

SVS RM Defensive Capital Fund

Monthly Factsheet - 31st January 2025

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| Fund Name: | SVS RM Defensive Capital Fund | | |
| Regulatory Status: | FCA Authorised | | |
| Fund Size: | £120m | | |
| Classification: | Non-Complex | | |
| Sector: | IA Targeted Absolute Return Sector | | |
| Share Classes: | Income & Accumulation | | |
| Currencies: | GBP | | |
| Share Class: GBP Accumulation (A) GBP Accumulation (C) GBP Income (A) GBP Income (C) | ISIN GB00BS6WQT61 GB00BS6WQX08 GB00BS6WQL85 GB00BS6WQW90 | NAV 275.20 272.70 236.90 232.10 | |
| Next Dividend Ex Date: | 31 st 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 ¹ : | 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: | 0.01% | | |
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Fund data is based upon the SVS RM Defensive Capital Fund C Accumulation Class (GBP).

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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 January was -0.58% against quite a negative month for most asset classes. Return over the last 3 years has been +4.88% net of fees.

SVS RM Defensive Capital Fund - Accumulation "C" Class Share Price



Period shown from 3rd February 2020 to 31st January 2025. 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 some very high yields available with low risk in this segment. Structured Credit was once again a strong performer. Our convertible bonds also performed well, offset slightly be a weaker US Dollar.

Capital Growth: Assets in this segment had a disappointing month, but mainly from widening discounts (many to new records) rather than underlying business issues. E.g. Syncona got to a -51% discount, Chrysalis widened to a -38% discount, and Gresham House Energy Storage widened to a -63% discount, albeit to a somewhat optimistic NAV: we still think this trades at well below replacement cost though..

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. Our aircraft leasing assets continued to perform, offset by (seasonal?) weakness in shipping. Gold miners were strong too.

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<u>Platforms</u>

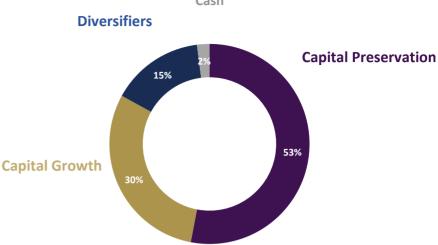
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If your platform is not listed, please contact our distribution team or Evelyn Partners directly.

Allocation Split

Cash



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

Market Commentary

The major news of the month was that of China's Deepseek claiming to have generated an Al algorithm with substantially lower compute and hence energy requirements than American versions. President Trump's on-again, off-again threats of tariffs added to the noise. Markets, especially in Growth segments wobbled but somehow recovered to mostly finish up on the month, aided by weak CPI prints in both the UK and the US.

We had mentioned last month valuation extremes of Value vs Growth. Aside from some wild Alinduced gyrations, the relative valuations remained unchanged on the month.

Discounts on alternative assets widened further however, making the vehicles cheaper than ever.

Private markets continue to take note: there was a proposed hostile bid for Ground Rents Income Fund.

Amedeo Air Four Plus announced a return of capital of around 15% as aircraft residual values continue to rise. Triple Point Energy Efficiency sold the remainder of its assets, bringing to an end another successful wind-up. After this and e.g. Blackstone Lending Fund and abrdn Property Income we're still perplexed why so many people are still so negative on wind-ups, both on level of capital return and on length of time to execute: they've been very kind to the fund!

Top ten holdings – January 2025

| Position | Sector | % of Fund |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Topix call-spread (402%) (GS) | Capital Growth | 5.6% |
| Pacira 0.75% Conv Bond 2025 (USD) | Capital Preservation | 3.9% |
| Jet2 1.625% 2026 Conv Bond | Capital Preservation | 2.9% |
| Innoviva 2.5% 2025 Conv Bond (USD) | Capital Growth | 2.8% |
| Trainline 1% 2026 Conv Bond (GBP) | Capital Preservation | 2.5% |
| Riverstone Energy | Diversifier | 2.4% |
| Glencore 0% 2025 Conv Bond (USD) | Diversifier | 2.4% |
| Care REIT | Capital Preservation | 2.4% |
| CT Private Equity | Capital Growth | 2.2% |
| Yellow Cake | Diversifier | 2.2% |
| Total | | 29% |

Performance - January 2025

| | 1-month | 3-months | 6-months | 1year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years |
|---|---------|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| SVS RM Defensive Capital ¹ | (0.58%) | 0.0% | 0.1% | 6.2% | 4.9% | 20.8% | 49.0% |
| IA Targeted Absolute Return ^{2, 3} | 1.3% | 2.0% | 2.7% | 6.7% | 10.8% | 16.1% | 25.0% |
| Relative Performance | (1.8%) | (1.9%) | (2.5%) | (0.6%) | (5.3%) | 4.0% | 19.3% |

Discrete yearly performance - January 2025

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| SVS RM Defensive Capital ¹ | 3.6% | 11.1% | (1.9%) | 0.7% | 6.2% |
| IA Targeted Absolute Return ^{2, 3} | 1.9% | 2.9% | (0.3%) | 4.1% | 6.7% |
| Relative Performance | 1.7% | 8.0% | (1.6%) | (3.3%) | (0.6%) |

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Sector breakdown - January 2025

1.9% Other 2.1% Liquidity 3.3% Fixed Return 4.6% Structured Credit 5.6% Other Structured Notes 9.2% Specialist Lending 12.7% Discounted assets 26.3% Convertibles

















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34.2%

Real Assets

² Source: FE FundInfo

³ 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.