# VT De Lisle America Fund GB£ Units

#### March 2019

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## **Fund Information**

## Portfolio Manager Richard de Lisle 06/08/10 **Launch Date Fund Size** £30.439m No. of Holdings 85 S&P 500 Index Benchmark IA North America **IA Sector Pricing** Daily, 12 noon ACD Valu-Trac Inv. Management UCITS III OEIC Structure

## **Fund Objective**

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

#### **Fund Performance**



## **Cumulative Performance (%)**

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr	7yr	Since launch
VT De Lisle America GB£	-1.79	7.47	-13.82	-3.37	42.51	73.30	152.38	240.66
S&P 500 TR in GB£	2.87	9.82	-2.21	17.44	59.69	112.92	185.22	268.36

## **Discrete Performance (%)**

· -	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
VT De Lisle America GB£	7.47	-14.74	2.86	58.30	2.34	11.19	40.88	18.94	-0.53
S&P 500 TR in GB£	9.82	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 1/4/19 and Market Close for the S&P500 TR in GB£ as at 29/03/19.

## Past performance is not a reliable indicator to future performance.

## **Shareclass Information**

Shareclass	B Shares Acc GBP (£)	B Shares Acc USD (\$)
Minimum Investment	£10	\$10
Initial Charge	2%(currently waived)	2% (currently waived)
Management Fee	1% +£12,500(whole Fund)	1% +£12,500 (whole Fund)
OCF	~1.15%	~1.15%
SEDOL	B3QF3G6	B4X7J42
ISIN	GB00B3QF3G69	GB00B4X7J424

#### **Ratios**

3yr	5yr	Since launch
15.55	14.64	15.63
-0.77	0.34	2.25
0.90	0.89	0.94
0.57	0.58	0.76
-0.26	-0.16	0.12
	15.55 -0.77 0.90 0.57	15.55 14.64 -0.77 0.34 0.90 0.89 0.57 0.58

## **Manager Commentary**

In March the S&P500 rose by 2.87% and the Fund fell by 1.79% in a sudden reprise of the recession scenario as the yield curve went negative. The V-shaped recovery in stocks went into reverse with all small stock indices down, value stocks worse and the disparity between indices the highest in recent years. Looking at our nearest indices, the S&P600 was down 3.6% and the Community Bank Index was down a shocking 8.6% to reduce its year-to-date gain to 7.4%.

All the fourth quarter problems were back as there was another move to the higher ground of utilities, and any guaranteed growth. The best place was high multiple tech, which is consistent. To reinforce the prediction of the inverted yield curve, the deflationary message also came across with falling bond yields around the world. The 10 year Bund now has a negative yield for the first time since 2016 and the US 10 year went from 2.75% at the start of March to 2.4% at the end. It was causing consternation as recently as November for breaking to 3.2%, a 7 year high. Expectations are now that short-term rates have peaked, which is the first time we 've been here since 2007 in the last cycle.

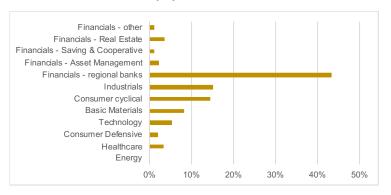
We were once again in the wrong place and our very high rating of community banks was the worst place, as before. Nevertheless there comes a point when there are only so many times the market can discount the next recession and the December 24th lows will also be a major support level for the recession thesis. Interest rates are lower, so growth stocks can

push higher and we are, as ever, searching for growth at a reasonable price. The reasonable price is our undoing as we compromise the certainty of growth for stocks perceived to be

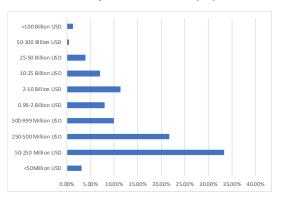
#### **Platform Availability**

Hargreaves Lansdown	Standard Life		
AJ Bell/Youinvest	Ascentric		
Allfunds	Nucleus		
Cofunds	Novia		
Transact	Pershing Nexus		
Alliance Trust			

## **Sector Allocation (%)**



## Market Cap Breakdown (%)



## Top 10 Holdings (%)

F S Bancorp	9.57
Townebank	6.12
Steel Partners	4.52
Johnson Outdoors	4.18
Southern National Bancorp of Virginia	2.70
Marine Products	2.39
Pumas Bancorp	2.24
Westwood Holdings	2.21
Calavo Growers	2.05
Mercantile Bank	2.04
TOTAL	38.52

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