

## SVS RM Defensive Capital Fund

Monthly Factsheet – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Company Overview						
Fund Name:	SVS RM Defensive Capital Fund					
Strategy Launch Date:	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024					
<b>Regulatory Status:</b>	FCA Authorised					
Fund Size:	£124m					
Classification:	Non-Complex					
Sector:	IA Targeted Absolute Return Sector					
Share Classes:	Income & Accumu	llation				
Currencies:	GBP					
Share Class: GBP Accumulation (A) GBP Accumulation (C) GBP Income (A) GBP Income (C)	ISIN GB00BS6WQT61 GB00BS6WQX08 GB00BS6WQL85 GB00BS6WQW90	NAV 276.90 274.30 238.30 233.50				
Next Dividend Ex Date:	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025					
Dividend Pay Dates:	March, June, September, December.					
Annual	Class A: 0.73% / OCF: 0.87%					
Management Charges:	Class C: 0.53% / OCF: 0.67%					
Target Fund	Capital preservation					
Objectives <sup>1</sup> :	Capital growth over the long term (>5 years)					
	Positive absolute returns in any market conditions over rolling three-year periods.					
Dealing Frequency:	Daily Liquidity					
Valuation Frequency:	Daily					
Transactions Costs:	Transactions Costs: 0.01%					
Fund data is based upon the SVS RM Defensive Canital Fund C						

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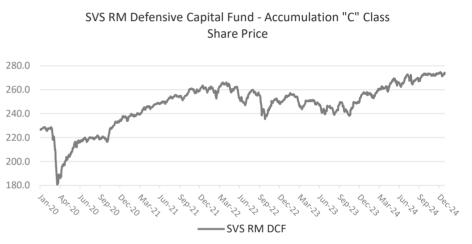
## **Investment Objective**

SVS RM Defensive Capital Fund (the "Fund" or "RMDCF") seeks to preserve capital whilst looking for capital growth opportunities over the long term (at least five years) and positive absolute returns in any market conditions over rolling three-year periods.

RM Funds seeks to achieve the investment objective by investing in transferable securities including investment trusts, structured notes, government securities, corporate and convertible bonds, preference shares and other collective investment schemes and exchange traded funds.

## **Monthly NAV Performance & Dividend**

The fund's total return for the month of December was +0.44% against quite a negative month for most asset classes. Return over the last 3 years has been +4.57% net of fees.



Period shown from  $2^{nd}$  January 2020 to  $31^{st}$  December 2024. Past performance figures are based on extended past performance data only, as defined under COBS 4.6.6R. Capital is at risk; returns are not guaranteed, and past performance is no guarantee of future performance.

SVS RM Defensive Capital Fund was launched on 31 October 2024. Consequently, there is no past performance data available. The SVS RM Defensive Capital Fund was launched solely for the purposes of receiving the assets of the SVS Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund by way of a scheme of arrangement that became effective on 31 October 2024. We have therefore set out the past performance of the SVS Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund as "simulated past performance" for the SVS RM Defensive Capital Fund.

## **Portfolio positioning**

The portfolio seeks to meet the investment objective by allocating across investments within three segments: Capital Preservation & Income, Capital Growth and Diversifiers.

**Capital Preservation & Income:** We are still seeing high yields available with low risk in this segment. abrdn Property Income returned almost all its market capitalisation in cash post the recent sale of most of its assets. The acquisition of Tritax Eurobox also completed. A possible hostile bid for Ground Rents Income Fund saw its shares rally +40%. We added to some renewables exposure right at the end of the month as many assets got close to all-time high dividend yields.

**Capital Growth:** Our assets in this segment substantially outperformed, driven again by stock-specific issues: a narrowing of discounts in private equity, the strong equity market in Japan, and battery storage assets as revenues continued to strengthen, especially during the "Dunkelflaute" (dark, still period) in the middle of the month, and as Harmony Energy firmed up a bid for its assets. Our China upside-only note matured with a +6% gain over the year.

**Diversifiers:** we continue to look for and are able to find, idiosyncratic assets which can aid performance but due to diversification effects can reduce portfolio volatility. Once again, our

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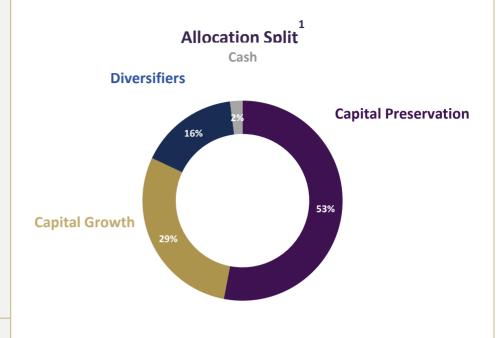
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Charles Stanley
Cofunds *live
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aircraft leasing assets were the best performers here, with continuing supply chain bottlenecks and engine reliability issues raising the value of our assets.



<sup>1</sup>Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Excludes cash and cash equivalents.

## **Market Commentary**

The ebullience of markets post Trump's victory faded in the second half of the month, not helped by the Fed's "hawkish cut". Equity markets were all down (with the exception of Japan) and fixed income also had a difficult month, particularly longer duration assets and government bonds. The Dollar rallied off the back of the Fed meeting and also with Trump's continuing talks of harsh trade sanctions.

We note that valuation discrepancies remain extreme, with Value extremely cheap compared to Growth. For instance Nasdaq vs S&P500 price to sales is in the 96th percentile and S&P500 Growth P/E vs Value P/E is in the 98th percentile (both since 2001). This isn't to say valuations can't get more extreme, but it does imply that it wouldn't take much to see a very big reversal.

### Top ten holdings – December 2024

Position	Sector	% of Fund
Topix call-spread (402%) (GS)	Capital Growth	5.5%
Pacira 0.75% Conv Bond 2025 (USD)	Capital Preservation	3.8%
Jet2 1.625% 2026 Conv Bond	Capital Preservation	2.8%
Innoviva 2.5% 2025 Conv Bond (USD)	Capital Growth	2.6%
Riverstone Energy	Diversifier	2.6%
Trainline 1% 2026 Conv Bond (GBP)	Capital Preservation	2.4%
Glencore 0% 2025 Conv Bond (USD)	Diversifier	2.3%
Taylor Maritime Investments	Diversifier	2.3%
VH Global Sustainable Energy	Capital Growth	2.2%
Care REIT	Capital Preservation	2.2%
Total		28.9%



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### Performance – December 2024

	1-month	3-months	6-months	1year	3 years	5 years	10 years
SVS RM Defensive Capital 1	0.4%	0.5%	3.2%	6.6%	4.6%	21.4%	52.8%
IA Targeted Absolute Return <sup>2, 3</sup>	-0.2%	0.5%	2.2%	5.9%	8.3%	15.0%	24.9%
Relative Performance	0.6%	0.0%	1.0%	0.7%	-3.4%	5.5%	22.4%

## Discrete yearly performance – December 2024

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SVS RM Defensive Capital 1	3.5%	12.2%	-4.6%	2.8%	6.6%
IA Targeted Absolute Return <sup>2, 3</sup>	2.6%	3.5%	-2.4%	4.8%	5.9%
Relative Performance	0.8%	8.4%	-2.2%	-1.9%	0.7%

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<sup>2</sup> Source: FE FundInfo

<sup>3</sup> Shareholders may compare the performance of the Sub-fund against the IA Targeted Absolute Return Sector. The ACD has selected this benchmark as it aligns with the Sub-fund's objective of achieving an absolute return, providing shareholders with a meaningful comparison to portfolios with a similar strategy. It is important to note that this benchmark is not a target for the Sub-fund, nor is the Sub-fund constrained by it.

### Sector breakdown – December 2024

	1.6% 2.4% 3.3% 5.4% 5.9% 9.1%	Other Liquidity Fixed Return Other Structured Notes Structured Credit Specialist Lending		
	12.1%	Discounted assets	RSMA II	VNAMIC 5
	24.8%	Convertibles		FE fundinfo Crown Fund Rating
	35.5%	Real Assets	The professionals' rating The professionals' rating Final Action of the profession of th	

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