

VT De Lisle America Fund GB£ Units

April 2022



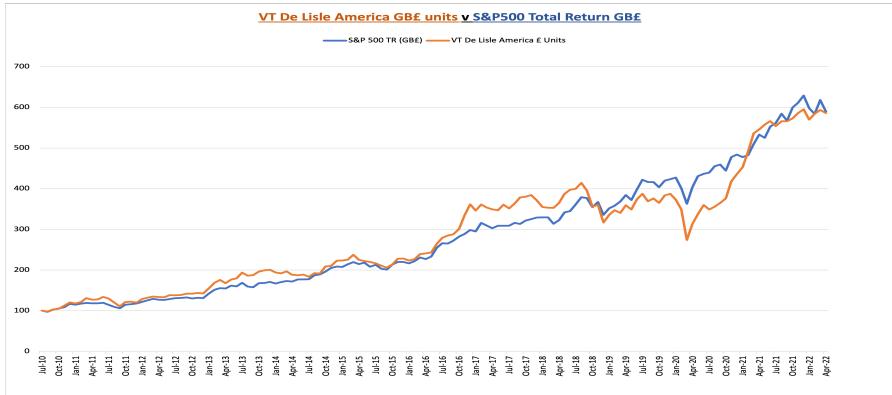
Fund Information

Portfolio Manager	Richard de Lisle
Launch Date	06/08/10
Fund Size	£121.8m
No. of Holdings	164
Comparator	S&P 500(TR) Index
IA Sector	IA North America
Pricing	Daily, 12 noon
ACD	Valu-Trac Inv. Management
Structure	UCITS III OEIC

Fund Objective

To provide an attractive long-term return by investing primarily in equities in North America.

Fund Performance



Cumulative Performance (%)

	1 month	3 month	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years	10 Years	Since Launch
VT De Lisle America GB£	-1.28%	2.85%	2.27%	7.33%	62.97%	67.81%	160.24%	338.27%	485.83%
S&P 500 TR in GB£	-4.60%	-1.43%	-1.71%	10.57%	53.32%	94.64%	174.82%	364.19%	489.47%

Discrete Performance (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
VT De Lisle America GB£	-1.56%	36.57%	12.51%	22.20%	-14.74%	2.86%	58.30%	2.34%	11.19%	40.88%	18.94%	-0.53%
S&P 500 TR in GB£	-6.28%	30.03%	14.33%	26.15%	1.92%	10.30%	35.66%	5.51%	22.08%	30.39%	11.12%	0.87%

Source: Data from daily valuations of the B GB£ share class, as at 02/05/22 and Market Close for the S&P500 TR in GB£ as at 29/04/2022.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator to future performance.

Shareclass Information

Shareclass	B Shares Acc GBP (£)	B Shares Acc USD (\$)
Minimum Investment	£1,000	\$1,000
Initial Charge	Nil	Nil
Management Fee	1.029%* (Mar 2022)	1.029%* (Mar 2022)
OCF	~1.06%	~1.06%
SEDOL	B3QF3G6	B4X7J42
ISIN	GB00B3QF3G69	GB00B4X7J424

*1%+£12,500(whole fund)

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Ratios

	3yr	5yr	Since launch
Volatility	21.87	19.68	16.72
Alpha	3.84	-1.16	2.22
Beta	1.12	1.07	1.03
Sharpe ratio	0.67	0.39	0.79
Information Ratio	0.29	-0.09	0.18

Manager Commentary

In April the Fund fell by 1.28% and the S&P 500(TR) fell by 4.60% in a remarkable across the board sell off, giving the S&P 500 its worst opening four months of the year since 1939. USD holders fell 5.55% as the dollar rose to £1.257 from £1.314. We were doing fine until April 20th when we were up a couple of percent, and the market was down a bit. At that point came a catalyst of lockdown extending to Beijing. It brought all sectors down on the prospect of worldwide recession, as the dollar accelerated upwards bringing in a bull market correction in our commodity stocks: short and sharp. The consequence by month end was that we had fallen too, although our lead over the S&P 500 persisted. We beat everything we might be compared to by some way, the Russells 2000 and Micro-Cap, for instance, both being down 10%. We had better look why?

Firstly, the air continued to come out of high multiple growth as interest rates continued to rise. The biotech index fell 18%, exceeding its 17% fall in January and the NASDAQ 100 fell 14%, exceeding its 9% fall in January. It is noteworthy that surreptitiously there are only two FAANMGs left on the beach, Apple and Microsoft, as the others have now crashed or faded into bear market territory: 25%+ below their highs. A reminder of the acronym before it passes into history: Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix, NVIDIA, Microsoft, Google. We are not involved.

Secondly, there has been some confusion how to hide from the twin horsemen of rising yields and recession. Is it low beta (financials), recession proofing (consumer staples) or low P/E (us)? The debate remains unsettled, although financials are losing with the community banks ETF (QABA) down 9% on the month and larger bank indices worse. Staples are outperforming but hold no interest for us with the P/Es on Procter and Gamble and Coca-Cola at a premium to the market of 28x earnings, even though their long-term earnings growth is slower.

Thirdly, our bar-bell strategy focusing on overweight consumer durables and commodities worked even as commodities fell sharply. This was because durables held steady and both groups outperformed over the month. At the end of the month, with no place to hide, these consumer durables held ground even though they appeared to be in the worst place ahead of recession. As the feeling grew that no one would ever buy a boat again, our MarineMax beat earnings and raised estimates, putting it on 4x this year's earnings and inhibiting how far this negative sentiment could hit. Overall, we see that the value component of indices did better than growth, showing that low P/Es are more resistant with rising interest rates.

Finally, our downgrading of financials to market weight last month meant they hurt us less and we went through the month with high cash levels, for us, of 6%. Had that cash remained in banks, we would have been about 0.5% worse. This cash is now being invested.

Overall, April ended the hope that something always works as everything finally fell amidst three weeks of the bleakest investor sentiment since 1992 (source: American Association of Individual Investors, AAII). The FAANMGs lost \$1.4 trillion in market cap and the strongest fundamentals saw the hardest falls, when everything fell at the end of the month. Mosaic fell 10% on the 21st even with corn at a high. These negative extremes are hard to maintain, and we are investing our cash as any little good news will perk stocks up. We are mainly going where fundamentals are strong in commodities. We are mindful that recession is mooted but think it is priced into our consumer durables and are selectively buying here too.

Platform Availability

Aegon - Cofunds	J Brearley
AJ Bell/Youinvest	M&G Wealth (Ascentric)
AJ Bell/Investcentre	Novia
Allfunds	Nucleus
Aviva	Quilter – Old Mutual Wealth
Embark	Pershing Nexus
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Fusion	Standard Life - Elevate
Hargreaves Lansdown	Standard Life - Wrap
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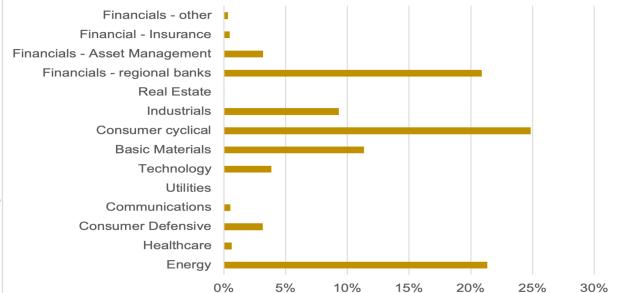
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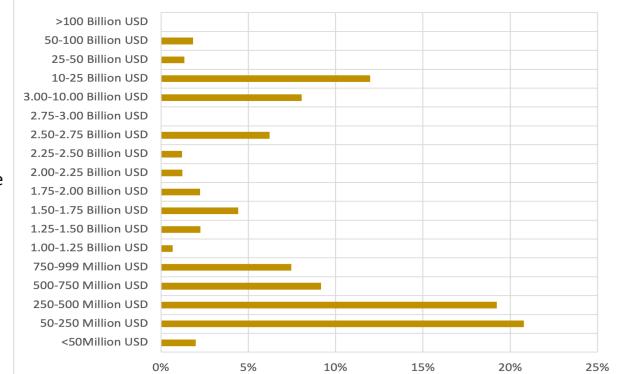
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Sector Allocation (%)



Market Cap Breakdown (%) (31-03-22)



Top 10 Holdings (%)

F S Bancorp	3.85%
Build-A-Bear Workshop	3.10%
Johnson Outdoors	2.67%
Golar LNG	2.45%
Mosaic Company	2.21%
Cameco Corp	2.03%
Winnebago Industries	2.02%
BlueKnight Energy	1.77%
Wayside Technology	1.65%
Sally Beauty Holdings	1.60%
Total	23.35%