# GRAVIS UK LISTED PROPERTY

### MONTHLY FACTSHEET 31 JANUARY 2024

#### **FUND OBJECTIVES**

- To achieve capital growth through market cycles (we expect this to be a period of 7 years)
- To invest in a diversified portfolio of London Stock Exchange listed securities, consisting primarily of Real Estate Investment Trusts
- Avoids exposure to retail property companies
- To deliver a income expected to be 4% per annum<sup>1</sup>

#### PERFORMANCE CHART

VT Gravis UK Listed Property (PAIF) Fund – A Acc GBP (Total return after charges) 31.10.2019 – 31.01.2024



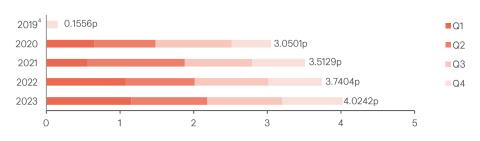
#### **RETURNS**

	SINCE INCEPTION	3 YEAR	12 MONTH	3 MONTH	1 MONTH	YTD	VOLATILITY
VT Gravis UK Listed Property	-5.25%	-6.80%	-3.81%	15.29%	-4.21%	-4.21%	23.22%
MSCI UK IMI Core Real Estate	-16.47%	-4.85%	-0.29%	20.49%	-2.97%	-2.97%	25.71%
MSCI World IMI Core Real Estate	-6.81%	8.75%	-5.62%	11.14%	-3.77%	-3.77%	19.49%

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results Fund launched on 31 October 2019 Fund performance is illustrated by the A GBP Net Accumulation share class

#### **DIVIDENDS**

Dividends<sup>5</sup> paid since inception for A GBP Income share class.



Fund overview	
Name	VT Gravis UK Listed Property (PAIF) Fund
Regulatory Status	FCA Authorised UK NURS OEIC with PAIF Status
Sector	IA Property Other
Launch Date	31 October 2019
Fund Size	£97.63m
Number of holdings	22
Share Classes	Income and Accumulation (£,\$,€)
Min. Investment	A: £100 F: £100
Net Asset Value per share	A Acc (£): 94.75p A Inc (£): 81.18p
Trailing 12-month net yield	A Inc (£): 4.96%
Annual Management Charge	0.70%
Capped fund OCF <sup>2</sup>	0.70%
Synthetic OCF <sup>3</sup>	1.19%
Dividends Paid	End of Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
Classification	Non-complex
Liquidity	Daily dealing
ISINs	A Acc (£): GB00BK8VW755 A Inc (£): GB00BK8VW532
Feeder ISINs	F Acc (£): GB00BKDZ8Y17

- This is an unofficial target and there is no guarantee it will be achieved. Per annum by reference to launch price of £1.00 per unit, payable quarterly, one month in arrears.
- 2. OCF for all share classes is capped at the AMC, any costs in excess of the OCF/AMC will be paid by the Investment Adviser.
- 'Synthetic' OCF (Class A Acc) is calculated using the weighted average OCF of the Fund's underlying holdings, where published combined with the Fund's own operating charges; the aggregated figure for the 10 holdings in the portfolio that are published is 0.49%. The OCF of the Fund remains capped at the AMC.
- 4. Part period from 31.10.2019 30.11.2019.
- 5. As of 30.06.2021, the Fund's financial year was changed to align with calendar quarters, resulting in a change to distribution dates. Subsequently 5 distributions were actually made in 2021 (of which 2 were in the second quarter period). Ex-dividend dates are now Dec, Mar, Jun and Sept

All data, source: Valu-Trac Investment Management, MSCI Inc and Reuters.





Finc (£): GB00BKDZ8V85







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#### **FUND ADVISER'S REPORT**

"The Fund's portfolio of next generation real estate assets is supported by favourable long term demographic trends."

Over the course of January 2024, the NAV of the Fund decreased by 4.21% (A Acc GBP). Since its launch, the Fund has decreased by 5.25% (A Acc GBP), but has still significantly outperformed the UK Real Estate Index1 which decreased by 16.47% in the same period, and is slightly ahead of the Global Real Estate Index<sup>2</sup> which decreased by 6.81%.

The strategy of the Fund is to invest in a diversified portfolio of thematic real assets. The Fund's 22 investments are set to benefit from four socioeconomic mega trends: ageing population (15.9% portfolio weight), digitalisation (45.7% portfolio weight), generation rent (26.7% portfolio weight), and urbanisation (8.6% portfolio weight).

Within each mega trend, the Investment Adviser undertakes fundamental research to identify the most attractive investment opportunities. Combining topdown analysis of socio-economic mega trends with bottom-up fundamental research has yielded good results for the Fund.

Although inflationary pressures have decreased and continue to run well below the levels reported this time last year, inflation edged slightly higher in the UK with CPI increasing by 0.1% to 4% in January. At the end of the month, the Bank of England held interest rates unchanged highlighting that while there are positive economic indicators it is premature to discuss rate cuts, with more evidence required before rates can be lowered. This has caused market enthusiasm to stagnate, with a reduced risk appetite and lower expected returns in the near term, reflected in UK REITS finishing the month at a 24.4% discount to the last reported NAV, compared to a 21.7% discount at the end of December<sup>3</sup>. However, some market participants have predicted inflation will level off around the 4% mark and the Bank of England expects inflation to fall further to around 2.75% by the end of this year bringing some optimism back to the market.

Urbanisation was the weakest performing mega trend during the month falling 7.7%, followed by aging population, digitalisation and generation rent which decreased by 5.8%, 3.5% and 2.4% respectively4.

The weaker performance of the urbanisation mega trend was due to several companies announcing slightly subdued trading updates. Workspace Group (portfolio holding 2.87%), owner and manager of business space in London and the Southeast, was one of the weaker performers falling 6.5% during the month4. In part, this resulted from the company announcing a 1.0% like-for-like rent growth and 1.7% like-for-like rates increase in the guarter ending 31 December 2023 with like-for-like occupancy broadly stable at 88.2%

The top performer in January was LondonMetric (portfolio holding 5.67%), an owner and operator of logistics assets and part of the digitalisation megatrend, rising 1.15%4. The strong performance resulted from the agreement of terms for LondonMetric to acquire LXi, the owner of a diversified of UK commercial property assets let on long-term,

inflation-linked leases, albeit subject to shareholder approval. The consideration represents a premium of 9.1% to LXi's undisturbed share price with targeted completion in March 2024. LondonMetric has a strong track record in executing deals and is on track for a ninth consecutive year of dividend progression.

Within the generation rent mega trend, several portfolio companies published strong trading updates during the month. PRS REIT (portfolio holding 5.55%), investor in high-quality, new build, family homes in the private rented sector, emphasised its strong occupancy which stood at 97% with 5,087 of the 5,264 completed homes occupied at 31 December 2023. This, combined with compelling like-for-like rental growth of 11% for the year to 31 December 2023 against 6% in the prior year, still resulted in a fall of just 2.3% over the

In keeping with the generation rent mega trend, Unite Group (portfolio holding 8.20%), owner and operator of 70,000 purpose-built student beds across the UK, decreased 2.6% over January after announcing it has sold 71% of beds for the academic year 2024/25, ahead of the 70% at the same point last year and it highlighted property valuations are broadly stable. The Group is confident it can achieve at least 5% rental growth for 2024/25 and maintained its earnings per share guidance at the upper end of its range of 43-44p. This performance is supported by a strong pipeline with four development schemes expected to add 2000 beds to be delivered between 2024 and 2026.

As we move further in to 2024, the Fund is set to benefit from falling inflation, a more optimistic interest rate environment and is supported by favourable long term demographic trends. The portfolio of expertly managed, next generation real estate assets, benefits from the attractive combination of growing rents and sustained high occupancy levels and offers forward thinking investors growth income as opposed to fixed income.

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#### Investment Adviser

Gravis Advisory Ltd is owned and managed by Gravis Capital Management Ltd ("Gravis").

Gravis Capital Management was established in May 2008 as a specialist investor in property and infrastructure and now manages c.£2bn of assets in these sectors in the UK. Gravis entered into a strategic partnership with ORIX Corporation in January 2021.

Gravis Advisory Ltd is also the Investment Adviser to the c.£650m VT Gravis UK Infrastructure Income Fund, the c.£400m VT Gravis Clean Energy Income Fund and the c.£30m VT Gravis Digital Infrastructure Income Fund.

#### **Fund Adviser**

Matthew Norris, CFA is lead adviser to the VT Gravis UK Listed Property Fund and the VT Gravis Digital Infrastructure Income Fund. Matthew has over two decades investment management experience and has a specialist focus on real estate securities.

He was previously at Grosvenor with responsibility for investing in global real estate securities including the highly successful global logistics strategy. He joined Grosvenor from Fulcrum Asset Management and Buttonwood Capital Partners where he ran international equity strategies which incorporated exposure to real estate equities.

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<sup>1</sup> MSCI UK IMI Core Real Estate Net Total Return GBP. <sup>2</sup> MSCI World IMI Core Real Estate IMI GBP.

3 Net asset value of an investment fund's assets. European Real Estate

Association Net Asset Value Monthly Bulletin, January 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Defined as the calendar month, as opposed to the valuation month.



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#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

#### COMPANY WEIGHTING Unite Group PLC 8.20% Tritax Big Box REIT PLC 8.05% SEGRO PLC 7.95% Grainger PLC 7.67% Londonmetric Property PLC 5.67% PRS Reit PLC 5.55% Big Yellow Group PLC 5 18% Impact Healthcare REIT PLC 5.01% Urban Logistics Reit PLC 4.99% Assura PLC 4.68%

## Industrial & Logistics 31.8% Housing & Accom 26.7% Healthcare 15.9% Self storage 13.8% Office 8.6% Diversified 0%

■ Cash 3.1%

SECTOR BREAKDOWN



<sup>1</sup>Gravis Advisory Ltd analysis, based on current portfolio holdings with EPC ratings. 2023 uses latest available data for the portfolio holdings. <sup>2</sup>Energy Performance Certificates for Buildings Register for England and Wales - Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, data to 31 December 2023.

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