

# **MULTI-ASSET VALUE INVESTING**

# VT SENECA DIVERSIFIED INCOME FUND

MONTH END SEPTEMBER 2019

FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS ONLY

## **INVESTMENT AIM**

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

## INCOME

Income B Inc TR in GB

IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares

| Historic Net Yield | 4.9%    |  |
|--------------------|---------|--|
| Distributions      | Monthly |  |

## **FIVE YEAR PERFORMANCE CHART (%)**



| (30.41/0)                            | (27         | .42%)       |           |            |            |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| CUMULATIVE<br>PERFORMANCE<br>(%)     | 3<br>months | 6<br>months | 1<br>year | 3<br>years | 5<br>years | Since<br>Launch |
| VT Seneca Diversified<br>Income Fund | 0.4         | 2.4         | 7.2       | 21.7       | 38.4       | 137.7           |

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20-60% Shares TR in GB

| DISCRETE ANNUAL<br>PERFORMANCE<br>(%) | 30 Sep<br>2019 | 30 Sep<br>2018 | 30 Sep<br>2017 | 30 Sep<br>2016 | 30 Sep<br>2015 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| VT Seneca Diversified<br>Income Fund  | 7.2            | 0.7            | 12.7           | 10.5           | 3.0            |
| IA Mixed Investment<br>20-60% Shares  | 4.0            | 2.6            | 6.2            | 12.1           | 0.3            |

| RESEARCH AREA                    | INVESTMENT TEAM                        |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Asset Allocation                 | Peter Elston- Chief Investment Officer |
| UK Equities                      | Mark Wright- Fund Manager              |
| Specialist Assets                | Richard Parfect- Fund Manager*         |
| Fixed Income & Overseas Eq (EM)  | Tom Delic- Fund Manager*               |
| Fixed Income & Overseas Eq (Dev) | Gary Moglione- Fund Manager            |

<sup>\*</sup> Portfolio oversight (process implementation, cash and cashflow management)

#### COMMENTARY

- There were no asset allocation changes in September.
- Central banks in both the US and Europe cut interest rates in the face of weakening economic growth.
- Equity markets remained firm, reflecting a belief that a dose of monetary easing can help to prolong the economic cycle.
- A new position was taken in Purplebricks, the UK's leading estate agency. The group is cash flow positive, has net cash on the balance sheet and a new management team in place.
- Ultra Electronics was reduced after re-rating considerably over the previous 6 months, returning 48%
- In Japan, we introduced the Morant Wright Fuji Yield Fund, a value focused manager that seeks companies with strong balance sheets trading at low valuations.
- To fund the investment in Morant Wright, we exited the holding in the CC Japan Income & Growth Trust.
- We added to the Royal London Sterling Extra Yield Bond Fund and TwentyFour Dynamic Bond Fund.
- Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income Fund had another successful equity placing which was substantially oversubscribed in which we took a small allocation.
- We participated in International Public Partnerships additional £116.5m equity placing, to fund further pipeline investments as the management team further diversify and broaden the geography and asset base of the portfolio's infrastructure assets.

Your capital is at risk. Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance. The value of investments and any income may fluctuate and investors may not get back the full amount invested.





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Cumulative & Discrete figures are sourced from FE Analytics. Basis: Bid to bid, net income reinvested and net of fees in UK Sterling terms. The information on this factsheet is as at 30.09.2019 and refers to the 'B' share class with the exception of performance prior to 26.03.2012 which is calculated using the 'A' share class, unadjusted for the lower fees of the 'B' share class.

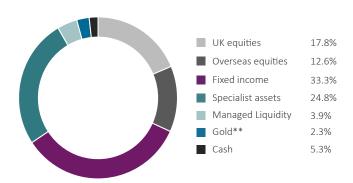
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Data from FF 2019

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#### ASSET BREAKDOWN



Source: Seneca IM

## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS

| UK | DIRECT EQUITIES*            |       |
|----|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. | iShares Core FTSE 100       | 2.2 % |
| 2. | AJ Bell                     | 1.9 % |
| 3. | Marston's                   | 1.2 % |
| 4. | Babcock International Group | 1.1 % |
| 5. | BT Group plc                | 1.1 % |
| -  | /EDSEAS EQUITIES*           |       |

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|----|---|-------|
| 1. | CIM Dividend Income Fund                | 3.3 % |
| 2. | Investec Global Gold Fund               | 2.4 % |
| 3. | Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund         | 1.5 % |
| 4. | Liontrust European Enhanced Income Fund | 1.4 % |
| 5. | Morant Wright Fuji Yield Fund           | 1.0 % |

| FD | KED INCOME  |       |
|----|---|-------|
| 1. | Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield Bond Fund | 8.9 % |
| 2. | Muzinich Short Duration High Yield Fund                 | 7.9 % |
| 3. | Royal London Sterling Extra Yield Bond Fund             | 6.4 % |
| 4. | Templeton Emerging Markets Bond Fund                    | 4.4 % |
| 5. | TwentyFour Select Monthly Income Fund                   | 3.1 % |
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| 5. | TwentyFour Select Monthly Income Fund | 3.1 % |
| SP | ECIALIST ASSETS                       |       |
| 1. | International Public Partnerships     | 2.2 % |
| 2. | Fair Oaks Income Fund                 | 2.0 % |
| 3. | Merian Chrysalis                      | 1.9 % |
| 4. | Sequoia Economic Infrastructure       | 1.9 % |
| 5. | Hipgnosis Songs Fund                  | 1.6 % |
|    |                                       |       |

<sup>\*</sup> Investment may also be made in UK equities via other third party funds.

| KEY FACTS               |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Launch date             | 8 April 2002                   |
| Size                    | £167.03m                       |
| A Class month end price | 92.79p                         |
| B Class month end price | 112.37p                        |
| N Class month end price | 110.42p                        |
| Total holdings          | 66                             |
| IA sector               | Mixed Investment 20-60% shares |
| Share type              | Monthly income only            |
| Valuation point         | 12:00 midday                   |

| SHARE CLASS INFO | Α            | В            | N            |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| OCF*             | 1.79%        | 1.14%        | 1.39%        |
| Min lump sum     | £3,000       | £100,000     | £1,000       |
| Min reg saver    | £50          | -            | £50          |
| ISIN             | GB0031467961 | GB00B7JTF560 | GB00B61Y0911 |
| SEDOL            | 3146796      | B7JTF56      | B61Y091      |

<sup>\*</sup> Based on expenses as at 21.05.2019

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