2	0.7626p	-	0.7626p	0.6338p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	1.0048p	-	1.0048p	0.8113p
Group 2	1.0048p	-	1.0048p	0.8113p

	Net revenue		Distribution	Distribution
Class D Income	31.05.2024	Equalisation	31.05.2024	31.05.2023
Group 1	0.7338p	-	0.7338p	0.6123p
Group 2	0.7338p	-	0.7338p	0.6123p

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	0.9656p	-	0.9656p	0.7819p
Group 2	0.9656p	-	0.9656p	0.7819p

### SUB-FUND OVERVIEW

Name of Sub-fund VT Sinfonia Income and Growth Portfolio

Size of Sub-fund (£'000) £16,815,218

**Investment objective and** The Sub-fund aims to provide returns over the long term (5 years) by a combination of both policy capital growth and income generation.

The Sub-fund's investment objective will be achieved by investing in a diversified portfolio of equities as well as fixed interest securities, warrants and money market instruments primarily (at least 70%) through investment in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (which may include those managed and/or advised by the AFM or Investment Manager). The Sub-fund will typically be invested in a global portfolio of assets with a focus on UK assets.

Normally, the Sub-fund will be fully invested except for an amount to enable redemption of shares, efficient management of the Sub-fund in relation to its strategic objectives, and other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Sub-fund. However, there may be short periods (e.g. in times of market stress) where it is considered appropriate for the scheme property not to be fully invested (and so for higher levels of liquidity to be maintained).

One measure of risk is the proportion invested in the riskiest assets, such as equities. For this Sub-fund, over the long-term (5 years), it is expected that the proportion of the Sub-Fund exposed to equities will be approximately 60%. In the shorter term, this weighting may be adjusted tactically as economic and market conditions dictate while not deviating by more than  $\pm 12.5\%$ .

The asset classes in which the Sub-fund may also invest includes transferable securities, money market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits.

**Derivatives**The Sub-fund is permitted to invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for investment purposes, however, it is the Investment Manager's intention that the Sub-fund shall

utilise derivative instruments and forward transactions for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management techniques (and if this intention is to change the AFM shall provide

advance notice to shareholders).

Benchmark The Sub-fund is not managed to or constrained by a benchmark, and nor does the AFM use a

benchmark in order to assess performance.

However, the performance of the Sub-fund can be compared to that of the ARC Balanced Index.

The performance of the Sub-fund can be compared against that of the index. This index has been selected as it is considered that this index most closely reflects the investments which the Sub-fund will make (and its risk/return objectives) at the current time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager is not bound or influenced by the index when making its decisions and can

make investments that are not included in the index.

**Authorised Fund Manager** 

(AFM)

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

**Ex-distribution dates** 30 September (final), 31 March (interim)

**Distribution dates** By 30 November (final), 31 May (interim)

Individual Savings Account The Sub-fund is a qualifying investment for inclusion in an ISA.

(ISA)

# **SUB-FUND OVERVIEW (Continued)**

Share classes Class A Income Shares;

Class A Accumulation Shares; Class B Income Shares; Class B Accumulation Shares; Class C Income Shares^; Class C Accumulation Shares^; Class D Income Shares; and Class D Accumulation Shares.

^Share classes are currently not active.

## **Minimum investment**

Lump sum subscription: All share classes - £1,000

Top-up: All share classes - £1,000

Holding: All share classes - £1,000

Redemption: All share classes - £1,000

Switching: N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Initial charges: Class A Shares - 0.00%

Class B, Class C & Class D Shares - 5.50%

Redemption and switching Nil

charges:

The AFM may waive the minimum levels (and waive or discount the initial charge) at its discretion.

## **Annual management**

charges Class A Shares - 0.65%

Class B Shares - 1.50% Class C Shares - 2.00% Class D Shares - 1.75%

The above percentages being a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT if applicable).

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW**

### Investment review

The VT Sinfonia Income and Growth A Acc sub-fund returned 9.52% in the six-months to 31 March 2024. While the prospectus does not explicitly state a benchmark, a useful comparator, the ARC Balanced Asset PCI TR GBP Index returned 7.74% over the same period, meaning the sub-fund outperformed by 1.78%.

#### Overview

The sub-fund positioning was adjusted several times over the 6 months to 31 March 2024. The most recent rebalance held on 21 February 2024, was guided by our thoughts at the time, described below:

The global economy kept expanding despite rather tight monetary conditions. A closer look reveals that in the developed world, it was predominantly driven by the US, supported by loose fiscal conditions. Inflation has been cooling thanks to easing supply chains and lower commodity prices. This prompted the US Central Bank, the Fed, to pivot in December and suggest that interest rates had peaked, a move followed by other Central Banks such as the Bank of England and the European Central Bank.

Subsequently, North American equities rallied, and the US economy was strong, reducing the need for the Fed to cut interest rates, so markets pushed out expectations of the first cuts to the second half of 2024. On the other hand, Gross Domestic Product from Europe point to stagnation or mild recession, such as in the UK. Labour markets are still holding up but could be lagging as a function of fewer people choosing to join the workforce. European stock markets have been performing rather well, a reaction to a substantial normalisation of gas prices.

Japanese equities clearly outshone their Chinese counterparts over the last few months, so the news that Japan struggled for growth in the fourth quarter of 2023 was a surprise. Nevertheless, past corporate reforms, and some signs that decades of deflation may be behind Japan, attracted inflows.

China remained in 'stop and go' for policy reforms in its property market, with observers torn over whether support is decisive enough to free China of its recent underperformance and disinflationary environment. India has the opposite situation, its stock market kept performing well into the new year - mirrored by 'friendshoring' (where supply chain networks are focused on countries regarded as political and economic allies) winner Mexico. Indeed, in the next few years, there will be focus on which countries around the world will be able to attract investment as supply chains get diversified.

#### Outlook

In the US, any monetary easing would most likely just be driven by a lower headline inflation rate. Bond yields may fail to ease substantially until first cracks in the US economy become deeper or extend into the wider economy: currently, stressed areas are commercial real estate, regional banks and consumer loans.

Extreme liquidity conditions post Covid provided a cushion for financial markets – although the Fed's quantitative tightening (QT) has been nibbling away at it. This year looks to be more decisive – will the Fed intend to tighten liquidity, or is it happy to operate with a buffer? The latter would indicate easing QT sooner rather than later. At the same time, stock markets are only likely to be diverted from their upward trend once returns elsewhere become attractive (for example in the form of higher bond yields) or when earnings expectations have to be scaled down (for example as credit events are taking place).

Europe's running economic growth rate is lower than that in the US. Fiscal policy is tighter so equity performance may be closer linked to valuations — especially if expectations are the 'worst is behind us'. A potential stumbling block, especially for domestically focused sectors, is that the BoE and ECB present themselves rather determined to stamp out any residual sniff of inflation despite signs that past interest rate hikes have had an impact already.

China is likely to benefit from looser financial conditions, as authorities are mindful of providing a floor to past poor economic performance. However, doubts remain how far policy makers are willing to let the recovery run. Especially in sectors outside of the central government's strategic focus which is on IT, biotech, and new energy. In the background, geopolitical questions will keep rumbling, especially as the US enters a presidential election year.

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW**

### **Fund positioning**

The sub-fund's long-term strategy remains unchanged, however there were several changes made on a shorter-term tactical basis.

Within fixed income, there were adjustments made to the balance of government bonds versus corporates. In October, we increased the iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF GBP Hedged (Dist) by seeking to benefit from higher US bond yields, which was funded by a reduction in strategic bond funds, mainly the HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF.

This position was later removed in December 2023 and the proceeds were reallocated to high yield bonds and global government & corporate bonds, via increases in HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP and HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP.

In February 2024, we added the Natixis International Funds (Dublin) I - Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund H-F/D (GBP), which was funded by a reduction in HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP and FTF Brandywine Global inc Optimiser Fund Class W Inc.

Also in February 2024, we reduced exposure in Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies Fund Class GBP I2 Accumulating-Hedged, with the proceeds reallocated to Janus Henderson Global Multi-Strategy Fund G2 HGBP to help increase the diversification of the sub-fund's exposure to alternatives.

Within equities, Legal & General UK Index Trust C Class Accumulation was sold in November 2023 to fund the purchase of iShares UK Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc. In Japan, Fidelity Index Japan P Accumulation was also sold in November 2023 to fund the purchase of Amundi Index Solutions - Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF DR. At the same time, iShares Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc was sold and the proceeds reallocated to Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund GBP Acc.

In December 2023, J O Hambro Capital Management UK Dynamic A Acc was sold, given the news that the lead portfolio manager, Alex Savvides, is leaving the business, the committee has decided to sell the position before the replacement manager takes over. The proceeds were reallocated to iShares UK Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc.

Lastly, in February 2024, HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF was sold, and the proceeds reallocated between Emerging Markets and US equities . Names that benefitted from this reallocation included the Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund GBP Acc and the HSBC American Index Fund Accumulation C.

Tatton Investment Management Limited Investment Manager to the Fund 29 May 2024

# PERFORMANCE RECORD

# **Financial Highlights**

Class	Α	Income
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	Income			
		Period ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022
Changes	in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Onlanges	Opening net asset value per share	159.1247	158.3320	172.0647
	Return before operating charges	16.0087	6.3198	(9.1742)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(0.8607)	(1.6349)	(1.6850)
	Return after operating charges *	15.1480	4.6849	(10.8592)
	Distribution on income shares	(2.3724)	(3.8922)	(2.8735)
	Closing net asset value per share	171.9003	159.1247	158.3320
	*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performa	nce			
. Griorina	Return after charges	9.52%	2.96%	(6.31%)
Other info	ormation			
	Closing net asset value	£1,337,777	£2,088,144	£2,351,275
	Closing number of shares	778,229	1,312,269	1,485,028
	Operating charges (note 2)	1.04%	1.03%	1.02%
	Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
1 11000	Highest share price	174.4983	168.5467	178.0539
	Lowest share price	155.8071	154.6018	157.7659
Class A	Accumulation	Period ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022
Changas	in not appete per chara	CPn	CPn	CDn
Changes	in net assets per share  Opening net asset value per share	GBp 202.9643	GBp 197.1368	GBp 210.5406
	Return before operating charges	202.9043	197.1300	210.5400
	Return before operating charges	20.4286	7 8880	
		20.4286 (1.1057)	7.8880 (2.0605)	(11.3246)
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# Financial Highlights (Continued)

Class	B Inc	ome
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Class B	Income			
		Period ended 31	Year ended 30	Year ended 30
		March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
Changes	in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
	Opening net asset value per share	142.2509	142.7573	156.4658
	Return before operating charges	14.2850	5.6691	(8.3088)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(1.3952)	(2.6791)	(2.7977)
	Return after operating charges *	12.8898	2.9900	(11.1065)
	Distribution on income shares	(2.1171)	(3.4964)	(2.6020)
	Closing net asset value per share	153.0236	142.2509	142.7573
	*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	<u>-</u>
Performa				
	Return after charges	9.06%	2.09%	(7.10%)
Other info	ormation			
	Closing net asset value	£508	£472	£474
	Closing number of shares	332	332	332
	Operating charges (note 2)	1.89%	1.88%	1.87%
	Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	2	0.0070	0.0070	0.0070
Prices		455.0440	454 4005	404 7040
	Highest share price	155.3443	151.4997	161.7316
	Lowest share price	139.1978	139.3484	142.5754
Class B	Accumulation			
		Period ended 31	Year ended 30	Year ended 30
		March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
01		0.5	0.0	0.5
Changes	in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
	Opening net asset value per share	182.1481	178.4235	192.1821
	Return before operating charges	18.3034	7.1140	(10.2934)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(1.7993)	(3.3894)	(3.4652)
	Return after operating charges *	16.5041	3.7246	(13.7586)
	Closing net asset value per share	198.6522	182.1481	178.4235
	Retained distributions on accumulated shares	2.7100	4.3938	3.2096
	*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Doutous				
Performa	nce Return after charges	9.06%	2.09%	(7.16%)
	retain and onarges	0.0070	2.0070	(1.1070)
Other info				
	Closing net asset value	£588,056	£553,880	£664,959
	Closing number of shares	296,023	304,082	372,686
	Operating charges (note 2)	1.89%	1.88%	1.87%
	Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
	Highest share price	198.9130	189.3519	198.6499
	g	100.0100	100.0010	100.0100
	Lowest share price	178.2382	174.1629	176.6218

# Financial Highlights (Continued)

Class I	) Income
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Class D	Income			
		Period ended 31	Year ended 30	Year ended 30
		March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
Changes	in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
	Opening net asset value per share	136.8150	139.4000	153.3537
	Return before operating charges	13.5866	3.8127	(8.1454)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(1.5187)	(2.9417)	(3.1032)
	Return after operating charges *	12.0679	0.8710	(11.2486)
	Distribution on income shares	(1.8254)	(3.4560)	(2.7051)
	Closing net asset value per share	147.0575	136.8150	139.4000
	*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performa	ance			
	Return after charges	8.82%	0.62%	(7.33%)
Other inf	ormation			
	Closing net asset value	£4	£4	£894
	Closing number of shares	3	3	641
	Operating charges (note 2)	2.14%	2.13%	2.12%
	Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
	Highest share price	149.1179	147.8038	158.4627
	Lowest share price	133.8498	136.0559	139.3156
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Class D	7.000	Period ended 31	Year ended 30	Year ended 30
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	in net assets per share	<b>March 2024</b> GBp	September 2023 GBp	September 2022 GBp
	in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	<b>March 2024</b> GBp 175.9168	<b>September 2023</b> GBp 172.7527	<b>September 2022</b> GBp 186.5406
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# **PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)**

- 1. The operating charges per share figure is calculated by applying the operating charges percentage to the average net asset valuation per share throughout the period.
- 2. The operating charges percentage is based on the expenses incurred during the period annualised, as a proportion of the average net asset value of the Sub-fund together with the ongoing charges included within the underlying Open Ended Investment Companies held within the Sub-fund's holdings.

## **Risk Profile**

Based on past data, the Sub-fund is ranked a '4' on the synthetic risk and reward indicator scale (of 1 to 7) as described fully in the Key Investor Information Document (30 September 2023 ranked '4'). The Sub-fund is ranked '4' because weekly historical performance data indicates that average rises and falls in market prices would have occurred historically.

# PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

# As at 31 March 2024

Holding	Name	Value £	% of net assets
	Collective Investment Schemes (30.09.2023: 91.22%)		
596,105	Allianz Strategic Bond	593,661	3.53%
151,845	Artemis US Select	614,242	3.65%
229,611	AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap	262,216	1.56%
2,791	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return	346,816	2.06%
159,239	BCIF 100 UK Equity Tracker	349,653	2.08%
316,073	BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta	339,589	2.02%
1,028	Cheyne Global Credit	113,783	0.68%
478,431	ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity	864,046	5.14%
92,788	Fidelity Index Pacific ex Japan	178,171	1.06%
626,645	FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser	614,739	3.66%
3,742	HC Snyder US All Cap Equity Fund	489,477	2.91%
218,096	HSBC American Index	2,550,435	15.17%
108,594	HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	1,017,598	6.05%
32,115	HSBC Global Corporate Bond Index	339,863	2.02%
137,916	HSBC Global Government Bond Index	1,354,303	8.05%
40,907	iShares North American Equity Index	305,704	1.82%
514,921	IShares UK Equity Tracker	1,494,184	8.89%
5,858	Janus Henderson European Selected Opportunities	181,706	1.08%
	Janus Henderson Global Multi-Strategy	252,219	1.50%
	JPM Japan	262,189	1.56%
	JPM US Equity Income	304,490	1.81%
	Liontrust European Growth Fund	262,389	1.56%
	Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund	594,046	3.53%
	Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	421,851	2.51%
	Schroder Recovery	208,969	1.24%
	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	523,419	3.11%
	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	853,807	5.08%
	Vanguard Global Credit Bond	177,100	1.05%
	Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	173,033	1.03%
,		16,043,698	95.41%
	Exchange Traded Funds (30.09.2023: 7.05%)		
21,490	Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF	524,249	3.12%
,		524,249	3.12%
	Portfolio of investments (30.09.2023: 98.27%)	16,567,947	98.53%
	Net other assets (30.09.2023: 1.73%)	247,271	1.47%
		16,815,218	100.00%

# **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES**

Fidelity Index Japan

Other Sales

Vanguard UK Long Duration Gilt Index

Total purchases for the period	£ 9,623,558
IShares UK Equity Tracker	2,046,703
HSBC Global Government Bond Index	1,103,649
HSBC American Index	819,864
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	808,136
Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund	589,806
Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF	553,879
HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	511,610
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	412,367
HSBC Global Corporate Bond Index	344,206
Vanguard UK Long Duration Gilt Index	342,855
Other purchases	2,090,483
Total sales for the period	£ 12,443,675
Legal & General UK Index	1,790,576
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	1,441,000
Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	1,049,217
Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	944,581
IShares Emerging Markets Equity Tracker	766,688
IShares UK Equity Tracker	655,693
HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	649,801
HSBC American Index	584,997

The above transactions represent the top ten purchases and sales during the period.

386,163

383,205

3,791,754

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the six month period ended 31 March					
		202 £	24 £	202 £	£
Income	Net capital gains		1,431,303		556,937
	Revenue	189,281		138,393	
Expenses		(81,296)		(88,994)	
Interest payable	and similar charges	(71)	<del>-</del>	(36)	
Net revenue bef	ore taxation	107,914		49,363	
Taxation			<del>-</del>	<u>-</u>	
Net revenue afte	er taxation		107,914	_	49,363
Total return befo	ore distributions		1,539,217		606,300
Finance costs: o	distributions		(247,169)	<del>-</del>	(228,366)
	t assets attributable to rom investment activities		1,292,048	_	377,934

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

# For the six month period ended 31 March

For the Six month period ended 31 March	2024 £	2023 £
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	18,128,095	20,100,646
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	219,767	275,385
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,035,470)	(1,556,134)
Accumulation dividends retained	210,778	194,118
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	1,292,048	377,934
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	16,815,218	19,391,949

The Investment Association SORP requires that comparatives are shown for the above report. As comparatives are shown for the comparable interim period the net asset value at the end of the period will not agree to the net asset value at the start of the period. The Sub-funds net asset value as at 30 September 2023 was £18,128,095.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

As at	31.03.2024		30.09.2023	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Investment assets		16,567,947		17,815,966
Current assets				
Debtors	58,753		53,216	
Cash and bank balances	322,917		342,054	
Total current assets		381,670		395,270
Total assets		16,949,617		18,211,236
Current liabilities				
Creditors	(115,929)		(56,420)	
Distribution payable on Incgrow shares	(18,470)		(26,721)	
Total current liabilities		(134,399)		(83,141)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		16,815,218		18,128,095

## **Accounting policies**

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 and are described in those financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and to the amendments to the SORP issued by the IA in June 2017. The functional currency of the Sub-fund is Sterling.

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

# Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 October 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased on or after 01 October 2023 and on or before 31 March 2024

Class A Income	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	2.3724p	-	2.3724p	1.8564p
Group 2	1.1683p	1.2041p	2.3724p	1.8564p

	Net revenue		Distribution	Distribution
Class A Accumulation	31.05.2024	Equalisation	31.05.2024	31.05.2023
Group 1	3.0260p	-	3.0260p	2.3114p
Group 2	1.7287p	1.2973p	3.0260p	2.3114p

Class B Income	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	2.1171p	-	2.1171p	1.6714p
Group 2	2.1171p	_	2.1171p	1.6714p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	2.7100p		2.7100p	2.0874p
Group 2	1.3752p	1.3348p	2.7100p	2.0874p

Class D Income	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	1.8254p	-	1.8254p	1.6306p
Group 2	1.8254p	-	1.8254p	1.6306p

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	2.6157p	-	2.6157p	2.0197p
Group 2	1.4543p	1.1614p	2.6157p	2.0197p

### SUB-FUND OVERVIEW

Name of Sub-fund

VT Sinfonia Cautious Managed Portfolio

Size of Sub-fund

£18,077,780

## Investment objective and policy

The Sub-fund aims to provide returns over the long term (5 years) by a combination of both capital growth and income generation.

The Sub-fund's investment objective will be achieved by investing in a diversified portfolio of equities as well as fixed interest securities, warrants and money market instruments primarily (at least 70%) through investment in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (which may include those managed and/or advised by the AFM or Investment Manager). The Sub-fund will typically be invested in a global portfolio of assets and may also focus on UK assets.

Normally, the Sub-fund will be fully invested except for an amount to enable redemption of shares, efficient management of the Sub-fund in relation to its strategic objectives, and other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Sub-fund. However, there may be short periods (e.g. in times of market stress) where it is considered appropriate for the scheme property not to be fully invested (and so for higher levels of liquidity to be maintained).

One measure of risk is the proportion invested in the riskiest assets, such as equities. The Subfund will be actively managed and the investments will be selected to achieve a mix of higher and lower risk assets. The Sub-fund follows a cautious strategy with a slight preference towards lower risk assets (such as bonds and cash (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)) over higher risk assets (such as equities (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)). For this Subfund, over the long-term (5 years), it is expected that the proportion of the Sub-Fund exposed to equities will be approximately 45%. In the shorter term, this weighting may be adjusted tactically as economic and market conditions dictate while not deviating by more than ±12.5%.

The asset classes in which the Sub-fund may also invest includes transferable securities, money market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits.

### **Derivatives**

The Sub-fund is permitted to invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for investment purposes, however, it is the Investment Manager's intention that the Sub-Fund shall utilise derivative instruments and forward transactions for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management techniques (and if this intention is to change the AFM shall provide advance notice to Shareholders).

### Benchmark

The Sub-fund is not managed to or constrained by a benchmark, and nor does the AFM use a benchmark in order to assess performance.

However, the performance of the Sub-fund can be compared to that of the ARC Balanced Index (the "Index").

The performance of the Sub-fund can be compared against that of the Index. This Index has been selected as it is considered that this Index most closely reflects the investments which the Sub-fund will make (and its risk/return objectives) at the current time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager is not bound or influenced by the Index when making its decisions and can make investments that are not included in the Index.

(AFM)

Authorised Fund Manager Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

# **SUB-FUND OVERVIEW (Continued)**

**Ex-distribution dates** 30 September (final), 31 March (interim)

**Distribution dates** By 30 November (final), 31 May (interim)

Individual Savings Account (ISA) The Sub-fund is a qualifying investment for inclusion in an ISA.

Share classes Class A Accumulation Shares:

Class A Income Shares^; Class B Accumulation Shares; Class B Income Shares; Class C Accumulation Shares^; Class C Income Shares^; Class D Income Shares; and Class D Accumulation Shares.

### Minimum investment

Lump sum subscription: All share classes - £1,000

Top-up: All share classes - £1,000

Holding: All share classes - £1,000

Redemption: All share classes - £1,000

Switching: N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Initial charges: Class A Shares - 0.00%

Class B, Class C & Class D Shares - 5.50%

Redemption and switching charges:

Nil

The AFM may waive the minimum levels (and waive or discount the initial charge) at its discretion.

## **Annual management**

charges Class A Shares - 0.65%

Class B Shares - 1.50% Class C Shares - 2.00% Class D Shares - 1.75%

The above percentages being a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT if applicable).

<sup>^</sup>Share classes are currently not active.

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW**

### Investment review

The VT Sinfonia Cautious Managed A Acc sub-fund returned 8.29% in the six-months to 31 March 2024. While the prospectus does not explicitly state a benchmark, a useful comparator, the ARC Balanced Asset PCI TR GBP Index returned 7.74% over the same period, meaning the sub-fund outperformed by 0.55%.

#### Overview

The sub-fund positioning was adjusted several times over the 6 months to 31 March 2024. The most recent rebalance held on 21 February 2024, was guided by our thoughts at the time, described below:

The global economy kept expanding despite rather tight monetary conditions. A closer look reveals that in the developed world, it was predominantly driven by the US, supported by loose fiscal conditions. Inflation has been cooling thanks to easing supply chains and lower commodity prices. This prompted the US Central Bank, the Fed, to pivot in December and suggest that interest rates had peaked, a move followed by other Central Banks such as the Bank of England and the European Central Banks.

Subsequently, North American equities rallied, and the US economy was strong, reducing the need for the Fed to cut interest rates, so markets pushed out expectations of the first cuts to the second half of 2024. On the other hand, Gross Domestic Product from Europe point to stagnation or mild recession, such as in the UK. Labour markets are still holding up but could be lagging as a function of fewer people choosing to join the workforce. European stock markets have been performing rather well, a reaction to a substantial normalisation of gas prices.

Japanese equities clearly outshone their Chinese counterparts over the last few months, so the news that Japan struggled for growth in the fourth quarter of 2023 was a surprise. Nevertheless, past corporate reforms, and some signs that decades of deflation may be behind Japan, attracted inflows.

China remained in 'stop and go' for policy reforms in its property market, with observers torn over whether support is decisive enough to free China of its recent underperformance and disinflationary environment. India has the opposite situation, its stock market kept performing well into the new year - mirrored by 'friendshoring' (where supply chain networks are focused on countries regarded as political and economic allies) winner Mexico. Indeed, in the next few years, there will be focus on which countries around the world will be able to attract investment as supply chains get diversified.

### Outlook

In the US, any monetary easing would most likely just be driven by a lower headline inflation rate. Bond yields may fail to ease substantially until first cracks in the US economy become deeper or extend into the wider economy: currently, stressed areas are commercial real estate, regional banks and consumer loans.

Extreme liquidity conditions post Covid provided a cushion for financial markets – although the Fed's quantitative tightening (QT) has been nibbling away at it. This year looks to be more decisive – will the Fed intend to tighten liquidity, or is it happy to operate with a buffer? The latter would indicate easing QT sooner rather than later. At the same time, stock markets are only likely to be diverted from their upward trend once returns elsewhere become attractive (for example in the form of higher bond yields) or when earnings expectations have to be scaled down (for example as credit events are taking place).

Europe's running economic growth rate is lower than that in the US. Fiscal policy is tighter so equity performance may be closer linked to valuations – especially if expectations are the 'worst is behind us'. A potential stumbling block, especially for domestically focused sectors, is that the BoE and ECB present themselves rather determined to stamp out any residual sniff of inflation despite signs that past interest rate hikes have had an impact already.

China is likely to benefit from looser financial conditions, as authorities are mindful of providing a floor to past poor economic performance. However, doubts remain how far policy makers are willing to let the recovery run. Especially in sectors outside of the central government's strategic focus which is on IT, biotech, and new energy. In the background, geopolitical questions will keep rumbling, especially as the US enters a presidential election year.

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW**

### **Fund positioning**

The sub-fund's long-term strategy remains unchanged, there were several changes made on a shorter-term tactical basis.

Within fixed income, there were adjustments made to the balance of government bonds versus corporates. In October, we increased the iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF GBP Hedged (Dist) by seeking to benefit from higher US bond yields, which was funded by a reduction in strategic bond funds, mainly the HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF

This position was later removed in December 2023 and the proceeds were reallocated to high yield bonds and global government & corporate bonds, via increases in HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP and HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP.

In February 2024, we added the Natixis International Funds (Dublin) I - Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund H-F/D (GBP), which was funded by a reduction in HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP and FTF Brandywine Global inc Optimiser Fund Class W Inc.

Also in February 2024, we reduced exposure in Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies Fund Class GBP I2 Accumulating-Hedged, with the proceeds reallocated to Janus Henderson Global Multi-Strategy Fund G2 HGBP to help increase the diversification of the sub-fund's exposure to alternatives.

Within equities, Legal & General UK Index Trust C Class Accumulation was sold in November 2023 to fund the purchase of iShares UK Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc. In Japan, Fidelity Index Japan P Accumulation was also sold in November 2023 to fund the purchase of Amundi Index Solutions - Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF DR. At the same time, iShares Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc was sold and the proceeds reallocated to Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund GBP Acc.

In December 2023, J O Hambro Capital Management UK Dynamic A Acc was sold, given the news that the lead portfolio manager, Alex Savvides, is leaving the business, the committee has decided to sell the position before the replacement manager takes over. The proceeds were reallocated to iShares UK Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc.

Lastly, in February 2024, HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF was sold, and the proceeds reallocated between Emerging Markets and US equities. Names that benefitted from this reallocation included the Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund GBP Acc and the HSBC American Index Fund Accumulation C.

Tatton Investment Management Limited Investment Manager to the Fund 29 May 2024

# **Financial Highlights**

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Class A	Accumulation			
		Period ended 31	Year ended 30	Year ended 30
		March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
Changes	in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Onlanguo	Opening net asset value per share	187.0531	183.9501	200.5554
	Return before operating charges	16.5491	5.0322	(14.6059)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(1.0519)	(1.9292)	(1.9994)
	Return after operating charges *	15.4972	3.1030	(16.6053)
	<u>-</u>			
	Closing net asset value per share	202.5503	187.0531	183.9501
	Retained distributions on accumulated shares	3.1293	4.1371	2.5637
	*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performa	nce			
	Return after charges	8.28%	1.69%	(8.28%)
Other info	ormation			
	Closing net asset value	£15,187,659	£16,625,435	£20,712,890
	Closing number of shares	7,498,215	8,888,082	11,260,062
	Operating charges (note 2)	1.08%	1.04%	1.04%
	Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
1 11000	Highest share price	202.6418	194.8250	206.1296
	Lowest share price	183.5173	180.2433	183.9501
Class B	Income	Davied and ad 24	Veer anded 20	Veer anded 20
Class B	Income	Period ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022
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		March 2024	September 2023	
	in net assets per share			September 2022
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# Financial Highlights (Continued)

Class B	Accumulation	Period ended 31	Year ended 30	Year ended 30
		March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
Changes	s in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
	Opening net asset value per share	169.5187	168.1262	184.8695
	Return before operating charges	14.9740	4.5832	(13.4075)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(1.6999)	(3.1907)	(3.3358)
	Return after operating charges *	13.2741	1.3925	(16.7433)
	Closing net asset value per share	182.7928	169.5187	168.1262
	Retained distributions on accumulated shares	2.0927	2.3107	0.8235
	*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performa	ance			
	Return after charges	7.83%	0.83%	(9.06%)
Other inf	ormation			
	Closing net asset value	£877,266	£884,317	£1,002,561
	Closing number of shares	479,924	521,663	596,315
	Operating charges (note 2)	1.93%	1.89%	1.89%
	Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
	Highest share price	182.8810	177.5314	189.7521
	Lowest share price	166.2175	164.6460	168.1262
Class D	Income			
Class D	Income		For the period to 13 January 2023^	Year ended 30 September 2022
	s in net assets per share		January 2023^ GBp	September 2022 GBp
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<sup>^</sup> Share class closed following full redemption of shares on 13 January 2023.

## **Financial Highlights (Continued)**

#### **Class D Accumulation**

	Period ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022
Changes in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	163.2084	162.2713	178.8795
Return before operating charges	14.4098	4.4197	(12.9579)
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.8474)	(3.4826)	(3.6503)
Return after operating charges *	12.5624	0.9371	(16.6082)
Closing net asset value per share	175.7708	163.2084	162.2713
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	1.8049	1.8157	0.3524
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.70%	0.58%	(9.28%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£1,990,857	£1,973,047	£2,144,262
Closing number of shares	1,132,644	1,208,913	1,321,406
Operating charges (note 2)	2.18%	2.14%	2.14%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	175.8661	171.1982	183.5455
Lowest share price	160.0026	158.8861	162.2713

<sup>1.</sup> The operating charges per share figure is calculated by applying the operating charges percentage to the average net asset valuation per share throughout the period.

#### **Risk Profile**

Based on past data, the Sub-fund is ranked a '4' on the synthetic risk and reward indicator scale (of 1 to 7) as described fully in the Key Investor Information Document (30 September 2022 ranked '3'). The Sub-fund is ranked '4' because monthly historical performance data indicates that average rises and falls in market prices would have occurred historically. The higher the rank, the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money.

<sup>2.</sup> The operating charges percentage is based on the expenses incurred during the period annualised, as a proportion of the average net asset value of the Sub-fund together with the ongoing charges included within the underlying Open Ended Investment Companies held within the Sub-fund's holdings.

# PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

## As at 31 March 2024

Holding	Name	Value £	% of net assets
	Collective Investment Schemes (30.09.2023: 91.60%)		
912,410	Allianz Strategic Bond	908,669	5.03%
147,638	Artemis US Select	597,224	3.30%
82,133	AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap	93,796	0.52%
4,407	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return	547,694	3.03%
128,077	BCIF 100 UK Equity Tracker	281,228	1.56%
509,191	BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta	547,075	3.03%
3,290	Cheyne Global Credit	364,306	2.02%
358,542	ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity	647,527	3.58%
98,233	Fidelity Index Pacific ex Japan	188,627	1.04%
939,313	FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser	921,466	5.10%
2,907	HC Snyder US All Cap Equity Fund	380,253	2.10%
168,156	HSBC American Index	1,966,428	10.88%
145,691	HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	1,365,222	7.55%
51,560	HSBC Global Corporate Bond Index	545,645	3.02%
184,919	HSBC Global Government Bond Index	1,815,865	10.04%
513,634	IShares UK Equity Tracker	1,490,449	8.24%
6,009	Janus Henderson European Selected Opportunities	186,411	1.03%
33,366	Janus Henderson Global Multi-Strategy	360,093	1.99%
83,939	JPM US Equity Income	374,283	2.07%
48,747	Liontrust European Growth Fund	187,482	1.04%
86,460	Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund	908,698	5.03%
69,879	Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	723,244	4.00%
63,260	Schroder Recovery	91,474	0.51%
2,915	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	732,808	4.05%
1,708	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	467,089	2.58%
1,979	Vanguard Global Credit Bond	191,427	1.06%
2,287	Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	306,422	1.70%
		17,190,905	95.10%
	Exchange Traded Funds (30.09.2023: 7.10%)		
23,067	Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF	562,719	3.11%
		562,719	3.11%
	Portfolio of investments (30.09.2023: 97.70%)	17,753,624	98.21%
	Net other assets (30.09.2023: 1.30%)	324,156	1.79%
		18,077,780	100.00%

# SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

	£
Total purchases for the period	9,549,062
IShares UK Equity Tracker HSBC Global Government Bond Index Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index HSBC American Index HSBC Global Corporate Bond Index HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF Vanguard UK Long Duration Gilt Index Other purchases	1,954,442 920,199 902,212 693,128 673,437 632,488 630,302 582,664 399,113 383,465 1,777,612
Total sales for the period	£ 12,579,635
Legal & General UK Index iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF Vanguard Global Bond Index Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index IShares Emerging Markets Equity Tracker IShares UK Equity Tracker HSBC American Index Vanguard UK Long Duration Gilt Index Other Sales	1,735,940 1,623,158 1,019,393 1,006,017 874,377 613,611 595,894 561,238 541,240 428,031 3,580,736

The above transactions represent the all purchases and sales during the period.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the six mo	onth period ended 31 March	20	24	202	2
		£	£	£	£
Income	Net capital gains		1,381,282		606,669
	Revenue	218,640		184,091	
Expenses		(88,010)		(104,744)	
Interest payable	e and similar charges	513	-	(82)	
Net revenue be	efore taxation	131,143		79,265	
Taxation		(26,978)	-	(18,078)	
Net revenue af	ter taxation		104,165	_	61,187
Total return bef	fore distributions		1,485,447		667,856
Finance costs:	distributions		(289,239)	_	(273,915)
•	et assets attributable to from investment activities		1,196,208	_	393,941

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

## For the six month period ended 31 March

	2024 £	2023 £
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	19,484,377	23,920,990
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	166,294	268,232
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,034,411)	(3,039,816)
Dilution levies	186	-
Accumulation dividends retained	265,126	(283)
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	1,196,208	393,941
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	18,077,780	21,543,064

The Investment Association SORP requires that comparatives are shown for the above report. As comparatives are shown for the comparable interim period the net asset value at the end of the period will not agree to the net asset value at the start of the period. The Sub-funds net asset value as at 30 September 2023 was £19,484,377.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

As at	31.03.2024		30.09.2023	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Investment assets		17,753,624		19,232,794
Current assets				
Debtors	18,707		155,981	
Cash and bank balances	419,337		360,294	
Total current assets		438,044		516,275
Total assets		18,191,668		19,749,069
Current liabilities				
Creditors	(113,627)		(264,582)	
Total current liabilities	(261)	(113,888)	(110)	(264,692)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	18,077,780	_	19,484,377

## **Accounting policies**

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 and are described in those financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and to the amendments to the SORP issued by the IA in June 2017. The functional currency of the Sub-fund is Sterling.

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

## Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 October 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 October 2023 and on or before 31 March 2024

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	3.1293p	-	3.1293p	2.3709p
Group 2	1.1381p	1.9912p	3.1293p	2.3709p

Class B Income	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	1.9639p	-	1.9639p	1.3645p
Group 2	1.9639p	-	1.9639p	1.3645p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	2.0927p	-	2.0927p	1.4342p
Group 2	1.1235p	0.9692p	2.0927p	1.4342p

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	1.8049p	-	1.8049p	1.1773p
Group 2	0.2884p	1.5165p	1.8049p	1.1773p

#### SUB-FUND OVERVIEW

Name of Sub-fund

VT Sinfonia Balanced Managed Portfolio

Size of Sub-fund (£'000)

£19,574,620

## Investment objective and policy

The Sub-fund aims to provide returns over the medium to long term (3-5 years) by a combination of both capital growth and income generation.

The Sub-fund's investment objective will be achieved by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed interest securities and equities, as well as warrants, and money market instruments, primarily (at least 70%) through investment in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (which may include those managed and/or advised by the AFM or Investment Manager). The Sub-Sub-fund will typically be invested in a global portfolio of assets but may focus on UK and European assets.

Normally, the Sub-fund will be fully invested except for an amount to enable redemption of shares, efficient management of the Sub-fund in relation to its strategic objectives, and other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Subfund. However, there may be short periods (e.g. in times of market stress) where it is considered appropriate for the scheme property not to be fully invested (and so for higher levels of liquidity to be maintained).

One measure of risk is the proportion invested in the riskiest assets, such as equities. The Subfund will be actively managed and the investments will be selected with a balanced strategy in mind and so will seek to achieve a balance between higher risk assets (such as equities (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)) and defensive assets (such as bonds and cash (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)). For this Sub-fund, over the long-term (5 years), it is expected that the proportion of the Sub-fund exposed to equities will be approximately 75%. In the shorter term, this weighting may be adjusted tactically as economic and market conditions dictate while not deviating by more than ±12.5%.

The asset classes in which the Sub-Sub-fund may also invest includes transferable securities, units in collective investment schemes, money market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits.

#### **Derivatives**

The Sub-fund is permitted to invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for investment purposes, however, it is the Investment Manager's intention that the Sub-Sub-fund shall utilise derivative instruments and forward transactions for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management techniques (and if this intention is to change the AFM shall provide advance notice to shareholders).

#### **Benchmark**

The Sub-fund is not managed to or constrained by a benchmark, and nor does the AFM use a benchmark in order to assess performance.

However, the performance of the Sub-fund can be compared to that of the ARC Steady Growth Index.

The performance of the Sub-fund can be compared against that of the index. This index has been selected as it is considered that this index most closely reflects the investments which the Subfund will make (and its risk/return objectives) at the current time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager is not bound or influenced by the index when making its decisions and can make investments that are not included in the index.

## Authorised Fund Manager (AFM)

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

## **SUB-FUND OVERVIEW (Continued)**

**Share classes** Class A Accumulation Shares;

Class A Income Shares^; Class B Accumulation Shares; Class B Income Shares; Class C Accumulation Shares^;

Class C Income Shares^; Class D Income Shares^; and Class D Accumulation Shares.

^Share classes are currently not active.

**Ex-distribution dates** 30 September (final), 31 March (interim)

**Distribution dates** By 30 November (final), 31 May (interim)

Individual Savings Account The Sub-fund is a qualifying investment for inclusion in an ISA.

(ISA)

Minimum investment

Lump sum subscription: All share classes - £1,000

Top-up: All share classes - £1,000

Holding: All share classes - £1,000

Redemption: All share classes - £1,000

Switching: N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Initial charges: Class A Shares - 0.00%

Class B, Class C & Class D Shares - 5.50%

Redemption and switching Nil

charges:

The AFM may waive the minimum levels (and waive or discount the initial charge) at its discretion.

**Annual management** 

charges Class A Shares - 0.65%

Class B Shares - 1.50% Class C Shares - 2.00% Class D Shares - 1.75%

The above percentages being a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT if applicable).

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW**

#### Investment review

The VT Sinfonia Balanced Managed A Acc sub-fund returned 10.37% in the six-months to 31 March 2024. While the prospectus does not explicitly state a benchmark, a useful comparator, the ARC Steady Growth PCI TR GBP Index returned 9.41% over the same period, meaning the sub-fund outperformed by 0.96%.

#### Overview

The sub-fund positioning was adjusted several times over the 6 months to 31 March 2024. The most recent rebalance held on 21 February 2024, was guided by our thoughts at the time, described below:

The global economy kept expanding despite rather tight monetary conditions. A closer look reveals that in the developed world, it was predominantly driven by the US, supported by loose fiscal conditions. Inflation has been cooling thanks to easing supply chains and lower commodity prices. This prompted the US Central Bank, the Fed, to pivot in December and suggest that interest rates had peaked, a move followed by other Central Banks such as the Bank of England and the European Central Bank.

Subsequently, North American equities rallied, and the US economy was strong, reducing the need for the Fed to cut interest rates, so markets pushed out expectations of the first cuts to the second half of 2024. On the other hand, Gross Domestic Product from Europe point to stagnation or mild recession, such as in the UK. Labour markets are still holding up but could be lagging as a function of fewer people choosing to join the workforce. European stock markets have been performing rather well, a reaction to a substantial normalisation of gas prices.

Japanese equities clearly outshone their Chinese counterparts over the last few months, so the news that Japan struggled for growth in the fourth quarter of 2023 was a surprise. Nevertheless, past corporate reforms, and some signs that decades of deflation may be behind Japan, attracted inflows.

China remained in 'stop and go' for policy reforms in its property market, with observers torn over whether support is decisive enough to free China of its recent underperformance and disinflationary environment. India has the opposite situation, its stock market kept performing well into the new year - mirrored by 'friendshoring' (where supply chain networks are focused on countries regarded as political and economic allies) winner Mexico. Indeed, in the next few years, there will be focus on which countries around the world will be able to attract investment as supply chains get diversified.

#### Outlook

In the US, any monetary easing would most likely just be driven by a lower headline inflation rate. Bond yields may fail to ease substantially until first cracks in the US economy become deeper or extend into the wider economy: currently, stressed areas are commercial real estate, regional banks and consumer loans.

Extreme liquidity conditions post Covid provided a cushion for financial markets – although the Fed's quantitative tightening (QT) has been nibbling away at it. This year looks to be more decisive – will the Fed intend to tighten liquidity, or is it happy to operate with a buffer? The latter would indicate easing QT sooner rather than later. At the same time, stock markets are only likely to be diverted from their upward trend once returns elsewhere become attractive (for example in the form of higher bond yields) or when earnings expectations have to be scaled down (for example as credit events are taking place).

Europe's running economic growth rate is lower than that in the US. Fiscal policy is tighter so equity performance may be closer linked to valuations – especially if expectations are the 'worst is behind us'. A potential stumbling block, especially for domestically focused sectors, is that the BoE and ECB present themselves rather determined to stamp out any residual sniff of inflation despite signs that past interest rate hikes have had an impact already.

China is likely to benefit from looser financial conditions, as authorities are mindful of providing a floor to past poor economic performance. However, doubts remain how far policy makers are willing to let the recovery run. Especially in sectors outside of the central government's strategic focus which is on IT, biotech, and new energy. In the background, geopolitical questions will keep rumbling, especially as the US enters a presidential election year.

## **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW (Continued)**

#### **Fund positioning**

The sub-fund's long-term strategy remains unchanged, however there were several changes made on a shorter-term tactical basis.

Within fixed income, there were adjustments made to the balance of government bonds versus corporates. In October, we increased the iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF GBP Hedged (Dist) by seeking to benefit from higher US bond yields, which was funded by a reduction in strategic bond funds, mainly the HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF.

This position was later removed in December 2023 and the proceeds were reallocated to high yield bonds and global government & corporate bonds, via increases in HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP and HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP.

In February 2024, we added the Natixis International Funds (Dublin) I - Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund H-F/D (GBP), which was funded by a reduction in HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP and FTF Brandywine Global inc Optimiser Fund Class W Inc.

Also in February 2024, we reduced exposure in Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies Fund Class GBP I2 Accumulating-Hedged, with the proceeds reallocated to Janus Henderson Global Multi-Strategy Fund G2 HGBP to help increase the diversification of the sub-fund's exposure to alternatives.

Within equities, Legal & General UK Index Trust C Class Accumulation was sold in November 2023 to fund the purchase of iShares UK Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc. In Japan, Fidelity Index Japan P Accumulation was also sold in November 2023 to fund the purchase of Amundi Index Solutions - Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF DR. At the same time, iShares Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc was sold and the proceeds reallocated to Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund GBP Acc.

In December 2023, J O Hambro Capital Management UK Dynamic A Acc was sold, given the news that the lead portfolio manager, Alex Savvides, is leaving the business, the committee has decided to sell the position before the replacement manager takes over. The proceeds were reallocated to iShares UK Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc.

Lastly, in February 2024, HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF was sold, and the proceeds reallocated between Emerging Markets and US equities. Names that benefitted from this reallocation included the Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund GBP Acc and the HSBC American Index Fund Accumulation C.

Tatton Investment Management Limited Investment Manager to the Fund 29 May 2024

# **Financial Highlights**

	Class	A A	ccumu	lation
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Class A Ac	cumulation			
		Period ended 31	Year ended 30	Year ended 30
		March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
Changes in	net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Gagee	Opening net asset value per share	216.7076	209.0826	217.2083
	Return before operating charges	23.6171	9.7965	(5.8877)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(1.1511)	(2.1715)	(2.2380)
	Return after operating charges *	22.4660	7.6250	(8.1257)
	Closing net asset value per share	239.1736	216.7076	209.0826
	Retained distributions on accumulated shares	2.7409	3.0458	2.3691
	*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performanc	е			
	Return after charges	10.37%	3.65%	(3.74%)
Other inform	nation			
	Closing net asset value	£16,822,763	£17,624,128	£19,384,759
	Closing number of shares	7,033,703	8,132,677	9,271,338
	Operating charges (note 2)	1.01%	1.02%	1.05%
	Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices	and the second second	202 2024	000 0400	000 5400
	Highest share price Lowest share price	239.6061 211.3378	223.6198 203.4252	226.5482 203.2132
01 D.1				
Class B Inc	come	Pariod anded 31	Voor anded 30	Voor anded 30
Class B Inc	come	Period ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022
		March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
	net assets per share	March 2024 GBp	September 2023 GBp	September 2022 GBp
	net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	March 2024 GBp 186.3011	<b>September 2023</b> GBp 182.3074	<b>September 2022</b> GBp 191.4869
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# Financial Highlights (Continued)

Class	R	Accumulation
Class	_	Accumulation

Class B Ac	cumulation			
		Period ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022
Changes in	net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
	Opening net asset value per share	194.8578	189.6281	198.6818
	Return before operating charges	21.2001	8.8246	(5.3648)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(1.9019)	(3.5949)	(3.6889)
	Return after operating charges *	19.2982	5.2297	(9.0537)
	Closing net asset value per share	214.1560	194.8578	189.6281
	Retained distributions on accumulated shares	1.6111	1.0759	0.4810
	*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance	е			
	Return after charges	9.90%	2.76%	(4.56%)
Other inform	nation			
	Closing net asset value	£1,602,663	£1,550,112	£1,882,229
	Closing number of shares	748,362	795,509	992,589
	Operating charges (note 2)	1.86%	1.87%	1.90%
	Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
	Highest share price	214.5582	202.1636	206.9936
	Lowest share price	189.8923	184.4371	184.7307
Class D Ac	cumulation			
		Period ended 31	Year ended 30	Year ended 30
		March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
Changes in	net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
_	Opening net asset value per share	188.0486	183.4643	192.7031
	Return before operating charges	20.4483	8.5223	(5.1950)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(2.0808)	(3.9380)	(4.0438)
	Return after operating charges *	18.3675	4.5843	(9.2388)
	Closing net asset value per share	206.4161	188.0486	183.4643
	Retained distributions on accumulated shares	1.3125	0.5644	-
	*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance				
	Return after charges	9.77%	2.50%	(4.79%)
Other inform				
	Closing net asset value	£1,141,847	£1,214,313	£1,314,608
	Closing number of charge	553,177	645,744	716,547
	Closing number of shares	·	·	
	Operating charges (note 2)	2.11%	2.12%	2.15%
	•	·	·	2.15% 0.00%
Prices	Operating charges (note 2) Direct transaction costs	2.11% 0.00%	2.12% 0.00%	0.00%
Prices	Operating charges (note 2)	2.11%	2.12%	

## **PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)**

- 1. The operating charges per share figure is calculated by applying the operating charges percentage to the average net asset valuation per share throughout the period.
- 2. The operating charges percentage is based on the expenses incurred during the period annualised, as a proportion of the average net asset value of the Sub-fund together with the ongoing charges included within the underlying Open Ended Investment Companies held within the Sub-fund's holdings.

## **Risk Profile**

Based on past data, the Sub-fund is ranked a '5' on the synthetic risk and reward indicator scale (of 1 to 7) as described fully in the Key Investor Information Document (30 September 2023 ranked '5'). The Sub-fund is ranked '5' because weekly historical performance data indicates that relatively high rises and falls in market prices would have occurred historically. The higher the rank, the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money.

## PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

## As at 31 March 2024

Collective Investment Schemes (30.09.2023: 92.21%)   387,984   Allianz Strategic Bond   386,394   1,96%   204,576   Artenis US Select   827,526   4,22%   266,822   AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap   304,711   1,56%   1,594   Barrings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return   198,048   1,01%   231,940   BCIP 100 UK Equity Tracker   599,068   2,60%   185,344   BMY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta   199,134   1,02%   1,774   Cheyne Global Credit   196,441   1,00%   1,042,624   5,33%   207,797   Fidelity Index Pacific ex Japan   399,012   2,04%   327,282   FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser   321,063   16,44%   6,177   HC Snyder US All Cap Equity Fund   807,975   4,13%   288,711   HSBC American Index   3,376,215   17,25%   18,623   HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index   99,689   5,00%   19,9767   HSBC Global Government Bond Index   979,689   5,00%   19,9767   1,45%   11,82%   1,82%   1,83%   1,83%   1,83%   1,83%   1,83%   1,83%   1,83%   1,83%   1,83%   1,83%   1,94%   1,95%   1,94%   1,95%   1,9	Holding	Name	Value £	% of net assets	
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			19,574,620	100.00%	

## **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES**

	£
Total purchases for the period	11,150,189
IShares UK Equity Tracker Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index HSBC American Index HSBC Global Government Bond Index HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF Vanguard UK Long Duration Gilt Index	3,048,652 1,122,065 926,746 873,708 822,296 556,369 491,057 419,305 397,422
Artemis US Select Other purchases  Total sales for the period	339,073 2,153,496 £ 14,004,897
Legal & General UK Index iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies IShares Emerging Markets Equity Tracker Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income IShares UK Equity Tracker HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index HSBC American Index JOHCM UK Dynamic HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF Other sales	2,594,541 1,358,205 1,306,424 1,087,890 1,043,809 888,502 764,940 598,571 526,442 456,743 3,378,830

The above transactions represent the all purchases and sales during the period.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the six	month period ended 31 March	•			
		202 £	24 £	2023 £	£
Income	Net capital gains		1,762,805		574,050
	Revenue	242,612		169,704	
Expenses		(90,781)		(100,105)	
Interest pay	able and similar charges	(236)	_	(12)	
Net revenue	e before taxation	151,595		69,587	
Taxation			_		
Net revenue	e after taxation	-	151,595	_	69,587
Total return	before distributions		1,914,400		643,637
Finance cos	sts: distributions	<u>-</u>	(226,983)	_	(115,196)
_	net assets attributable to				
shareholde	ers from investment activities	-	1,687,417	_	528,441

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the six month period ended 31 March

	2024 £	2023 £
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	20,395,245	22,587,344
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	692,595	1,273,925
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,412,966)	(2,864,538)
Dilution levies	222	-
Accumulation dividends retained	212,107	109,018
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	1,687,417	528,441
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	19,574,620	21,634,190

The Investment Association SORP requires that comparatives are shown for the above report. As comparatives are shown for the comparable interim period the net asset value at the end of the period will not agree to the net asset value at the start of the period. The Sub-funds net asset value as at 30 September 2023 was £20,395,245.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

As at	31.03.2	2024	30.09.20	)23
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Investment assets		19,194,594		20,101,794
Current assets				
Debtors	107,204		8,030	
Cash and bank balances	366,780		413,694	
Total current assets		473,984		421,724
Total assets		19,668,578		20,523,518
Current liabilities				
Creditors	(93,898)		(128,243)	
Distribution payable on balanced shares	(60)		(30)	
Total current liabilities	(33)	(93,958)	(	(128,273)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	19,574,620	_	20,395,245

## **Accounting policies**

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 and are described in those financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and to the amendments to the SORP issued by the IA in June 2017. The functional currency of the Subfund is Sterling.

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

## Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 October 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased on or after 01 October 2023 and on or before 31 March 2024

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	2.7409p	-	2.7409p	1.2318p
Group 2	0.8886p	1.8523p	2.7409p	1.2318p

Class B Income	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
		Equalisation		
Group 1	1.5410p	-	1.5410p	0.2606p
Group 2	1.5410p	-	1.5410p	0.2606p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	1.6111p	-	1.6111p	0.2692p
Group 2	0.7841p	0.8270p	1.6111p	0.2692p

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	1.3125p	-	1.3125p	0.0204p
Group 2	0.6916p	0.6209p	1.3125p	0.0204p

#### SUB-FUND OVERVIEW

Name of Sub-fund

VT Sinfonia Adventurous Growth Portfolio

Size of Sub-fund (£'000)

£12,179,961

# Investment objective and policy

The Sub-fund aims to provide returns over the long term (5 years) by a combination of both capital growth and income generation.

The Sub-fund's investment objective will be achieved primarily (at least 70%) by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed interest securities and equities, as well as warrants, and money market instruments, through investment in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (which may include those managed and/or advised by the AFM or Investment Manager). The Sub-fund will typically be invested in a global portfolio of assets but may also focus on UK assets.

Normally, the Sub-fund will be fully invested except for an amount to enable redemption of shares, efficient management of the Sub-fund in relation to its strategic objectives, and other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Sub-fund. However, there may be short periods (e.g. in times of market stress) where it is considered appropriate for the scheme property not to be fully invested (and so for higher levels of liquidity to be maintained).

One measure of risk is the proportion invested in the riskiest assets, such as equities. The Subfund will be actively managed and the investments will be selected to achieve a mix of higher and lower risk assets. The Sub-fund has a more adventurous strategy with there being a focus on exposure to higher risk assets (such as equities (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)) over lower risk assets (such as bonds and cash (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)). For this Sub-fund, over the long-term (5 years), it is expected that the proportion of the Sub-fund exposed to equities will be approximately 90%. In the shorter term, this weighting may be adjusted tactically as economic and market conditions dictate while not deviating by more than ±12.5%.

The asset classes in which the Sub-Fund may also invest includes transferable securities, money market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits.

## Derivatives

The Sub-fund is permitted to invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for investment purposes, however, it is the Investment Manager's intention that the Sub-Fund shall utilise derivative instruments and forward transactions for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management techniques (and if this intention is to change the AFM shall provide advance notice to Shareholders).

## **Benchmark**

The Sub-fund is not managed to or constrained by a benchmark, and nor does the AFM use a benchmark in order to assess performance.

However, the performance of the Sub-fund can be compared to that of the ARC Steady Growth Index.

The performance of the Sub-fund can be compared against that of the index. This index has been selected as it is considered that this index most closely reflects the investments which the Sub-fund will make (and its risk/return objectives) at the current time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager is not bound or influenced by the index when making its decisions and can make investments that are not included in the index.

**Authorised Fund Manager** Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited **(AFM)** 

## **SUB-FUND OVERVIEW (Continued)**

**Ex-distribution dates** 30 September (final), 31 March (interim)

**Distribution dates** By 30 November (final), 31 May (interim)

Individual Savings Account (ISA) The Sub-fund is a qualifying investment for inclusion in an ISA.

Share classes Class A Accumulation Shares:

Class A Income Shares^; Class B Accumulation Shares; Class B Income Shares^; Class C Accumulation Shares; Class C Income Shares^; Class D Income Shares^; and Class D Accumulation Shares.

#### Minimum investment

Lump sum subscription: All share classes - £1,000

Top-up: All share classes - £1,000

Holding: All share classes - £1,000

Redemption: All share classes - £1,000

Switching: N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Initial charges: Class A Shares - 0.00%

Class B, Class C & Class D Shares - 5.50%

Redemption and switching charges:

Nil

The AFM may waive the minimum levels (and waive or discount the initial charge) at its discretion.

## **Annual management**

charges Class A Shares - 0.65%

Class B Shares - 1.50% Class C Shares - 2.00% Class D Shares - 1.75%

The above percentages being a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT if applicable).

<sup>^</sup>Share classes are currently not active.

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW**

#### Investment review

The VT Sinfonia Adventurous Growth A Acc sub-fund returned 11.16% in the six-months to 31 March 2024. While the prospectus does not explicitly state a benchmark, a useful comparator, the ARC Steady Growth PCI TR GBP Index returned 9.41% over the same period, meaning the sub-fund outperformed by 1.75%.

#### Overview

The sub-fund positioning was adjusted several times over the 6 months to 31 March 2024. The most recent rebalance held on 21 February 2024, was guided by our thoughts at the time, described below:

The global economy kept expanding despite rather tight monetary conditions. A closer look reveals that in the developed world, it was predominantly driven by the US, supported by loose fiscal conditions. Inflation has been cooling thanks to easing supply chains and lower commodity prices. This prompted the US Central Bank, the Fed, to pivot in December and suggest that interest rates had peaked, a move followed by other Central Banks such as the Bank of England and the European Central Bank.

Subsequently, North American equities rallied, and the US economy was strong, reducing the need for the Fed to cut interest rates, so markets pushed out expectations of the first cuts to the second half of 2024. On the other hand, Gross Domestic Product from Europe point to stagnation or mild recession, such as in the UK. Labour markets are still holding up but could be lagging as a function of fewer people choosing to join the workforce. European stock markets have been performing rather well, a reaction to a substantial normalisation of gas prices.

Japanese equities clearly outshone their Chinese counterparts over the last few months, so the news that Japan struggled for growth in the fourth quarter of 2023 was a surprise. Nevertheless, past corporate reforms, and some signs that decades of deflation may be behind Japan, attracted inflows.

China remained in 'stop and go' for policy reforms in its property market, with observers torn over whether support is decisive enough to free China of its recent underperformance and disinflationary environment. India has the opposite situation, its stock market kept performing well into the new year - mirrored by 'friendshoring' (where supply chain networks are focused on countries regarded as political and economic allies) winner Mexico. Indeed, in the next few years, there will be focus on which countries around the world will be able to attract investment as supply chains get diversified.

## Outlook

In the US, any monetary easing would most likely just be driven by a lower headline inflation rate. Bond yields may fail to ease substantially until first cracks in the US economy become deeper or extend into the wider economy: currently, stressed areas are commercial real estate, regional banks and consumer loans.

Extreme liquidity conditions post Covid provided a cushion for financial markets – although the Fed's quantitative tightening (QT) has been nibbling away at it. This year looks to be more decisive – will the Fed intend to tighten liquidity, or is it happy to operate with a buffer? The latter would indicate easing QT sooner rather than later. At the same time, stock markets are only likely to be diverted from their upward trend once returns elsewhere become attractive (for example in the form of higher bond yields) or when earnings expectations have to be scaled down (for example as credit events are taking place).

Europe's running economic growth rate is lower than that in the US. Fiscal policy is tighter so equity performance may be closer linked to valuations – especially if expectations are the 'worst is behind us'. A potential stumbling block, especially for domestically focused sectors, is that the BoE and ECB present themselves rather determined to stamp out any residual sniff of inflation despite signs that past interest rate hikes have had an impact already.

China is likely to benefit from looser financial conditions, as authorities are mindful of providing a floor to past poor economic performance. However, doubts remain how far policy makers are willing to let the recovery run. Especially in sectors outside of the central government's strategic focus which is on IT, biotech, and new energy. In the background, geopolitical questions will keep rumbling, especially as the US enters a presidential election year.

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW**

#### **Fund positioning**

The sub-fund's long-term strategy remains unchanged, however there were several changes made on a shorter-term tactical basis.

Within fixed income, there were adjustments made to the balance of government bonds versus corporates. In October, we increased the iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF GBP Hedged (Dist) by seeking to benefit from higher US bond yields, which was funded by a reduction in strategic bond funds, mainly the HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF.

This position was later removed in December 2023 and the proceeds were reallocated to high yield bonds and global government & corporate bonds, via increases in HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP and HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP.

In February 2024, we added the Natixis International Funds (Dublin) I - Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund H-F/D (GBP), which was funded by a reduction in HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF S2CHGBP and FTF Brandywine Global inc Optimiser Fund Class W Inc.

Also in February 2024, we reduced exposure in Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies Fund Class GBP I2 Accumulating-Hedged, with the proceeds reallocated to Janus Henderson Global Multi-Strategy Fund G2 HGBP to help increase the diversification of the sub-fund's exposure to alternatives.

Within equities, Legal & General UK Index Trust C Class Accumulation was sold in November 2023 to fund the purchase of iShares UK Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc. In Japan, Fidelity Index Japan P Accumulation was also sold in November 2023 to fund the purchase of Amundi Index Solutions - Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF DR. At the same time, iShares Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc was sold and the proceeds reallocated to Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund GBP Acc.

In December 2023, J O Hambro Capital Management UK Dynamic A Acc was sold, given the news that the lead portfolio manager, Alex Savvides, is leaving the business, the committee has decided to sell the position before the replacement manager takes over. The proceeds were reallocated to iShares UK Equity Index Fund (UK) D Acc.

Lastly, in February 2024, HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF was sold, and the proceeds reallocated between Emerging Markets and US equities. Names that benefitted from this reallocation included the Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund GBP Acc and the HSBC American Index Fund Accumulation C.

Tatton Investment Management Limited Investment Manager to the Fund 29 May 2024

## **Financial Highlights**

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Class A Acci	umulation			
		Period ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022
Changes in n	et assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
	Opening net asset value per share	222.6249	213.8335	222.8323
	Return before operating charges	26.2026	11.0610	(6.7936)
	Operating charges (note 1)	(1.3633)	(2.2696)	(2.2052)
	Return after operating charges *	24.8393	8.7914	(8.9988)
	Closing net asset value per share	247.4642	222.6249	213.8335
	Retained distributions on accumulated shares	2.8183	2.5634	2.2649
	*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance				
	Return after charges	11.16%	4.11%	(4.04%)
Other informa	ation			
	Closing net asset value	£10,367,710	£10,162,127	£10,958,603
	Closing number of shares	4,189,580	4,564,686	5,124,830
	Operating charges (note 2)	1.16%	1.04%	1.01%
	Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices	I Park and all and and an	0.47.0040	000 0045	000 0044
	Highest share price Lowest share price	247.9916 216.5093	229.6615 207.2215	233.6241 207.1756
Class B Acci	umulation	Period ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022
		March 2024	September 2023	September 2022
	et assets per share	March 2024 GBp	September 2023 GBp	September 2022 GBp
	et assets per share Opening net asset value per share	March 2024	September 2023	September 2022 GBp 203.2970
	et assets per share	<b>March 2024</b> GBp 199.6887	<b>September 2023</b> GBp 193.4360	September 2022 GBp
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	et assets per share Opening net asset value per share Return before operating charges Operating charges (note 1) Return after operating charges * Closing net asset value per share	GBp 199.6887 23.4569 (2.1141) 21.3428	GBp 193.4360 9.9677 (3.7150) 6.2527	GBp 203.2970 (6.1714) (3.6896) (9.8610)
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## **Financial Highlights (Continued)**

## **Class D Accumulation**

oldss & Accumulation	Period ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022
Changes in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	192.3271	186.7715	196.7840
Return before operating charges	22.5767	9.6120	(5.9660)
Operating charges (note 1)	(2.2879)	(4.0564)	(4.0465)
Return after operating charges *	20.2888	5.5556	(10.0125)
Closing net asset value per share	212.6159	192.3271	186.7715
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	1.3351	0.1223	-
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	10.55%	2.97%	(5.09%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£223,399	£448,592	£468,547
Closing number of shares	105,072	233,244	250,867
Operating charges (note 2)	2.26%	2.14%	2.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	213.0882	199.8006	206.0177
Lowest share price	186.8662	180.9196	181.5126

<sup>1.</sup> The operating charges per share figure is calculated by applying the operating charges percentage to the average net asset valuation per share throughout the period.

#### **Risk Profile**

Based on past data, the Sub-fund is ranked a '5' on the synthetic risk and reward indicator scale (of 1 to 7) as described fully in the Key Investor Information Document (30 September 2023 ranked '5'). The Sub-fund is ranked '5' because weekly historical performance data indicates that relatively high rises and falls in market prices would have occurred historically.

<sup>2.</sup> The operating charges percentage is based on the expenses incurred during the period annualised, as a proportion of the average net asset value of the Sub-fund together with the ongoing charges included within the underlying Open Ended Investment Companies held within the Sub-fund's holdings.

## PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

## As at 31 March 2024

Holding	Name	Value £	% of net assets
	Collective Investment Schemes (30.09.2023: 92.44%)		
126,931	Allianz Strategic Bond	126,410	1.03%
136,372	Artemis US Select	551,652	4.53%
256,814	AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap	293,282	2.41%
1,003	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return	124,609	1.02%
99,280	BCIF 100 UK Equity Tracker	217,996	1.79%
117,160	BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta	125,877	1.03%
389,665	ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity	703,735	5.78%
131,187	Fidelity Index Pacific ex Japan	251,905	2.07%
106,655	FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser	125,533	1.03%
4,185	HC Snyder US All Cap Equity Fund	547,425	4.49%
175,926	HSBC American Index	2,057,293	16.89%
21,733	HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	203,657	1.67%
37,951	HSBC Global Government Bond Index	372,672	3.06%
140,737	iShares North American Equity Index	1,051,760	8.64%
594,362	IShares UK Equity Tracker	1,724,704	14.16%
6,248	Janus Henderson European Selected Opportunities	193,828	1.59%
11,482	Janus Henderson Global Multi-Strategy	123,921	1.02%
72,372	JPM US Equity Income	322,708	2.65%
74,050	JPM Japan	259,174	2.13%
50,595	Liontrust European Growth Fund	194,590	1.60%
14,877	Loomis Sayles Global Opportunistic Bond Fund	156,360	1.28%
12,072	Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	124,941	1.03%
176,099	Schroder Recovery	254,640	2.09%
3,488	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	876,947	7.20%
1,638	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	447,941	3.68%
1,296	Vanguard Global Credit Bond	125,370	1.03%
		11,558,930	94.90%
	Exchange Traded Funds (30.09.2023: 5.58%)		
17,489	Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF	426,644	3.50%
		426,644	3.50%
	Portfolio of investments (30.09.2023: 98.02%)	11,985,574	98.40%
	Net other assets (30.09.2023: 1.98%)	194,387	1.60%
		12,179,961	100.00%

## **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES**

	£
Total purchases for the period	9,919,266
IShares UK Equity Tracker HSBC American Index Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index Legal & General UK Index	2,527,752 1,122,900 961,362 745,485 509,089
Amundi Prime Japan UCITS ETF iShares North American Equity Index Artemis US Select iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF HSBC Global Government Bond Index Other purchases	467,888 372,169 348,717 335,090 247,966 2,280,848
Total sales for the period	£ 11,366,694
Legal & General UK Index IShares UK Equity Tracker IShares Emerging Markets Equity Tracker HSBC American Index HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income iShares North American Equity Index BCIF 100 UK Equity Tracker Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies Other sales	2,175,720 915,635 892,799 874,798 786,725 765,556 629,793 543,783 403,543 373,529 3,004,813

The above transactions represent all the purchases and sales during the period.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the six mor	nth period ended 31 March	202	24	2023	
		£	£	£	£
Income	Net capital gains		1,200,778		396,234
	Revenue	161,440		104,822	
Expenses		(60,987)		(63,234)	
Interest payable	and similar charges	(285)	-	(103)	
Net revenue bef	ore taxation	100,168		41,485	
Taxation			<del>-</del>	<u>-</u>	
Net revenue afte	er taxation	-	100,168		41,485
Total return befo	ore distributions		1,300,946		437,719
Finance costs: c	distributions	<del>-</del>	(141,855)		(43,251)
	assets attributable to rom investment activities	_	1,159,091	_	394,468

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

# For the six month period ended 31 March

	2024 £	2023 £
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	12,351,427	13,171,857
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	2,675,657	3,082,424
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(4,138,533)	(3,926,313)
Dilution levies	1,002	510
Accumulation dividends retained	131,317	40,410
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	1,159,091	394,468
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	12,179,961	12,763,356

The Investment Association SORP requires that comparatives are shown for the above report. As comparatives are shown for the comparable interim period the net asset value at the end of the period will not agree to the net asset value at the start of the period. The Sub-funds net asset value as at 30 September 2023 was £12,351,427.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

As at	31.03.2024		30.09.2023	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Investment assets		11,985,574		12,107,468
Current assets				
Debtors	116,386		8,290	
Cash and bank balances	249,889		259,464	
Total current assets		366,275		267,754
Total assets		12,351,849		12,375,222
Current liabilities				
Creditors	(171,888)		(23,795)	
Total current liabilities		(171,888)		(23,795)
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Net assets attributable to shareholders		12,179,961		12,351,427

## **Accounting policies**

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 and are described in those financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and to the amendments to the SORP issued by the IA in June 2017. The functional currency of the Subfund is Sterling.

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

## Interim Distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 October 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 October 2023 and on or before 31 March 2024

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	2.8183p	-	2.8183p	0.8475p
Group 2	0.6801p	2.1382p	2.8183p	0.8475p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	1.6468p	-	1.6468p	-
Group 2	0.7591p	0.8877p	1.6468p	-

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2024	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2024	Distribution 31.05.2023
Group 1	1.3351p	-	1.3351p	-
Group 2	0.7333p	0.6018p	1.3351p	-

#### INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

#### **Taxation**

The Company will pay corporation tax on its profits in VT Sinfonia Cautious Managed Portfolio with no corporation tax payable in the other four Sub-funds for the period ended 31 March 2024. Capital gains within the Company will not be taxed.

#### Individual shareholders

Tax-free annual dividend allowance currently standing at £1,000 (2023/2024). UK resident shareholders are now subject to new higher rates of tax on dividend income in excess of the annual allowance. The actual rate depends on the individual's tax rate hand

## Capital gains tax:

Individual shareholders resident in the UK for tax purposes may be liable to capital gains tax on realisation of their shares as with other chargeable assets. However, the first £6,000 (2023/2024) of gains each year are presently tax free for individuals. Gains in excess of that amount are charged at the rate of tax applicable to the individual tax payer.

#### Corporate shareholders

Companies resident for tax purposes in the UK which hold shares should note that OEIC distributions are streamed into both franked and unfranked income. The unfranked income element will be treated as an annual payment which has been subject to income tax at a rate of 20% and will be liable to tax accordingly. On realisation of their shares, UK resident companies may be liable to pay corporation tax on any capital gains.

The above information on taxation is only a general summary, and shareholders should consult their own tax advisors in relation to their own circumstances. Shareholders should also note that the position as outlined may change to reflect future changes in tax legislation.

#### Issue and redemption of shares

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited is the AFM and Registrar. Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited will receive requests for the purchase or sale of shares at any time during 8.30am to 5.30pm. Instructions may be given by email to the below email address or by sending an application form to the Registrar. Application forms are available from the Registrar. (E-mail:sinfonia@valu-trac.com).

The price of shares will be determined by reference to a valuation of the Company's net assets at 12 noon on each dealing day.

The AFM has the right to reject, on reasonable grounds relating to the circumstances of the applicant, any application for shares in whole or part, and in this event the AFM will return any money sent, or the balance of such monies, at the risk of the applicant. In addition the AFM may reject any application previously accepted in circumstances where the applicant has paid by cheque and that cheque subsequently fails to be cleared.

Any subscription monies remaining after a whole number of shares has been issued will not be returned to the applicant. Instead, smaller denomination shares will be issued in such circumstances.

A contract note giving details of the shares purchased and the price used will be issued by the Registrar by the end of the business day following the valuation point by reference to which the purchase price is determined.

Ownership of shares will be evidenced by an entry on the Company's Register of Shareholders. Certificates will not be issued. Statements in respect of periodic distributions of revenue will show the number of shares held by the recipient in respect of which the distribution is made. Individual statements of a shareholder's shares will also be issued at any time on request by the registered holder.

Where shares are redeemed, payment will be made not later than the close of business on the fourth business day following the next valuation point after receipt by the AFM of a request for redemption.

The most recent issue and redemption prices are available from the AFM.

# CORPORATE DIRECTORY

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