

# Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

# Annual Assessment of Value Statement as at 31 March 2025

# VT Momentum Diversified Balanced

#### **Fund Information**

| Investment Manager:             | Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Authorised Fund Manager:</b> | Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited (Valu-Trac)  |
| Investment Objective:           | The Sub-fund aims to achieve total returns (comprised of capital growth and income) of the Consumer Prices Index + 4% (net of management fees and underlying fund charges) over the medium to long-term (3-5 years). Capital is in fact at risk and there is no guarantee that a positive return will be achieved over a five year, or any, period.  |
| Investment Policy:              | The Sub-fund may gain exposure to a broad range of asset classes, including global equities, UK equities, corporate and government bonds, money market instruments, cash and near cash by investing at least 50% in a globally diverse mix of collective investment vehicles (including investment trusts) (which may include those managed and/or operated by the ACD or Investment Manager).  The risk profile of the Sub-fund is broadly balanced with between 40% and 60% exposure to equities.  The Sub-fund may also invest in cash, near cash, deposits, money market instruments and money market funds.  The Sub-fund may use derivatives or forward transactions only for the purpose of efficient portfolio management. |
| AUM (£):                        | £6.6m  |
| Fund Launch Date:               | 05/11/2012   |

Our assessment has been conducted against the seven criteria outlined by the FCA and the fund has been rated via the "traffic light" system. Where a fund may have more than one unit class, the rating shown for each of these seven criteria, at a total fund level, may be thought of as being as being an average rating, based upon the rating for each unit class, and according to the relative split of fund assets, between unit classes. The overall rating for the fund will generally be a simple average of these seven criteria, taken at the total fund level. This has been summarised within the table, below:

| VT Momentum Diversified Balanced | AUM (%) | ' | uality of<br>Service | Perf | formance | 1 | AFM costs -<br>general | Ec | onomies of scale |   | mparable<br>rket rates | С | comparable services | Class | ses of units |   | Overall |
|----------------------------------|---------|---|----------------------|------|----------|---|------------------------|----|------------------|---|------------------------|---|---------------------|-------|--------------|---|---------|
| Overall                          | 100.0%  |   | G                    |      | R        |   | G                      |    | G                | 0 | А                      |   | G                   |       | G            | 0 | А       |
| A Accumulation                   | 81.5%   | 0 | G                    | •    | R        |   | G                      |    | G                | 0 | А                      |   | G                   | 0     | G            | 0 | А       |
| I Accumulation                   | 18.5%   | 0 | G                    | •    | R        |   | G                      | 0  | G                | 0 | G                      | 0 | G                   | 0     | G            | 0 | А       |

The table below shows the overall summary for the previous assessment i.e. carried out as at 31 March 2024:

| VT Momentum Diversified Balanced | AUM (%) | Quality of<br>Service | Performance | AFM costs -<br>general | Economies of scale | Comparable market rates | Comparable services | Classes of units | Overall |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------|
| Overall                          | 100.0%  | G                     | R           | G                      | G                  | A                       | G                   | G                | A       |
| A Accumulation                   | 83.8%   | G                     | R           | G                      | <b>G</b>           | A                       | G                   | G                | A       |
| I Accumulation                   | 16.2%   | G                     | R           | G                      | G                  | A                       | G                   | G                | A       |

## **Previous Remedial Actions**

- Performance
  - Assessed as Red
    - The AFM has discussed the trends in long-term performance with the Investment Manager. Following this discussion, the Investment Manager is undertaking a review of the investment objective & policy of the Fund. The AFM will monitor the progress of this review and take further remedial action if necessary.
- Comparable Market Rates
  - Assessed as Amber
    - The AFM will discuss the level, and composition, of the Ongoing Charges figure (OCF) with the Investment Manager.

#### **New Remedial Actions**

- Performance
  - Assessed as Red
    - The AFM will implement remedial action in order to actively, and appropriately, address the persistent under-performance of this fund. The AFM will consider the full range of options available, with a view to securing the best possible customer outcomes.
- Comparable Market Rates
  - Assessed as Amber
    - The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

#### **Detailed Assessment**

#### Quality of Service

The AFM has chosen to outsource the following services to third party providers:

- Investment Management services: Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd
- Depositary services: NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited
- Custodian services: CACEIS Bank, UK Branch
- External audit: Johnston Carmichael LLP

Other functions such as fund administration, fund accounting and transfer agency are undertaken by Valu-Trac, and all outsourced services are subject to continuous oversight.

As part of our assessment of service providers, no systemic issues have been identified as part of our ongoing due diligence, including an assessment of investment breaches, pricing errors, complaints, fund liquidity and ongoing adherence to the investment policy.

#### Conclusion:



#### Green

The AFM has concluded that all services being provided in relation to the on-going management and administration of the fund, including those provided directly and those currently being provided by third parties, are operating as unitholders may expect.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Quality of Service.

#### Performance

#### Objective:

The Sub-fund aims to achieve total returns (comprised of capital growth and income) of the Consumer Prices Index + 4% (net of management fees and underlying fund charges) over the medium to long-term (3-5 years). Capital is in fact at risk and there is no guarantee that a positive return will be achieved over a five year, or any, period.

#### Constraining Benchmark:

none

#### Comparator Benchmark:

none

#### Target Benchmark:

UK Consumer Price Index (CPI) +4.0% p.a.

#### Peer Group:

IA Mixed Investment 20%-60% Shares Sector

#### Minimum Recommended Holding Period:

3 Years

#### Management Approach:

#### Active

The net total return and peer ranking (where available) for each available unit class within the fund, together with the return of the relevant benchmark, is shown below:

| Net Total<br>Return* | 1 year | 3 years<br>(avg.<br>return<br>per-year) | 3 years<br>Peer Rank | 5 years<br>(avg.<br>return<br>per-year) | 5 years<br>Peer Rank | Since<br>Inception<br>(avg.<br>return<br>per-year) | Since<br>Inception<br>Peer Rank |
|----------------------|--------|---|----------------------|---|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Benchmark            | 6.7%   | 9.5%                                    | -                    | 8.9%                                    | _                    | -  | _                               |
| A Accumulation       | 5.2%   | 1.7%                                    | Lowest<br>31%        | 5.9%                                    | Highest<br>47%       | -  | -                               |
| Benchmark            | 6.7%   | -                                       | -                    | -                                       | _                    | 8.7%   | -                               |
| I Accumulation       | 5.5%   | -                                       | -                    | -                                       | -                    | 2.4%   | Lowest<br>36%                   |

<sup>\*</sup>To 31 March 2025

Total return is the actual rate of return of an investment over a period. Net Total return includes interest, capital gains, dividends, and realised distributions (where appropriate), after all relevant fees have been deducted.

The I Accumulation unit class launched on 03 May 2022.

Source: Morningstar

#### Conclusion:



Red

The net total return of each unit class within the fund is significantly below that of its target benchmark over the minimum recommended holding period or longer term (since inception), where applicable. It should be noted that for funds of this type (which employ a target benchmark), the consideration of peer group rankings may be of less significance in making an overall performance assessment, than for funds which may employ an alternate category of benchmark

The AFM has also assessed the investment risk within the Fund and has concluded that the level of investment risk taken is not out of keeping, for an actively managed Fund of this type (further details on how the AFM arrived at this conclusion may be provided upon request).

The AFM will implement remedial action in order to actively, and appropriately, address the persistent under-performance of this fund. The AFM will consider the full range of options available, with a view to securing the best possible customer outcomes.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are not receiving good value, in relation to Performance.

#### **AFM Costs - General**

Each unit class within the Fund has its own Annual Management Charge (AMC). The AMC may be thought of as being the amount deducted from a unit class's average net assets to pay for the investment management of that unit class; this charge will typically include a proportionate allocation from the Investment Management Fee, AFM fee and other, ancillary fees.

The current AMC of each unit class, together with the current, average AMC for the relevant, selected peer group, is shown within the table below:

| Annual Management Charge (AMC)   | Curi  | rent       |
|----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Allitual Management Charge (AMC) |       | Peer Rank  |
| Peer Group                       | 0.81% | -          |
| A Accumulation                   | 0.75% | Lowest 45% |
| I Accumulation                   | 0.50% | Lowest 22% |

Source: Valu-Trac / Morningstar

#### Conclusion:



Green

The Investment Management Fee is proposed by Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd. Owing to the limitations of the host AFM model which the AFM operates, the AFM is unable to comment upon the specific profit margin this fee may generate for Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd; instead, the AFM will focus upon ensuring that this fee appears reasonable, in the context of the overall AMC.

The AFM fee is payable to Valu-Trac to cover the services undertaken by Valu-Trac as outlined in the Quality of Service section. The AFM will set fees based on the overall cost of operating the business. Most of the AFM's costs are fixed (such as staff and property costs), and the AFM will set its fees in such a way that ensures the costs are apportioned fairly across the range of funds which it operates. The AFM reviews its fee model via various means, such as through external independent consultancy and market benchmarking reviews against similar firms in the market. The results of these reviews are incorporated into the AFM's governance arrangements, up to Board level.

Other notable, ancillary fees may include the depositary, custodian, and auditor fees. The AFM regularly reviews these fees compared to other funds operated by the AFM and, where the information is available, other funds within the wider marketplace, to ensure that they remain competitive.

Unitholders are currently paying an AMC lower than the market average for similar funds.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to AFM Costs – General.

## **Economies of Scale**

The fund currently has assets under management (AUM) of less than £250m; this is the threshold above which, we generally consider it reasonable to consider if economies of scale have been passed on to investors.

The fund has a tiered depositary fee, subject to a minimum amount, alongside other fixed fees, such as audit fees. Therefore, as the fund AUM grows, the proportion of such costs, relative to overall fund size, will decline, in percentage terms.

#### Conclusion:



Green

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Economies of Scale.

## **Comparable Market Rates**

The current and historic Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) for each unit class within the fund, together with the current, average OCF for the relevant, selected peer group, is shown within the table, below:

| Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)  | 2023  | 2024  | Curi  | rent        |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Originis charges rigure (OCI) | 2023  | 2024  |       | Peer Rank   |
| Peer Group                    | -     | -     | 1.06% | -           |
| A Accumulation                | 1.56% | 1.46% | 1.28% | Highest 31% |
| I Accumulation                | 1.31% | 1.21% | 1.03% | Lowest 49%  |

Source: Morningstar

#### Conclusion



Amber

Unitholders within the A unit class are currently paying an OCF higher than the market average for similar funds.

Unitholders within the I unit class are currently paying an OCF below the market average for similar funds

The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving reasonable value, in relation to Comparable Market Rates, overall.

## **Comparable Services**

Valu-Trac act as AFM for four funds for which Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd are the Investment Manager. Each of these funds are what may be termed multi-asset funds. Differences between funds, in terms of their management approach anticipated risk profile, notwithstanding, this fund is priced consistently with other funds within that range.

The services provided in respect to this fund are also aligned with the AFM's normal operating model.

# Conclusion



Green

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Comparable Services.

## **Classes of Units**

|                | Current OCF | Difference<br>Compared<br>to Least<br>Expensive | Minimum<br>Lump Sum<br>Investment | Minimum<br>Holding<br>Amount |
|----------------|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| I Accumulation | 1.03%       | -   | £50,000,000                       | £50,000,000                  |
| A Accumulation | 1.28%       | 0.25%   | £1,000                            | £500                         |

Where a unit class may have a minimum investment or minimum holding amount, this may help the unit class scale quicker, leading to a lower proportional servicing cost, and thus, lower Ongoing charges.

#### Conclusion



Green

The I Accumulation unit class has more stringent investment minima than the A Accumulation unit class. Given that the incremental difference in OCF between each of these unit classes is below the suggested materiality threshold, the AFM has concluded that unitholders within each of unit class are receiving good value, in relation to Classes of Units.

The AFM has concluded that unit holders are receiving good value in relation to Classes of Units.

## **Overall Assessment**



Amber

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value in respect to five of the seven, discrete criteria assessed above i.e. each has been assessed as green.

With regard to Performance, The AFM will implement remedial action in order to actively, and appropriately, address the persistent under-performance of this fund. The AFM will consider the full range of options available, with a view to securing the best possible customer outcomes.

With regard to Comparable Market Rates, the AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that the unitholders within the VT Momentum Diversified Balanced fund are receiving reasonable value, overall.

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# Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

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# VT Momentum Diversified Moderate

#### **Fund Information**

| Investment Manager:      | Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Authorised Fund Manager: | Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited (Valu-Trac)   |
| Investment Objective:    | The Sub-fund aims to achieve total returns (comprised of capital growth and income) of the Consumer Prices Index + 5% (net of management fees and underlying fund charges) over the medium to long-term (3-5 years). Capital is in fact at risk and there is no guarantee that a positive return will be achieved over a five year, or any, period.   |
| Investment Policy:       | The Sub-fund may gain exposure to a broad range of asset classes, including global equities, UK equities, corporate and government bonds, money market instruments, cash and near cash by investing at least 50% in a globally diverse mix of collective investment vehicles (including investment trusts) (which may include those managed and/or operated by the ACD or Investment Manager).  The risk profile of the Sub-fund is moderately aggressive with between 50% and 80% exposure to equities.  The Sub-fund may also invest in cash, near cash, deposits, money market instruments and money market funds.  The Sub-fund may use derivatives or forward transactions only for the purpose of efficient portfolio management. |
| AUM (£):                 | £17.8m  |
| Fund Launch Date:        | 05/11/2012  |

Our assessment has been conducted against the seven criteria outlined by the FCA and the fund has been rated via the "traffic light" system. Where a fund may have more than one unit class, the rating shown for each of these seven criteria, at a total fund level, may be thought of as being as being an average rating, based upon the rating for each unit class, and according to the relative split of fund assets, between unit classes. The overall rating for the fund will generally be a simple average of these seven criteria, taken at the total fund level. This has been summarised within the table, below:

| VT Momentum Diversified Moderate | AUM (%) | 1   | ity of<br>vice | Perfo | ormance |   | FM costs -<br>general | Eco | onomies of scale |   | mparable<br>rket rates |   | mparable<br>services | Class | es of units |   | Overall |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----|----------------|-------|---------|---|-----------------------|-----|------------------|---|------------------------|---|----------------------|-------|-------------|---|---------|
| Overall                          | 100.0%  | • ( | G              |       | R       |   | G                     | 0   | G                | 0 | А                      |   | G                    | 0     | G           | 0 | А       |
| A Accumulation                   | 32.8%   | • ( | Ĵ              | •     | R       | 0 | А                     | 0   | G                | 0 | А                      | 0 | G                    | 0     | G           | 0 | А       |
| I Accumulation                   | 67.2%   | • ( | G              | •     | R       | 0 | G                     | 0   | G                | 0 | А                      | 0 | G                    | 0     | G           | 0 | А       |

The table below shows the overall summary for the previous assessment i.e. carried out as at 31 March 2024:

| VT Momentum Diversified Moderate | AUM (%) | " | uality of<br>Service | Per | formance | P | AFM costs -<br>general | Ec | conomies of scale |   | mparable<br>rket rates |   | omparable<br>services | Class | ses of units |   | Overall |
|----------------------------------|---------|---|----------------------|-----|----------|---|------------------------|----|-------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------|--------------|---|---------|
| Overall                          | 100.0%  |   | G                    |     | R        |   | G                      |    | G                 | 0 | G                      |   | G                     |       | G            | 0 | А       |
| A Accumulation                   | 42.7%   |   | G                    | •   | R        | 0 | А                      |    | G                 | 0 | А                      | 0 | G                     | 0     | G            | 0 | Α       |
| I Accumulation                   | 57.3%   | 0 | G                    | 0   | R        | 0 | G                      | 0  | G                 | 0 | G                      | 0 | G                     | 0     | G            | 0 | А       |

#### **Previous Remedial Actions**

- Performance
  - Assessed as Red
    - The AFM has discussed the trends in long-term performance with the Investment Manager. Following this discussion, the Investment Manager is undertaking a review of the investment objective & policy of the Fund. The AFM will monitor the progress of this review and take further remedial action if necessary.
- Comparable Market Rates
  - Assessed as Green, overall.
    - The AFM will discuss the level, and composition, of the Ongoing Charges figure (OCF) with the Investment Manager, where applicable.

## **New Remedial Actions**

- Performance
  - Assessed as Red
    - The AFM will implement remedial action in order to actively, and appropriately, address the persistent under-performance of this fund. The AFM will consider the full range of options available, with a view to securing the best possible customer outcomes.
- Comparable Market Rates
  - Assessed as Amber
    - The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

#### **Detailed Assessment**

## **Quality of Service**

The AFM has chosen to outsource the following services to third party providers:

- Investment Management services: Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd
- Depositary services: NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited
- Custodian services: CACEIS Bank, UK Branch
- External audit: Johnston Carmichael LLP

Other functions such as fund administration, fund accounting and transfer agency are undertaken by Valu-Trac, and all outsourced services are subject to continuous oversight.

As part of our assessment of service providers, no systemic issues have been identified as part of our ongoing due diligence, including an assessment of investment breaches, pricing errors, complaints, fund liquidity and ongoing adherence to the investment policy.

#### Conclusion:



#### Green

The AFM has concluded that all services being provided in relation to the on-going management and administration of the fund, including those provided directly and those currently being provided by third parties, are operating as unitholders may expect.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Quality of Service.

#### Performance

#### Objective:

The Sub-fund aims to achieve total returns (comprised of capital growth and income) of the Consumer Prices Index + 5% (net of management fees and underlying fund charges) over the medium to long-term (3-5 years). Capital is in fact at risk and there is no guarantee that a positive return will be achieved over a five year, or any, period.

#### Constraining Benchmark:

none

#### Comparator Benchmark:

none

#### Target Benchmark:

UK Consumer Price Index (CPI) +5.0% p.a.

#### Peer Group:

IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares Sector

#### Minimum Recommended Holding Period:

3 Years

#### Management Approach:

#### Active

The net total return and peer ranking (where available) for each available unit class within the fund, together with the return of the relevant benchmark, is shown below:

| Net Total<br>Return* | 1 year | 3 years<br>(avg.<br>return<br>per-year) | 3 years<br>Peer Rank | 5 years<br>(avg.<br>return<br>per-year) | 5 years<br>Peer Rank | Since<br>Inception<br>(avg.<br>return<br>per-year) | Since<br>Inception<br>Peer Rank |
|----------------------|--------|---|----------------------|---|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Benchmark            | 7.8%   | 10.5%                                   | -                    | 9.9%                                    | -                    | -  | -                               |
| A Accumulation       | 6.4%   | 2.3%                                    | Lowest<br>37%        | 7.5%                                    | Lowest<br>42%        | -  | -                               |
| Benchmark            | 7.8%   | -                                       | -                    | -                                       | -                    | 9.7%   | -                               |
| I Accumulation       | 6.7%   | -                                       | -                    | -                                       | -                    | 3.3%   | Lowest<br>39%                   |

<sup>\*</sup>To 31 March 2025

Total return is the actual rate of return of an investment over a period. Net Total return includes interest, capital gains, dividends, and realised distributions (where appropriate), after all relevant fees have been deducted.

The I Accumulation unit class launched on 03 May 2022.

Source: Morningstar

#### Conclusion:



Red

The net total return of each unit class within the fund is significantly below that of its target benchmark over the minimum recommended holding period or longer term (since inception), where applicable. It should be noted that for funds of this type (which employ a target benchmark), the consideration of peer group rankings may be of less significance in making an overall performance assessment, than for funds which may employ an alternate category of benchmark

The AFM has also assessed the investment risk within the Fund and has concluded that the level of investment risk taken is not out of keeping, for an actively managed Fund of this type (further details on how the AFM arrived at this conclusion may be provided upon request).

The AFM will implement remedial action in order to actively, and appropriately, address the persistent under-performance of this fund. The AFM will consider the full range of options available, with a view to securing the best possible customer outcomes.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are not receiving good value, in relation to Performance.

#### **AFM Costs - General**

Each unit class within the Fund has its own Annual Management Charge (AMC). The AMC may be thought of as being the amount deducted from a unit class's average net assets to pay for the investment management of that unit class; this charge will typically include a proportionate allocation from the Investment Management Fee, AFM fee and other, ancillary fees.

The current AMC of each unit class, together with the current, average AMC for the relevant, selected peer group, is shown within the table below:

| Annual Management Charge (AMC)   | Curi  | rent        |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Allitual Management Charge (AMC) |       | Peer Rank   |
| Peer Group                       | 0.72% | -           |
| A Accumulation                   | 0.75% | Highest 49% |
| I Accumulation                   | 0.50% | Lowest 27%  |

Source: Morningstar

#### Conclusion:



Green

The Investment Management Fee is proposed by Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd. Owing to the limitations of the host AFM model which the AFM operates, the AFM is unable to comment upon the specific profit margin this fee may generate for Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd; instead, the AFM will focus upon ensuring that this fee appears reasonable, in the context of the overall AMC.

The AFM fee is payable to Valu-Trac to cover the services undertaken by Valu-Trac as outlined in the Quality of Service section. The AFM will set fees based on the overall cost of operating the business. Most of the AFM's costs are fixed (such as staff and property costs), and the AFM will set its fees in such a way that ensures the costs are apportioned fairly across the range of funds which it operates. The AFM reviews its fee model via various means, such as through external independent consultancy and market benchmarking reviews against similar firms in the market. The results of these reviews are incorporated into the AFM's governance arrangements, up to Board level.

Other notable, ancillary fees may include the depositary, custodian, and auditor fees. The AFM regularly reviews these fees compared to other funds operated by the AFM and, where the information is available, other funds within the wider marketplace, to ensure that they remain competitive.

Unitholders within the A Accumulation unit class are currently paying an AMC marginally higher than the market average for similar funds.

Unitholders within the I Accumulation unit class are currently paying an AMC lower than the market average for similar funds.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to AFM Costs – General, overall.

## **Economies of Scale**

The fund currently has assets under management (AUM) of less than £250m; this is the threshold above which, we generally consider it reasonable to consider if economies of scale have been passed on to investors.

The fund has a tiered depositary fee, subject to a minimum amount, alongside other fixed fees, such as audit fees. Therefore, as the fund AUM grows, the proportion of such costs, relative to overall fund size, will decline, in percentage terms.

## Conclusion:



Green

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Economies of Scale.

## **Comparable Market Rates**

The current and historic Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) for each unit class within the fund, together with the current, average OCF for the relevant, selected peer group, is shown within the table, below:

| Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) | 2023  | 2024  | Curi  | rent        |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| ongoing charges rigare (oct) | 2023  | 2024  |       | Peer Rank   |
| Peer Group                   | -     | -     | 0.96% | -           |
| A Accumulation               | 1.46% | 1.21% | 1.23% | Highest 27% |
| I Accumulation               | 1.21% | 0.96% | 0.98% | Highest 46% |

Source: Morningstar

#### Conclusion



Amher

Unitholders are currently paying an OCF higher than the market average for similar funds.

The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving reasonable value, in relation to Comparable Market Rates, overall.

## **Comparable Services**

Valu-Trac act as AFM for four funds for which Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd are the Investment Manager. Each of these funds are what may be termed multi-asset funds. Differences between funds, in terms of their management approach anticipated risk profile, notwithstanding, this fund is priced consistently with other funds within that range.

The services provided in respect to this fund are also aligned with the AFM's normal operating model.

## Conclusion



Green

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Comparable Services.

## **Classes of Units**

|                | Current OCF | Difference<br>Compared<br>to Least<br>Expensive | Difference<br>Compared<br>to Next<br>Least<br>Expensive | Minimum<br>Lump Sum<br>Investment | Minimum<br>Holding<br>Amount |
|----------------|-------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| I Accumulation | 0.98%       | -   | _   | £50,000,000                       | £50,000,000                  |
| A Accumulation | 1.23%       | 0.25%   | 0.25%   | £1,000                            | £500                         |

Where a unit class may have a minimum investment or minimum holding amount, this may help the unit class scale quicker, leading to a lower proportional servicing cost, and thus, lower Ongoing charges.

#### Conclusion



Green

The I Accumulation unit class has more stringent investment minima than the A Accumulation unit class. Given that the incremental difference in OCF between each of these unit classes is below the suggested materiality threshold, the AFM has concluded that unitholders within each of unit class are receiving good value, in relation to Classes of Units.

The AFM has concluded that unit holders are receiving good value in relation to Classes of Units, overall.

#### **Overall Assessment**



Amber

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value in respect to five of the seven, discrete criteria assessed above i.e. each has been assessed as green.

With regard to Performance, the AFM will implement remedial action in order to actively, and appropriately, address the persistent under-performance of this fund. The AFM will consider the full range of options available, with a view to securing the best possible customer outcomes.

With regard to Comparable Market Rates, the AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that the unitholders within the VT Momentum Diversified Moderate fund are receiving reasonable value, overall.

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# Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

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# VT Momentum Diversified Income Fund

#### **Fund Information**

| Investment Manager:      | Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Authorised Fund Manager: | Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited (Valu-Trac)   |
| Investment Objective:    | The investment objective of VT Momentum Diversified Income Fund is to provide income over the medium to long term (3-5 years).  |
| Investment Policy:       | The Fund aims to meet its objective by investing in a balanced and well diversified portfolio of UK and International equities which the Investment Manager expects to be able to generate income (i.e. dividends) as well as some fixed interest securities including government and corporate bonds. Investments will also be made in regulated collective investment schemes (which may include funds managed and/or operated by the ACD or Investment Manager), money markets and cash deposits to provide further diversification to the Sub-fund in accordance with applicable regulations. |
| AUM (£):                 | £121.7m   |
| Fund Launch Date:        | 05/10/2004  |

Our assessment has been conducted against the seven criteria outlined by the FCA and the fund has been rated via the "traffic light" system. Where a fund may have more than one unit class, the rating shown for each of these seven criteria, at a total fund level, may be thought of as being as being an average rating, based upon the rating for each unit class, and according to the relative split of fund assets, between unit classes. The overall rating for the fund will generally be a simple average of these seven criteria, taken at the total fund level. This has been summarised within the table, below:

| VT Momentum Diversified Income Fund | AUM (%) |   | uality of<br>Service | Per | Performance |   | AFM costs -<br>general |   | Economies of scale |   | Comparable<br>market rates |  | Comparable services |   | es of units |   | Overall |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---|----------------------|-----|-------------|---|------------------------|---|--------------------|---|----------------------------|--|---------------------|---|-------------|---|---------|
| Overall                             | 100.0%  |   | G                    |     | G           |   | G                      |   | G                  |   | G                          |  | G                   | 0 | G           |   | G       |
| A Income                            | 16.1%   |   | G                    |     | G           | • | R                      | 0 | G                  | • | R                          |  | G                   | • | R           | • | R       |
| B Accumulation                      | 5.4%    | • | G                    |     | G           |   | G                      | • | G                  |   | G                          |  | G                   | 0 | G           | • | G       |
| B Income                            | 72.8%   |   | G                    |     | G           |   | G                      | • | G                  |   | G                          |  | G                   | 0 | G           |   | G       |
| N Income                            | 0.2%    |   | G                    |     | G           | 0 | А                      | 0 | G                  | 0 | Α                          |  | G                   | 0 | G           | • | G       |
| l Income                            | 5.6%    | 0 | G                    | 0   | А           |   | G                      | 0 | G                  | 0 | G                          |  | G                   | 0 | G           |   | G       |

The table below shows the overall summary for the previous assessment i.e. carried out as at 31 March 2024:

| VT Momentum Diversified Income Fund | AUM (%) |   | uality of<br>Service | Performance |   |   | AFM costs -<br>general |   | onomies of scale |   | mparable<br>rket rates |   | omparable<br>services | Class | es of units |   | Overall |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---|----------------------|-------------|---|---|------------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------|-------------|---|---------|
| Overall                             | 100.0%  | 0 | G                    | 0           | А |   | G                      |   | G                |   | G                      |   | G                     |       | G           |   | G       |
| A Income                            | 15.7%   | 0 | G                    | 0           | А | • | R                      | 0 | G                |   | R                      |   | G                     | •     | R           | • | R       |
| B Accumulation                      | 5.4%    | 0 | G                    | 0           | А | 0 | G                      | 0 | G                |   | G                      |   | G                     |       | G           | 0 | G       |
| B Income                            | 76.9%   | 0 | G                    | 0           | А | 0 | G                      | 0 | G                |   | G                      |   | G                     | 0     | G           | 0 | G       |
| NIncome                             | 0.2%    | 0 | G                    | 0           | А | 0 | А                      | 0 | G                | 0 | А                      | 0 | G                     | 0     | G           | 0 | G       |
| l Income                            | 1.7%    | 0 | G                    | •           | R | 0 | G                      | 0 | G                |   | G                      |   | G                     | 0     | G           | 0 | А       |

#### **Previous Remedial Actions**

- Performance
  - Assessed as Amber
    - The AFM has discussed the trends in long-term performance with the Investment Manager. Following this discussion, the Investment Manager is undertaking a review of the investment objective & policy of the Fund. The AFM will monitor the progress of this review and take further remedial action if necessary.
- AFM Costs General
  - Assessed as Green, overall
    - The AFM will discuss the level of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) with the Investment Manager, where applicable.
- Comparable Market Rates
  - Assessed as Green, overall
    - The AFM will discuss the level, and composition, of the Ongoing Charges figure (OCF) with the Investment Manager, where applicable.
- Classes of Units
  - Assessed as Green, overall
    - Where additional costs may not be justified, the AFM will look to align and harmonize costs to an appropriate level. The AFM has held discussions on the costs of the A unit classes with the Investment Manager and will continue to review the future of the A unit classes with the view to improving the value offered to unitholders.

#### **New Remedial Actions**

- AFM Costs General
  - Assessed as Green, overall
    - The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.
- Comparable Market Rates
  - Assessed as Green, overall
    - The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.
- Classes of Units
  - Assessed as Green, overall
    - The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a

positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

#### **Detailed Assessment**

## Quality of Service

The AFM has chosen to outsource the following services to third party providers:

- Investment Management services: Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd
- Depositary services: NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited
- Custodian services: CACEIS Bank, UK Branch
- External audit: Johnston Carmichael LLP

Other functions such as fund administration, fund accounting and transfer agency are undertaken by Valu-Trac, and all outsourced services are subject to continuous oversight.

As part of our assessment of service providers, no systemic issues have been identified as part of our ongoing due diligence, including an assessment of investment breaches, pricing errors, complaints, fund liquidity and ongoing adherence to the investment policy.

#### Conclusion:



Green

The AFM has concluded that all services being provided in relation to the on-going management and administration of the fund, including those provided directly and those currently being provided by third parties, are operating as unitholders may expect.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Quality of Service.

#### Performance

## Objective:

The investment objective of VT Momentum Diversified Income Fund is to provide income over the medium to long term (3-5 years).

### Constraining Benchmark:

none

#### Comparator Benchmark:

IA Mixed Investment 20%-60% Shares Sector Average

#### Target Benchmark:

none

#### Peer Group:

IA Mixed Investment 20%-60% Shares Sector

## Minimum Recommended Holding Period:

3 Years

# Management Approach:

Active

The income generated (percentage yield) by each available unit class within the fund, is shown below:

|                |          |          |          | 3 years    |          |          | 5 years    |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|
|                | 1 year   | 1 year   | 1 year   | to         | 1 year   | 1 year   | to         |
| Yield          | to       | to       | to       | Mar-2025   | to       | to       | Mar-2025   |
|                | Mar-2025 | Mar-2024 | Mar-2023 | (avg. per- | Mar-2022 | Mar-2021 | (avg. per- |
|                |          |          |          | year)      |          |          | year)      |
| Benchmark~     | 2.7%     | 2.4%     | 2.1%     | -          | 1.7%     | 1.8%     | -          |
| A Income       | 5.7%     | 5.2%     | 4.6%     | 4.5%       | 4.8%     | 5.9%     | 5.5%       |
| B Income       | 5.7%     | 5.2%     | 4.6%     | 4.5%       | 4.8%     | 5.9%     | 5.6%       |
| N Income       | 5.7%     | 5.2%     | 4.6%     | 4.5%       | 4.8%     | 5.9%     | 5.6%       |
| B Accumulation | 5.8%     | 5.4%     | 4.8%     | 4.9%       | 4.9%     | 6.0%     | 6.2%       |
| I Income       | 5.7%     | 5.2%     | -        | -          | -        | -        | -          |

<sup>~</sup> IA Mixed Investment 20%-60% Shares Sector Average

The net total return and peer ranking (where available) for each available unit class within the fund, together with the return of the relevant benchmark, is shown below:

| Net Total<br>Return* | 1 year | 3 years<br>(avg.<br>return<br>per-year) | 3 years<br>Peer Rank | 5 years<br>(avg.<br>return<br>per-year) | 5 years<br>Peer Rank | Since<br>Inception<br>(avg.<br>return<br>per-year) | Since<br>Inception<br>Peer Rank |
|----------------------|--------|---|----------------------|---|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Benchmark            | 3.8%   | 2.1%                                    | -                    | 5.4%                                    | -                    | -  | -                               |
| A Income             | 6.7%   | 1.0%                                    | Lowest<br>18%        | 8.3%                                    | Highest<br>6%        | -  | -                               |
| B Accumulation       | 7.4%   | 1.6%                                    | Lowest<br>30%        | 9.0%                                    | Highest<br>4%        | -  | -                               |
| B Income             | 7.4%   | 1.6%                                    | Lowest<br>30%        | 9.0%                                    | Highest<br>4%        | -  | -                               |
| N Income             | 7.1%   | 1.4%                                    | Lowest<br>25%        | 8.8%                                    | Highest<br>5%        | -  | -                               |
| Benchmark            | 3.8%   | -                                       | -                    | -                                       | -                    | 3.6%   | -                               |
| I Income             | 7.6%   | -                                       | -                    | -                                       | -                    | 2.8%   | Lowest<br>27%                   |

<sup>\*</sup>To 31 March 2025

Total return is the actual rate of return of an investment over a period. Net Total return includes interest, capital gains, dividends, and realised distributions (where appropriate), after all relevant fees have been deducted.

The I Income unit class was launched on 23 May 2022.

The AFM has referred to both internal and external data sources for performance statistics, where the AFM has deemed this to be appropriate.

Source: Valu-Trac / Morningstar

#### Conclusion:



## Green

Each unit class within the fund has generated positive yield over the minimum recommended holding period or over the longer term, where appropriate. For each unit class, the yield generated is also in excess of the yield generated by the performance comparator benchmark, over each discrete twelve-month period.

The net total return of each unit class within the fund is typically below that of its performance comparator benchmark, over the minimum recommended holding period, but above, over longer time periods, where applicable.

The AFM has also assessed the investment risk within the Fund. The AFM notes that the realised volatility, Tracking Error and exposure to systematic market risk (Beta), within the fund is significantly greater than that of peers (further details on how the AFM arrived at this conclusion may be provided upon request). However, the AFM has concluded that this is not wholly out of keeping for an actively managed fund of this type.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Performance.

#### **AFM Costs - General**

Each unit class within the Fund has its own Annual Management Charge (AMC). The AMC may be thought of as being the amount deducted from a unit class's average net assets to pay for the investment management of that unit class; this charge will typically include a proportionate allocation from the Investment Management Fee, AFM fee and other, ancillary fees.

The current AMC of each unit class, together with the current, average AMC for the relevant, selected peer group, is shown within the table below:

| Appual Managament Charge (AMC) | Cur   | rent        |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Annual Management Charge (AMC) |       | Peer Rank   |
| Peer Group                     | 0.81% | -           |
| A Income                       | 1.40% | Highest 15% |
| B Accumulation                 | 0.75% | Lowest 45%  |
| B Income                       | 0.75% | Lowest 45%  |
| N Income                       | 1.00% | Highest 31% |
| I Income                       | 0.50% | Lowest 22%  |

Source: Morningstar

#### Conclusion:



#### Green

The Investment Management Fee is proposed by Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd. Owing to the limitations of the host AFM model which the AFM operates, the AFM is unable to comment upon the specific profit margin this fee may generate for Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd; instead, the AFM will focus upon ensuring that this fee appears reasonable, in the context of the overall AMC.

The AFM fee is payable to Valu-Trac to cover the services undertaken by Valu-Trac as outlined in the Quality of Service section. The AFM will set fees based on the overall cost of operating the business. Most of the AFM's costs are fixed (such as staff and property costs), and the AFM will set its fees in such a way that ensures the costs are apportioned fairly across the range of funds which it operates. The AFM reviews its fee model via various means, such as through external independent consultancy and market benchmarking reviews against similar firms in the market. The results of these reviews are incorporated into the AFM's governance arrangements, up to Board level.

Other notable, ancillary fees may include the depositary, custodian, and auditor fees. The AFM regularly reviews these fees compared to other funds operated by the AFM and, where the

information is available, other funds within the wider marketplace, to ensure that they remain competitive.

Unitholders within the A Income and N Income unit classes are currently paying an AMC higher than the market average for similar funds.

Unitholders within the B Accumulation, B Income and I Income unit classes are currently paying an AMC lower than the market average for similar funds.

The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to AFM Costs – General, overall.

## **Economies of Scale**

The fund currently has assets under management (AUM) of less than £250m; this is the threshold above which, we generally consider it reasonable to consider if economies of scale have been passed on to investors.

The fund has a tiered depositary fee, subject to a minimum amount, alongside other fixed fees, such as audit fees. Therefore, as the fund AUM grows, the proportion of such costs, relative to overall fund size, will decline, in percentage terms.

#### Conclusion:



Green

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Economies of Scale.

## **Comparable Market Rates**

The current and historic Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) for each unit class within the fund, together with the current, average OCF for the relevant, selected peer group, is shown within the table, below:

| On Coing Charges Figure (OCE) | 2023  | 2024  | Curi  | rent        |  |  |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|--|--|
| On-Going Charges Figure (OCF) | 2023  | 2024  |       | Peer Rank   |  |  |
| Peer Group                    | -     | -     | 1.06% | -           |  |  |
| A Income                      | 2.30% | 1.74% | 1.81% | Highest 15% |  |  |
| B Accumulation                | 1.65% | 1.09% | 1.16% | Lowest 49%  |  |  |
| B Income                      | 1.65% | 1.09% | 1.16% | Lowest 49%  |  |  |
| N Income                      | 1.90% | 1.34% | 1.41% | Highest 32% |  |  |
| I Income                      | 1.40% | 0.84% | 0.91% | Lowest 31%  |  |  |

Source: Morningstar

#### Conclusion



Green

The OCF includes the costs of underlying funds held. This is currently estimated at 0.27%, but can change as the underlying investments made, change.

Unitholders within the A Income and N Income unit classes are currently paying an OCF higher than the market average for similar funds.

Unitholders within the B Accumulation, B Income and I Income unit classes are currently paying an OCF lower than the market average for similar funds.

The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Comparable Market Rates, overall.

## **Comparable Services**

Valu-Trac act as AFM for four funds for which Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd are the Investment Manager. Each of these funds are what may be termed multi-asset funds. Differences between funds, in terms of their management approach anticipated risk profile, notwithstanding, this fund is priced consistently with other funds within that range.

The services provided in respect to this fund are also aligned with the AFM's normal operating model.

#### Conclusion



Green

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Comparable Services.

## **Classes of Units**

|                | Current<br>OCF | Difference<br>Compared<br>to Least<br>Expensive | Difference<br>Compared<br>to Next<br>Least<br>Expensive | Minimum<br>Lump Sum<br>Investment | Minimum<br>Subsequent<br>Investment | Minimum<br>Holding<br>Amount |
|----------------|----------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| I Income       | 0.91%          | -   | -   | £50,000,000                       | £100,000                            | £50,000,000                  |
| B Accumulation | 1.16%          | 0.25%   | 0.25%   | £100,000                          | £10,000                             | £100,000                     |
| B Income       | 1.16%          | 0.25%   | 0.25%   | £100,000                          | £10,000                             | £100,000                     |
| N Income       | 1.41%          | 0.50%   | 0.25%   | £1,000                            | £1,000                              | £1,000                       |
| A Income       | 1.81%          | 0.90%   | 0.40%   | £3,000                            | £2,500                              | £3,000                       |

Where a unit class may have a minimum investment or minimum holding amount, this may help the unit class scale quicker, leading to a lower proportional servicing cost, and thus, lower Ongoing charges.

#### Conclusion



Green

The I Income unit class has more stringent investment minima than either of the B unit classes or the N Income unit class. Given that the incremental difference in OCF between each of these unit classes is below the suggested materiality threshold, the AFM has concluded that unitholders within each of these unit classes are receiving good value, in relation to Classes of Units.

Unitholders within the A Income unit class currently pay the highest OCF of all. Along with the N Income unit class, the A Income unit class, also carries an initial charge (of 5%). The incremental difference in OCF between this unit class and the next least expensive unit class (the N Income unit class) is above the suggested materiality threshold. In addition, the A Income unit class currently has investment minima greater than that of the N Income unit class. Therefore, the AFM has concluded that unitholders within the A Income unit class, are not receiving good value, in relation to Classes of Units.

The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Classes of Units, overall.

## **Overall Assessment**



Green

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value in respect to all seven, discrete criteria assessed above i.e. all have been assessed as green.

With regard to AFM Costs – General, the AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

With regard to Comparable Market Rates, the AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

With regard to Classes of Units, the AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that the unitholders within the VT Momentum Diversified Income Fund are receiving good value, overall.

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# Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

## Annual Assessment of Value Statement as at 31 March 2025

# VT Momentum Diversified Growth Fund

#### **Fund Information**

| Investment Manager:      | Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Authorised Fund Manager: | Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited (Valu-Trac)   |
| Investment Objective:    | The investment objective of VT Momentum Diversified Growth Fund is to achieve capital growth over the long term (5 years).  |
| Investment Policy:       | The Fund aims to meet its objective by investing in a balanced and well diversified portfolio of UK and International equities which the Investment Manager expects to grow in value as well as some fixed interest securities including government and corporate bonds. Investments will also be made in regulated collective investment schemes (which may include funds managed and/or operated by the ACD or Investment Manager), money markets and cash deposits to provide further diversification to the Sub-fund in accordance with applicable regulations. |
| AUM (£):                 | £103.9m   |
| Fund Launch Date:        | 05/10/2004  |

Our assessment has been conducted against the seven criteria outlined by the FCA and the fund has been rated via the "traffic light" system. Where a fund may have more than one unit class, the rating shown for each of these seven criteria, at a total fund level, may be thought of as being as being an average rating, based upon the rating for each unit class, and according to the relative split of fund assets, between unit classes. The overall rating for the fund will generally be a simple average of these seven criteria, taken at the total fund level. This has been summarised within the table, below:

| VT Momentum Diversified Growth Fund | AUM (%) | 1 1 | ality of<br>ervice | Perf | formance |   | AFM costs -<br>general | Eco | onomies of scale |   | mparable<br>arket rates |   | omparable<br>services | Class | es of units |   | Overall |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----|--------------------|------|----------|---|------------------------|-----|------------------|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------|-------------|---|---------|
| Overall                             | 100.0%  |     | G                  | 0    | G        | 0 | А                      |     | G                | 0 | А                       |   | G                     |       | G           | 0 | G       |
| A Accumulation                      | 29.6%   | 0   | G                  | 0    | G        | • | R                      | 0   | G                | 0 | R                       | 0 | G                     | •     | R           | • | R       |
| B Accumulation                      | 66.4%   | 0   | G                  | 0    | G        | 0 | А                      | 0   | G                | 0 | А                       |   | G                     |       | G           | 0 | G       |
| N Accumulation                      | 0.3%    | 0   | G                  | 0    | G        | 0 | А                      |     | G                | 0 | А                       | 0 | G                     | 0     | G           | 0 | G       |
| I Accumulation                      | 3.8%    | 0   | G                  | 0    | R        | • | G                      | •   | G                |   | G                       | 0 | G                     | 0     | G           | 0 | A       |

The table below shows the overall summary for the previous assessment i.e. carried out as at 31 March 2024:

| VT Momentum Diversified Growth Fund | AUM (%) | Quality of<br>Service | Performance | AFM costs -<br>general | Economies of scale | Comparable market rates | Comparable services | Classes of units | Overall    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------|
| Overall                             | 100.0%  | G                     | R           | A                      | G                  | A                       | G                   | G                | A          |
| A Accumulation                      | 28.3%   | G                     | R           | R                      | G                  | R                       | G                   | R                | R          |
| B Accumulation                      | 67.0%   | G                     | R           | A                      | G                  | A                       | G                   | G                | A          |
| N Accumulation                      | 0.4%    | G                     | R           | A                      | G                  | A                       | G                   | G                | A          |
| I Accumulation                      | 4.2%    | G                     | R R         | G                      | G                  | G                       | <b>G</b>            | G                | <u>О</u> А |

#### **Previous Remedial Actions**

- Performance
  - Assessed as Red
    - The AFM has discussed the trends in long-term performance with the Investment Manager. Following this discussion, the Investment Manager is undertaking a review of the investment objective & policy of the Fund. The AFM will monitor the progress of this review and take further remedial action if necessary.
- AFM Costs General
  - Assessed as Amber
    - The AFM will discuss the level of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) with the Investment Manager, where applicable.
- Comparable Market Rates
  - Assessed as Amber
    - The AFM will discuss the level, and composition, of the Ongoing Charges figure (OCF) with the Investment Manager, where applicable.
- Classes of Units
  - Assessed as Green, overall
    - Where additional costs may not be justified, the AFM will look to align and harmonize costs to an appropriate level. The AFM has held discussions on the costs of the A unit classes with the Investment Manager and will continue to review the future of the A unit classes with the view to improving the value offered to unitholders.

#### **New Remedial Actions**

- Performance
  - Assessed as Green, overall
    - The AFM will continue to monitor the drivers of, and trends in, longterm performance and investment risk.
- AFM Costs General
  - Assessed as Amber
    - The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.
- Comparable Market Rates
  - Assessed as Amber
    - The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

- Classes of Units
  - Assessed as Green, overall
    - The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

#### **Detailed Assessment**

#### Quality of Service

The AFM has chosen to outsource the following services to third party providers:

- Investment Management services: Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd
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- Custodian services: CACEIS Bank, UK Branch
- External audit: Johnston Carmichael LLP

Other functions such as fund administration, fund accounting and transfer agency are undertaken by Valu-Trac, and all outsourced services are subject to continuous oversight.

As part of our assessment of service providers, no systemic issues have been identified as part of our ongoing due diligence, including an assessment of investment breaches, pricing errors, complaints, fund liquidity and ongoing adherence to the investment policy.

#### Conclusion:



Green

The AFM has concluded that all services being provided in relation to the on-going management and administration of the fund, including those provided directly and those currently being provided by third parties, are operating as unitholders may expect.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Quality of Service.

#### Performance

## Objective:

The investment objective of VT Momentum Diversified Growth Fund is to achieve capital growth over the long term (5 years).

### Constraining Benchmark:

none

#### Comparator Benchmark:

IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares Sector Average

#### Target Benchmark:

none

#### Peer Group:

IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares Sector

## Minimum Recommended Holding Period:

5 Years

# Management Approach:

Active

The net total return and peer ranking (where available) for each available unit class within the fund, together with the return of the relevant benchmark, is shown below:

| Net Total Return* | 1 year | 3 years<br>(avg. return<br>per-year) | 5 years<br>(avg. return<br>per-year) | 5 years<br>Peer Rank | Since<br>Inception<br>(avg.<br>return<br>per-year) | Since<br>Inception<br>Peer Rank |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Benchmark         | 3.3%   | 2.7%                                 | 7.7%                                 | _                    | -  | -                               |
| A Accumulation    | 2.3%   | 0.4%                                 | 8.5%                                 | Highest 37%          | -  | _                               |
| B Accumulation    | 2.9%   | 1.0%                                 | 9.2%                                 | Highest 24%          | -  | _                               |
| N Accumulation    | 2.7%   | 0.8%                                 | 9.0%                                 | Highest 30%          | -  | -                               |
| Benchmark         | 3.3%   | -                                    | -                                    | _                    | 3.7%   | _                               |
| I Accumulation    | 3.2%   | -                                    | -                                    | -                    | 1.5%   | Lowest 11%                      |

<sup>\*</sup>To 31 March 2025

Total return is the actual rate of return of an investment over a period. Net Total return includes interest, capital gains, dividends, and realised distributions (where appropriate), after all relevant fees have been deducted.

The I Accumulation unit class was launched on 29 April 2022.

Source: Valu-Trac / Morningstar

#### Conclusion:



Green

The net total return of the majority of unit classes within the fund is greater than that of its performance comparator benchmark, over the minimum recommended holding period or longer term (since inception). The net return from the I Accumulation unit class is below.

The AFM has also assessed the investment risk within the Fund. The AFM notes that the realised volatility within the fund is generally greater than that of peers, however, notes that the risk adjusted performance of the fund (additional performance generated per unit of risk taken), is generally favourable compared to peers. The AFM has concluded that the risk profile of the fund is not out of keeping for an actively managed fund of this type. (further details on how the AFM arrived at this conclusion may be provided upon request).

The AFM will continue to monitor the drivers of, and trends in, long-term performance and investment risk.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Performance, overall.

## **AFM Costs - General**

Each unit class within the Fund has its own Annual Management Charge (AMC). The AMC may be thought of as being the amount deducted from a unit class's average net assets to pay for the investment management of that unit class; this charge will typically include a proportionate allocation from the Investment Management Fee, AFM fee and other, ancillary fees.

The current AMC of each unit class, together with the current, average AMC for the relevant, selected peer group, is shown within the table below:

| Annual Management Charge (AMC) | Current |  |
|--------------------------------|---------|--|
|                                |         |  |

|                |       | Peer Rank   |
|----------------|-------|-------------|
| Peer Group     | 0.72% | -           |
| A Accumulation | 1.40% | Highest 13% |
| B Accumulation | 0.75% | Highest 48% |
| N Accumulation | 1.00% | Highest 27% |
| I Accumulation | 0.50% | Lowest 27%  |

Source: Morningstar

#### Conclusion:



Amber

The Investment Management Fee is proposed by Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd. Owing to the limitations of the host AFM model which the AFM operates, the AFM is unable to comment upon the specific profit margin this fee may generate for Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd; instead, the AFM will focus upon ensuring that this fee appears reasonable, in the context of the overall AMC.

The AFM fee is payable to Valu-Trac to cover the services undertaken by Valu-Trac as outlined in the Quality of Service section. The AFM will set fees based on the overall cost of operating the business. Most of the AFM's costs are fixed (such as staff and property costs), and the AFM will set its fees in such a way that ensures the costs are apportioned fairly across the range of funds which it operates. The AFM reviews its fee model via various means, such as through external independent consultancy and market benchmarking reviews against similar firms in the market. The results of these reviews are incorporated into the AFM's governance arrangements, up to Board level.

Other notable, ancillary fees may include the depositary, custodian, and auditor fees. The AFM regularly reviews these fees compared to other funds operated by the AFM and, where the information is available, other funds within the wider marketplace, to ensure that they remain competitive.

Unitholders within the A, B and N Accumulation unit classes are currently paying an AMC higher than the market average for similar funds.

Unitholders within the I Accumulation unit class are currently paying an AMC lower than the market average for similar funds.

The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving reasonable value, in relation to AFM Costs – General, overall.

## **Economies of Scale**

The fund currently has assets under management (AUM) of less than £250m; this is the threshold above which, we generally consider it reasonable to consider if economies of scale have been passed on to investors.

The fund has a tiered depositary fee, subject to a minimum amount, alongside other fixed fees, such as audit fees. Therefore, as the fund AUM grows, the proportion of such costs, relative to overall fund size, will decline, in percentage terms.

#### Conclusion:



Green

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Economies of Scale.

#### **Comparable Market Rates**

The current and historic Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) for each unit class within the fund, together with the current, average OCF for the relevant, selected peer group, is shown within the table, below:

| On-Going Charges Figure (OCF) | 2023  | 2024  | Current |             |  |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|-------------|--|
| On-doing charges rigure (OCF) | 2023  | 2024  |         | Peer Rank   |  |
| Peer Group                    | -     | -     | 0.96%   | -           |  |
| A Accumulation                | 2.28% | 1.75% | 1.72%   | Highest 10% |  |
| B Accumulation                | 1.63% | 1.10% | 1.07%   | Highest 36% |  |
| N Accumulation                | 1.88% | 1.35% | 1.32%   | Highest 21% |  |
| I Accumulation                | 1.38% | 0.85% | 0.82%   | Lowest 40%  |  |

Source: Morningstar

#### Conclusion



Amber

The OCF includes the costs of underlying funds held. This is currently estimated at 0.24%, but can change as the underlying investments made, change.

Unitholders within the A, B and N Accumulation unit classes are currently paying an OCF higher than the market average for similar funds.

Unitholders within the I Accumulation unit class are currently paying an OCF lower than the market average for similar funds.

The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving reasonable value, in relation to Comparable Market Rates, overall.

#### Comparable Services

Valu-Trac act as AFM for four funds for which Momentum Global Investment Management Ltd are the Investment Manager. Each of these funds are what may be termed multi-asset funds. Differences between funds, in terms of their management approach anticipated risk profile, notwithstanding, this fund is priced consistently with other funds within that range.

The services provided in respect to this fund are also aligned with the AFM's normal operating model.

# Conclusion



#### Green

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value, in relation to Comparable Services.

#### **Classes of Units**

|                | Current<br>OCF | Difference<br>Compared<br>to Least<br>Expensive | Difference<br>Compared<br>to Next<br>Least<br>Expensive | Minimum<br>Lump Sum<br>Investment | Minimum<br>Subsequent<br>Investment | Minimum<br>Holding<br>Amount |
|----------------|----------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| I Accumulation | 0.82%          | -   | -   | £50,000,000                       | £100,000                            | £50,000,000                  |
| B Accumulation | 1.07%          | 0.25%   | 0.25%   | £100,000                          | £10,000                             | £100,000                     |
| N Accumulation | 1.32%          | 0.50%   | 0.25%   | £1,000                            | £1,000                              | £1,000                       |
| A Accumulation | 1.72%          | 0.90%   | 0.40%   | £3,000                            | £2,500                              | £3,000                       |

Where a unit class may have a minimum investment or minimum holding amount, this may help the unit class scale quicker, leading to a lower proportional servicing cost, and thus, lower Ongoing charges.

#### Conclusion



#### Green

The I Accumulation unit class has more stringent investment minima than either the B Accumulation unit class or the N Accumulation unit class. Given that the incremental difference in OCF between each of these unit classes is below the suggested materiality threshold, the AFM has concluded that unitholders within each of these unit classes are receiving good value, in relation to Classes of Units.

Unitholders within the A Accumulation unit class currently pay the highest OCF of all. Along with the N Accumulation unit class, the A Accumulation class, also carries an initial charge (of 5%). The incremental difference in OCF between this unit class and the next least expensive unit class (the N Accumulation unit class) is above the suggested materiality threshold. In addition, the A Accumulation unit class currently has investment minima greater than that of the N Accumulation unit class. Therefore, the AFM has concluded that unitholders within the A Accumulation unit class, are not receiving good value, in relation to Classes of Units.

The AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value in relation to Classes of Units, overall.

#### **Overall Assessment**



#### Green

The AFM has concluded that unitholders are receiving good value in respect to five of the seven, discrete criteria assessed above i.e. each has been assessed as green.

With regard to Performance, the AFM will continue to monitor the drivers of, and trends in, long-term performance and investment risk.

With regard to AFM Costs – General, the AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

With regard to Comparable Market Rates, the AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

With regard to Classes of Units, the AFM has agreed, in principle, to revise the capital structure and pricing structure of this fund. The explicit objective is to realise a positive customer outcome. These changes will be formally implemented over Q3, 2025.

The AFM has concluded that the unitholders within the VT Momentum Diversified Growth Fund are receiving good value, overall.

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