# ROSSIE HOUSE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

## VT Rossie House Portfolio Fund

Fact sheet as at 30 September 2024

| Fund Information      |                                |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Fund size             | £7.9m                          |  |  |  |  |
| Launch date (B Class) | 1 May 2014                     |  |  |  |  |
| Indicative fund yield | 1.53%                          |  |  |  |  |
| A Income price        | 170.7p                         |  |  |  |  |
| A Accumulation price  | 174.5p                         |  |  |  |  |
| B Income price        | 156.1p                         |  |  |  |  |
| B Accumulation price  | 161.7p                         |  |  |  |  |
| Management fee        | 0.0% A Class<br>0.8% B Class   |  |  |  |  |
| Ongoing charges       | 1.42% A Class<br>2.22% B Class |  |  |  |  |
| Dividend ex dates     | 30 June<br>31 December         |  |  |  |  |
| Dividend pay dates    | 31 August<br>28 February       |  |  |  |  |



Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance

Source: RHPF  $\dagger$  – Valu-Trac Administration Services; MSCI PIMFA Balanced  $\dagger$  – MSCI Inc.

| shares     %     Balanced †       3 Months     1.3     1.5       6 Months     3.8     3.2       1 Year     13.5     14.3       Since inception (1 May 2014)     78.2     93.0 | B Income | Fund †     | MSCI<br>PIMFA<br>Balanced † |  |  |  |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| 6 Months 3.8 3.2  1 Year 13.5 14.3  Since inception 78.2 93.0   | shares   | <b>%</b> 0 |                             |  |  |  |
| 1 Year 13.5 14.3  Since inception 78.2 93.0   | 3 Months | 1.3        | 1.5                         |  |  |  |
| Since inception 78.2 93.0   | 6 Months | 3.8        | 3.2                         |  |  |  |
| 18.4 93.0   | 1 Year   | 13.5       | 14.3                        |  |  |  |
|   | -        | 78.2       | 93.0                        |  |  |  |

Calculated on Net Asset Value with distributions

added back

**Objective:** The objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital and income growth.

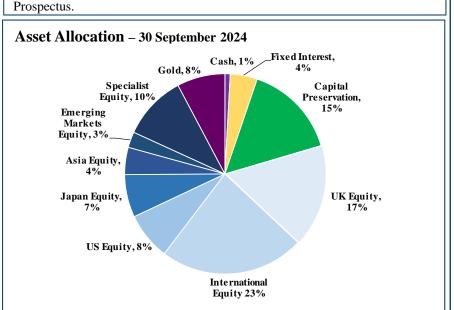
The Fund will aim to meet its objectives by investing primarily in investment trusts and collective investment schemes that invest predominantly in equity securities.

The Fund may also have some direct exposure to bonds and other non-equity investments, including cash, gold and derivatives.

The Fund has no specific limits on exposures to any geographic area or market sectors.

withdraw their money within 5 years. For full investment objectives and policy details, please refer to the

Recommendation: This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to



| Holding                     | % of<br>Fund | Q3 Price<br>Change<br>% |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Gold Bullion Securities Ltd | 7.7          | 6.5                     |
| Findlay Park American Fund  | 7.7          | -0.2                    |
| Egerton Capital Equity      | 7.0          | 2.6                     |
| Monks Investment Trust      | 7.0          | -0.8                    |
| WS Morant Wright Japan Fund | 6.9          | 0.2                     |
| Trojan Fund                 | 6.1          | 1.3                     |
| Herald Investment Trust     | 6.0          | -4.8                    |
| Artemis Alpha Trust         | 5.8          | 5.2                     |
| Law Debenture               | 5.5          | 5.2                     |
| Ruffer Investments          | 5.4          | 2.6                     |
| Total Top 10                | 65.3         |                         |
| 9 other holdings            | 33.9         |                         |
| Cash                        | 0.9          |                         |
| Total                       | 100.0        |                         |

| Dealing Information        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| A Income Share Sedol       | BKX57V1  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A Accumulation Share Sedol | BWNGRF2  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B Income Share Sedol       | BKX57W2  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B Accumulation Share Sedol | BWNGRH4  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dilution levy (Estimate)   | Up to 1% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Initial fee                | Up to 9% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cut off time for dealing   | 4:30 pm  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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#### Comment:

The Fund rose 1.3% over the quarter. This compares with the MSCI PIMFA Balanced Index gain of 1.5%.

The Fund made a little progress over the third quarter. In late July the Japanese raised interest rates at a time when the US were thought to be in rate cutting mode. This caused a big sell-off in the Japanese equity market in early August as well as falls in other world markets. Despite this very alarming moment and the plethora of other ghastly news stories – e.g. the Middle East and Ukrainian wars, the UK budget, the US election, potential trade wars – equity markets and the Fund have generally come through this period satisfactorily.

Gold continued to perform strongly, helping our holding in Gold Bullion Securities (+7%). The UK funds also did well, particularly Artemis Alpha Trust and Law Debenture, both of which rose by 5%. Artemis Alpha is to merge with Aurora Investment Trust which we view quite positively. Elsewhere, Scottish Mortgage (-6%) was hit by some stock specific bad news and Herald (-5%) saw some weakness also. Other holdings of note include Samarang Asian Prosperity Fund (+5%) whose positions in the south Asian markets started to perform.

Investment trust discounts remain quite wide by historic standards and we now view a potential narrowing of discounts over the next few years as a distinct possibility and a potentially helpful tail wind.

The UK budget is frightening many investors, causing continuing outflows from UK equities. It is therefore encouraging that the UK stock market has remained quite resilient. If the news flow was to change even slightly, we think there could be a substantial rerating of the UK equity market. We are therefore not following the majority by buying US exposure using money raised from the UK. Indeed, we continue to hold a decent weighting in our domestic market (17% and with additional exposure in the "Specialist Equity" category). We acknowledge the unsettling background but feel quite excited by some of the opportunities that seem to be on offer at the individual fund level.

## Fund Performance (B Income shares %)

|      | Jan  | Feb  | Mar   | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | YTD   | Index<br>YTD |
|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|--------------|
| 2014 |      |      |       |      | 1.3  | -0.3 | 0.0  | 1.3  | -0.8 | 1.0  | 2.6  | -0.1 | 5.1   | 5.3          |
| 2015 | 1.8  | 1.0  | 1.6   | -0.5 | 0.7  | -2.2 | 0.7  | -3.0 | -1.6 | 3.7  | 0.6  | 1.1  | 3.9   | 2.0          |
| 2016 | -3.1 | 0.8  | 0.7   | 0.7  | -0.3 | 2.1  | 5.1  | 1.1  | 1.5  | 1.6  | -1.6 | 2.1  | 11.1  | 17.4         |
| 2017 | 1.2  | 2.6  | 0.2   | 0.8  | 2.5  | -0.7 | 1.0  | 1.5  | -1.3 | 2.4  | 0.2  | 1.0  | 12.0  | 9.9          |
| 2018 | 0.1  | -1.3 | -3.0  | 3.5  | 1.7  | 0.7  | 0.9  | -0.3 | -0.6 | -4.0 | 0.5  | -3.8 | -5.8  | -4.8         |
| 2019 | 4.1  | 0.0  | 1.4   | 2.1  | -1.1 | 2.0  | 2.7  | -2.0 | 0.6  | -0.8 | 2.4  | 3.2  | 15.2  | 16.2         |
| 2020 | -1.0 | -5.5 | -11.1 | 8.2  | 3.8  | 2.3  | -0.3 | 2.6  | -0.5 | -0.5 | 8.2  | 5.7  | 10.6  | 1.9          |
| 2021 | -1.4 | 0.0  | 2.4   | 3.9  | 0.2  | 1.3  | 1.2  | 2.5  | -1.1 | 0.2  | -0.1 | 0.7  | 10.1  | 12.5         |
| 2022 | -5.9 | -2.0 | 1.8   | -1.5 | -2.2 | -4.6 | 4.5  | -0.7 | -5.2 | 0.4  | 2.7  | -0.4 | -12.9 | -8.1         |
| 2023 | 3.1  | -0.8 | -2.2  | 0.4  | -0.6 | -0.6 | 2.5  | -2.0 | 0.5  | -3.3 | 4.4  | 4.4  | 5.6   | 10.1         |
| 2024 | -0.6 | 1.7  | 2.8   | 1.3  | 1.0  | 0.1  | 2.6  | -1.4 | 0.1  |      |      |      | 7.8   | 8.3          |

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