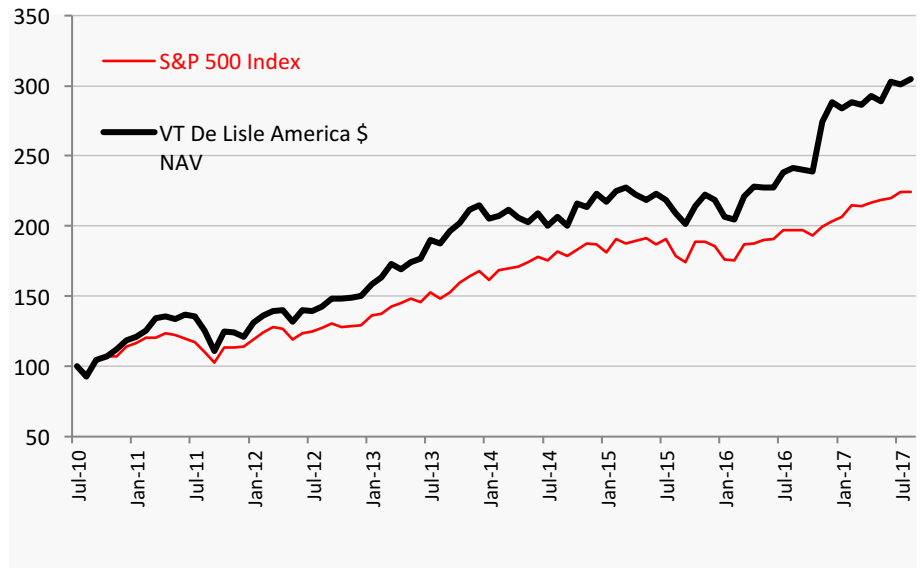


# VT De Lisle America Fund

## Overview

VT De Lisle America is a UCITS III American Equity fund launched in 2010, managed by Richard de Lisle with a particular focus on Small and Mid Caps.



	1M	3M	1Y	YTD	Since Inception	Since Inception Annualised
<b>VT De Lisle America</b>	1.17%	5.38%	2628%	5.75%	204.77%	29.25%
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	0.05%	2.48%	13.85%	10.40%	124.37%	17.77%

	Sept-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
<b>VT De Lisle NAV</b>	240.43	238.77	274.21	288.20	283.95	288.58	286.64	292.62	289.21	303.13	301.25	304.78
<b>S&amp;P 500 NAV</b>	196.83	193.01	199.60	203.23	206.87	214.56	214.48	216.43	218.94	219.99	224.25	224.37
<b>VT De Lisle Return</b>	-0.38%	-0.69%	14.84%	5.10%	-1.47%	1.63%	-0.67%	2.09%	-1.16%	4.81%	-0.62%	1.17%
<b>S&amp;P 500 Return</b>	-0.12%	-1.94%	3.42%	1.82%	1.79%	3.72%	-0.04%	0.91%	1.16%	0.48%	1.93%	0.05%

## Commentary by Richard de Lisle (Fund Manager)

In August the Fund rose by 1.17% and the S&P500 was virtually unchanged at +0.05%. The market went down to a low on August 21<sup>st</sup> and then rallied into month-end despite the North Korean missile test on the 26<sup>th</sup>. All the small indices fell in the region of 2%.

Our banks continue to disappoint as a group and our weighting is now down to 46% from a high of 54% at the beginning of the year, mainly due to their poor action. Our outperformance against smaller indices was based not only on our low volatility but also on a few strong stocks.

FS Bancorp, which I frequently go on about, went through \$50, and is now 8% of the portfolio. Johnson Outdoors, a 3% holding, surged as they sold more fish finders. We have held them for years for their canoes, culture and a play on millennials. Manitex, the cranes, rose, possibly on Hurricane Harvey, although it is anyway improving. There may be some luck here but then we do tend to be lucky.

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## Commentary continued

These are interesting times. Missiles are less unsettling for the market, momentum-based hedge funds are under performing, yet large tech surges again after interest rates are set low at Jackson Hole. As momentum is generally falling we are in a period of mean reversion, which informs us to do nothing with the weak banks – they're due a bounce. The portfolio is too much in the wrong place to surge, but won't go down: our underperformance against the S&P500 in 2017 was put in by February.

Our biggest holding has become Paragon Bank as we have completed our switch from Towne Bank. This is expected to revert to Towne Bank as their merger completes at year-end. And we win 20 basis points in arbitrage. We also muck about with our holdings. For instance, Encore Wire is back in at lower levels after recent bad earnings. But fooling around with stocks in a trading range is not as good as getting an up-trend and holding it.

The reflection trade has washed out and we've been punished earlier in the year. There will be no change in strategy, even though the tech leaders are making new highs

### Top 10 Holdings

Paragon Commercial	9.16%
F S Bancorp	7.87%
Westwood Holdings	5.61%
Handy & Harman	4.10%
Johnson Outdoors	3.37%
West Marine	2.56%
Marine Products	2.41%
Carriage Services	2.27%
Southern National Bancorp of Virginia	2.20%
Access National	2.09%

### Sector Breakdown

Con cyclical	18.73%
Con Defensive	1.62%
Technology	1.68%
Financials	54.06%
Industrials	16.17%
Healthcare	1.33%
Basic Materials	6.41%
Energy	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Fund Characteristics

Launch date	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2010		
Base Currency	GB£ with \$ Class		
Minimum Investment	\$1,000 / £1,000		
Management Fee	1%+£12,500	SEDOL	\$ B4X7J42
Liquidity	Daily		£ B3QF3G6
Valuation	Daily		
Administrator	Valu-Trac Inv Management	ISIN	\$ GB00B4X7J424
Auditor	Johnston Carmichael LLP		£ GB00B3QF3G69

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