

VT De Lisle America Fund GB£ Units

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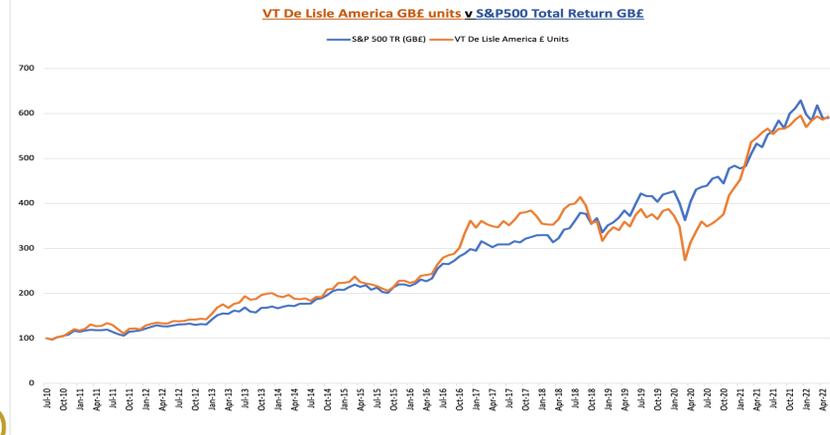
Fund Information

Portfolio Manager	Richard de Lisle
Launch Date	06/08/10
Fund Size	£125.6m
No. of Holdings	163
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£	1.22%	1.46%	1.20%	6.39%	69.95%	70.87%	167.18%	345.50%	492.96%
S&P 500 TR in GB£	0.07%	1.03%	-3.52%	12.33%	58.63%	91.02%	170.31%	367.16%	489.91%

Discrete Performance (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
VT De Lisle America GB£	-0.37%	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£	-6.21%	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 01/06/22 and Market Close for the S&P500 TR in GB£ as at 31/05/2022.

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)	*1%+£12,500(whole fund)

Ratios

	3yr	5yr	Since launch
Volatility	21.82	19.67	16.67
Alpha	4.09	-0.23	2.36
Beta	1.12	1.07	1.02
Sharpe ratio	0.70	0.40	0.78
Information Ratio	0.30	-0.03	0.19

Manager Commentary

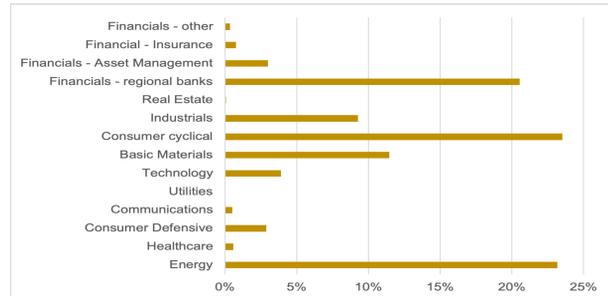
In May the Fund rose by 1.22% while the S&P 500(TR) was flat at +0.07%. After a roller-coaster month which saw sentiment plunge to its lowest level in 30 years, the market rallied at the end of the month to pretend nothing had happened. When we look beneath the surface, we see the familiar trends of 2022 continued: bonds and growth stocks were down, smaller stocks were a bit weaker and value stocks did a bit better. We outperformed, being overweight energy, the best sector, and by being in low P/E stocks. All this is consistent: growth stocks falling with bonds and small stocks a bit worse than larger stocks going towards recession. The trends of the year now show that the NASDAQ 100, dominated by the high growth FANGs, is now down 23.5% year to date, while the small stocks are worse than the large stocks with the Russell 2000 down 17.0% and the Russell Microcap down 17.6%, but this sector is better than the growth stocks. However, excitement builds!

There are few times when our corner of the market flies. In the last year, we have stayed in a tight range, being safe enough but always with new macro factors holding us back. The perfect combination, however, was the period 1975-1983 when small cap value made all of its outperformance of the last 100 years against the S&P 500. That period was characterised by high nominal interest rates, which were nevertheless negative in real terms, and the economy getting past the mid-1970s recession. These conditions allowed small caps the flexibility on pricing to flourish. It looks as though a similar period is on the way.

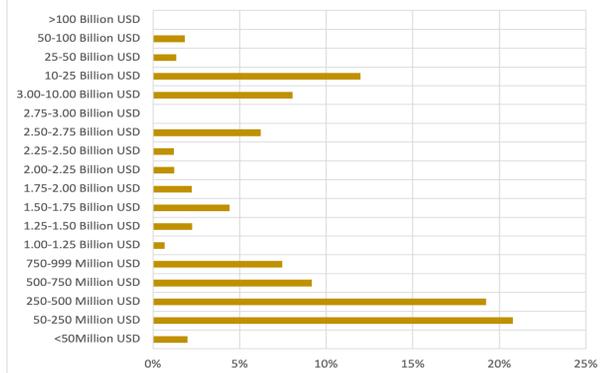
In the month Build-A-Bear had record earnings and returned towards its high. Our second biggest holding has been a nerve-racking stock as many in retail have fallen away but it is still less than 6.2x trailing earnings and with prospective earnings growth in double figures. We have never sold any and would now tend to buy more. Energy ran on and banks bounced off their April lows. The market became more convinced of trouble ahead. It continues to punish stocks where cost increases cannot be easily absorbed. There are margin squeezes at supermarkets yet expensive stuffed bears and lunches at the marina are doing fine. All stocks are very sensitive to interest rates, the dollar, inflation, and confidence.

Our companies are doing well as we are seeing which types are getting through and which are discovering problems. The general philosophy of hiding as near as possible to the start of the food chain is working well as is keeping in touch with Middle Americans who continue to have low debt and high equity.

Sector Allocation (%)



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



Top 10 Holdings (%)

F S Bancorp	3.84%
Build-A-Bear Workshop	3.27%
Golar LNG	2.92%
Mosaic Company	2.38%
Johnson Outdoors	2.31%
BlueKnight Energy	2.20%
Wayside Technology	2.03%
Winnebago Industries	1.88%
Cameco Corp	1.86%
Bunge	1.59%
Total	24.28%

Platform Availability

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AJ Bell/Youinvest	M&G Wealth (Ascentric)
AJ Bell/Investcentre	Novia
Allfunds	Nucleus -James Hay
Aviva	Quilter – Old Mutual Wealth
Embark	Pershing Nexus
	Raymond James
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