

Monthly Factsheet – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Fund Name:	VT RM Alternativ Fund	VT RM Alternative Income Fund							
Launch Date:	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018								
Regulatory Status:	FCA Authorised								
Fund Size:	£192.67m								
Classification:	Non-Complex								
Sector:	IA Infrastructure								
Share Classes:	Income & Accum	ulation							
Currencies:	GBP, EUR, USD								
<b>Share Class</b> GBP Accumulation (I) GBP Accumulation (R) GBP Income (I) GBP Income (R)	ISIN GB00BD6SVV68 GB00BYVZQ252 GB00BD6SVR23 GB00BYVZPZ16	NAV 124.87 124.34 94.81 92.87							
Next Dividend Ex Date:	31/01/2024								
Dividend Pay Dates:	March, June, Sept December.	tember,							
Annual Management Charges <sup>1</sup> :	Institutional (F): C incl. synthetic cos	,							
	Institutional (I): 0 incl. synthetic cos	,							
	Retail (R): 0.80% , synthetic costs: 1								
Target Fund	Capital preservati	ion							
Objectives <sup>2</sup> :	5.00% Net Dividen price	d on issue							
	7-8% Total Return on issue price over medium term								
Dealing Frequency:	Daily Liquidity								
Valuation Frequency:	Daily								

<sup>1</sup>The Investment Manager of the Fund has undertaken to absorb any costs that would otherwise cause the class F/I/R shares of the Fund to have ongoing charges (excluding underlying collective investment undertaking holding charges) in excess of 0.45%. (F) and 0.85% (I & R) respectively.

Due to FCA reporting requirements UCITS funds must now report synthetic costs from underlying investments within the OCF calculation (contained in the KIID). For the avoidance of doubt the cash amount charged by the Investment Manager has not changed.

<sup>2</sup>The figures are targets only and there is no guarantee they will be achieved. Per annum by reference to launch price of £1.00 per unit, payable quarterly, one month in arrears.

<sup>3</sup> Fund data is based upon the VT RM Alternative Income Fund Institutional GBP accumulation class.



**RM**Funds

## **Overview**

VT RM Alternative Income Fund (the "Fund" or "RMAI") seeks to provide income whilst preserving capital over the medium to long-term. The focus is real asset investments across three sectors; Secured Real Assets, Infrastructure and Specialist Real Estate. The Fund seeks to meet its objectives by investing in listed equities and other transferable securities (including, REITs and Investment Trusts) whose primary activity or exposure is within the alternative income sectors. In addition to investing in equities the fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including bonds, money market instruments or cash. The Fund will have a preference for investments denominated in sterling, with issuers which have activities and assets within the U.K., Europe, USA, Singapore or another OECD Country.

## **Monthly NAV Performance & Dividend**

The portfolio is comprised of liquid investments across developed markets, primarily in the UK, but also including modest holdings in the US, Canada, Australasia, and Europe. Currency exposures are largely hedged back into GBP. The fund's percentage total return<sup>3</sup> for the month of December was 3.75%. Since the Fund's inception on the 11th of June 2018 the return has been 24.87% net of fees.



Period shown from 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. Capital is at risk; returns are not guaranteed, and past performance is no guarantee of future performance.

## **Portfolio Activity**

In the recent period, our Portfolio Management and Investment team strategically augmented the fund's equity allocation, specifically targeting listed real assets. Key increases to our portfolio holdings included notable entities such as Assura PLC (AGR: LN), Impact Healthcare REIT plc (IHR: LN), Bluefield Solar Fund (BSIF: LN), along with SERE: LN, INPP: LN, and Target Healthcare REIT plc (THRL: LN). Concurrently, we executed a strategic exit from our position in Taylor Maritime (TMI: LN).

On the fixed income front, the team adeptly expanded our holdings with the inclusion of several senior short-dated bonds, underpinned by infrastructure assets. These acquisitions comprise bonds from Manchester Airport Group (MAGAIR 4.125% 24s), Severn Trent (SVTLN 6.125% 24s), and UK Power Networks (UKPONE 5.75% 24s). Additionally, EG Group has fulfilled its obligations by redeeming their 6.25% 2025 bonds.

Our enhanced bond exposure is maintained as a highly tactical move. Predominantly comprising short-dated instruments (less than 12 months), this approach not only provides an attractive carry but also plays a crucial role in mitigating overall Net Asset Value (NAV) volatility. Moreover, it endows the Portfolio Manager with both optionality and liquidity, crucial for capitalising on



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#### **Platforms**

7IM	Interactive Investor
AJ Bell	James Hay
Aegon	Novia
AllFunds	Nucleus
Alliance Trust	Old Mutual
Ascentric (M&G)	Pershing
Aviva	Praemium
Charles Stanley	Raymond James
Cofunds	RL360
Elevate	Standard Life
Fidelity	Stocktrade
FNZ	Tillit
Fusion	Transact
Hargreaves Lansdown	Wealthtime
Hubwise	Zurich

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deep-value equity opportunities as market conditions oscillate between risk-on and risk-off scenarios.

## **Active Corporate Engagement**

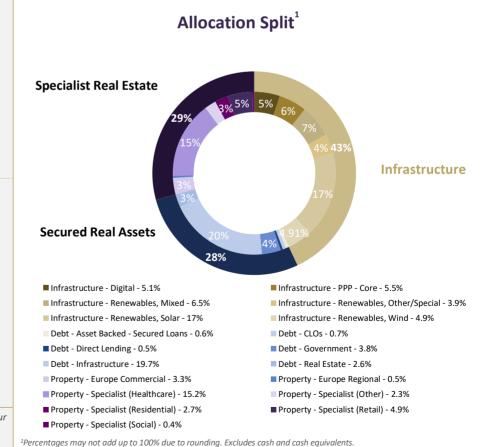
RM Funds stands as a proactive, engagement-focused alternative investment manager. Our approach is grounded in constructive interaction with investee companies, particularly in instances where performance lapses or challenges emerge. We prioritise meaningful dialogue with executive leadership, non-executive board members, and key stakeholders to address these concerns.

In the spirit of transparency and accountability, RM Funds will release its inaugural Corporate Engagement Report in January 2024. This comprehensive document will delve into critical areas of Corporate Governance, as well as Environmental and Social factors, underscoring our commitment to responsible and effective engagement in our investment practices.

## **Market Commentary**

In recent market developments, the performance of major indices, particularly the S&P 500 and the FTSE All-Share, stood out. The S&P 500 ETFs experienced a notable uptick, climbing approximately 4% over the period. This surge can be attributed to a combination of stronger employment figures and the Federal Open Market Committee's (FOMC) decision to maintain interest rates, coupled with dovish market signals for the rate outlook. This combination spurred the market upwards, though it did result in losses for some short-sellers.

Meanwhile, ETFs tracking the FTSE All-Share also saw significant gains, albeit slightly lower than their American counterparts, with an increase of about 3.10% over December. This rise reflects a resilient UK market, despite facing slower wage growth and the Bank of England's decision to hold interest rates amidst some hawkish tones. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) data from the UK, indicating potential challenges with inflation, did not seem to significantly dampen investor sentiment in the market. The end of Japan's negative interest rate policy marks a pivotal shift in its monetary policy, signalling a gradual move towards a more conventional economic stance. This development could have far-reaching implications for the Japanese market and global economic interactions.





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NAV & Dividend	NAV & Dividend History – 2023												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Dividends p (1)	1.2969	-	-	1.6172	-	-	1.8677	-	-	1.5653	-	-	6.35p
NAV (2)	129.14	128.33	123.35	125.29	124.47	120.52	121.39	118.93	115.89	113.20	120.35	124.87	-
NAV monthly return <sup>(2)</sup>	0.41%	(0.62%)	(3.88%)	1.57%	(0.65%)	(3.17%)	0.72%	(2.03%)	(2.55%)	(2.32%)	6.32%	3.75%	(2.91%)

NAV & Dividend	d History – :	2022											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Dividends p (1)	1.2500	-	-	1.3467	-	-	1.2500	-	-	1.2908	-	-	5.14p
NAV (2)	130.75	130.07	134.96	136.74	135.94	132.35	135.91	136.90	126.66	126.90	129.20	128.61	-
NAV monthly return <sup>(2)</sup>	(1.38%)	(0.52%)	3.76%	1.32%	(0.58%)	(2.64%)	2.69%	0.73%	(7.48)	0.19%	1.81%	(0.45%)	(2.99%)

NAV & Dividend	History –	2021											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Dividends p <sup>(1)</sup>	0.7516	-	-	1.8566	-	-	1.0027	-	-	1.3583	-	-	4.97p
NAV (2)	117.36	117.90	118.43	121.53	123.13	124.38	127.61	129.65	127.03	129.03	129.01	132.58	-
NAV monthly return <sup>(2)</sup>	0.67%	0.46%	0.45%	2.62%	1.31%	1.01%	2.60%	1.60%	(2.02%)	1.57%	(0.02%)	2.77%	13.73%

NAV & Dividen	d History –	2020											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Dividends p <sup>(1)</sup>	1.2500	-	-	1.3842	-	-	1.2313	-	-	1.1795	-	-	5.05p
NAV <sup>(2)</sup>	117.22	114.31	98.52	102.28	106.21	107.87	110.90	112.28	110.10	110.08	115.05	116.57	-
NAV monthly return <sup>(2)</sup>	0.30%	(2.48%)	(13.82%)	3.82%	3.84%	1.57%	2.80%	1.25%	(1.94%)	(0.03%)	4.52%	1.33%	(0.26%)

NAV & Dividend	NAV & Dividend History – 2019												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Dividends p (1)	1.2472	-	-	1.2218	-	-	1.2500	-	-	1.2500	-	-	4.97p
NAV (2)	103.54	105.14	106.03	108.51	108.98	110.33	110.65	111.16	111.99	113.14	114.50	116.88	-
NAV monthly return <sup>(2)</sup>	2.93%	1.55%	0.84%	2.34%	0.44%	1.24%	0.29%	0.46%	0.74%	1.03%	1.20%	2.07%	16.20%

NAV & Dividend	NAV & Dividend History – 2018												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Dividends p (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.2977	-	-	1.4560	-	-	1.75p
NAV (2)	-	-	-	-	-	100.02	101.23	102.35	102.51	101.62	101.80	100.59	-
NAV monthly return <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	0.02%	1.22%	1.10%	0.16%	(0.87%)	0.18%	(1.19%)	0.59%

<sup>(1)</sup> Institutional GBP Income Class <sup>2)</sup> Institutional GBP Accumulation

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Position	Sector Classification	% of the Portfolio
NextEnergy Solar Fund Ltd	Infrastructure - Renewables, Solar	6.1%
Foresight Solar Fund Ltd	Infrastructure - Renewables, Solar	5.7%
Primary Health Properties PLC	Property - Specialist (Healthcare)	5.6%
Supermarket Income REIT PLC	Property - Specialist (Retail)	4.7%
Bluefield Solar Income Fund Ltd	Infrastructure - Renewables, Solar	4.5%
VMED 5 04/15/27	Debt - Infrastructure	4.3%
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	Infrastructure - Renewables, Other/Special	3.7%
Renewables Infrastructure Group	Infrastructure - Renewables, Mixed	3.6%
Target Healthcare REIT PLC	Property - Specialist (Healthcare)	3.5%
Tritax EuroBox PLC	Property - Europe Commercial	3.1%
GTWICK 4 3/8 04/07/26	Debt - Infrastructure	3.0%
Hicl Infrastructure PLC	Infrastructure - PPP - Core	3.0%
VOYCAR 5 7/8 02/15/27	Debt - Infrastructure	2.7%
JLEN Environmental Assets Group	Infrastructure - Renewables, Mixed	2.6%
Digital 9 Infrastructure PLC/Fund	Infrastructure - Digital	2.6%
Triple Point Social Housing REIT	Property - Specialist (Residential)	2.5%
ASSDLN 4 1/2 02/16/26	Debt - Real Estate	2.5%
Greencoat UK Wind PLC/Funds	Infrastructure - Renewables, Wind	2.4%
VMED 4 1/4 01/15/30	Debt - Infrastructure	2.3%
Cordiant Digital Infrastructure	Infrastructure - Digital	2.3%
Greencoat Renewables PLC	Infrastructure - Renewables, Wind	2.3%
Sienna Senior Living Inc	Property - Specialist (Healthcare)	1.9%
Daiwa House Logistics Trust	Property - Specialist (Other)	1.9%
UKT 1 04/22/24	Cash & Near Cash - Government	1.8%
UKT 1 04/22/24	Debt - Government	1.8%
Assura PLC	Property - Specialist (Healthcare)	1.8%
Impact Healthcare REIT PLC	Property - Specialist (Healthcare)	1.7%
HTHROW 4 3/4 03/01/24	Debt - Infrastructure	1.7%
International Public Partnership	Infrastructure - PPP - Core	1.5%
SVTLN 6 1/8 02/26/24	Debt - Infrastructure	1.0%
UKPONE 5 3/4 03/08/24	Debt - Infrastructure	1.0%
MAGAIR 4 1/8 04/02/24	Debt - Infrastructure	1.0%
HTHROW 5 3/4 03/03/25	Debt - Infrastructure	1.0%
GCP Infrastructure Investments	Infrastructure - PPP - Core	0.9%
GATAIR 5 1/4 01/23/24	Debt - Infrastructure	0.8%
Fair Oaks Income Ltd	Debt - CLOs	0.7%
GCP Asset Backed Income Fund Ltd	Debt - Asset Backed - Secured Loans	0.5%
IPFLN 9 3/4 11/12/25	Debt - Direct Lending	0.4%
Schroder European Real Estate	Property - Europe Regional	0.4%
Home REIT PLC	Property - Specialist (Social)	0.3%
Dexus Convenience Retail REIT	Property - Specialist (Other)	0.3%
Restricted Cash		0.3%
Unrestricted Cash		4.3%

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