# **GRAVIS** CLEAN ENERGY

# MONTHLY FACTSHEET 31 JANUARY 2022

## OVERVIEW

- Aims to deliver a regular income expected to be 4.5%<sup>1</sup> per annum
- Preserve investors' capital throughout market cycles, with the potential for capital growth
- Invests in a diversified portfolio of global listed securities including Yield Co Equities, Investment Companies and Equities
- Offers exposure to companies engaged in the provision, storage, supply and consumption of clean energy

## PERFORMANCE CHART

VT Gravis Clean Energy Income Fund – C Acc GBP (Total Return after charges) 18/12/2017 – 31/01/2022



## RETURNS

	JANUARY 2022	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	36 MONTHS	SINCE INCEPTION	VOLATILITY
VT Gravis Clean Energy	-5.30%	-6.42%	-5.41%	56.95%	66.35%	11.24%
MSCI World Infrastructure	0.18%	3.46%	8.92%	19.49%	20.49%	15.62%
S&P Global Clean Energy	-11.61%	-24.38%	-35.33%	101.59%	121.74%	27.08%

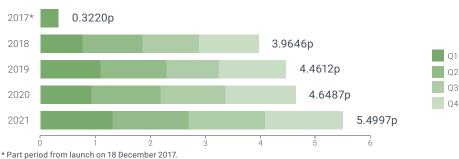
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Fund launched on 18 December 2017.

Fund performance is illustrated by the C GBP Net Accumulation share class.

## DIVIDENDS

Dividends paid net of charges since inception to 31 January 2022 for C GBP Income share class.



#### Fund information

Fund name	VT Gravis Clean Energy Income Fund		
Regulatory status	FCA Authorised UK OEIC UCITS V		
Sector	IA Infrastructure		
Launch date	18 December 2017		
Fund size	£360.85m		
Share classes	Income and Accumulation Clean & Institutional (£, \$, €)		
Min. investment	£100		
Net Asset Value per share as at 31 January 2022	C Acc (£): 166.35p C Inc (£): 142.80p I Acc (£): 158.45p I Inc (£): 125.14p		
Trailing 12 month net yield² as at 31 January 2022	3.85%		
Charges <sup>3</sup>	AMC: 0.80% OCF: 0.81%		
Dividend pay dates	end of Jan, Apr, July, Oct		
Classification	Non-complex		
£ISINs	C Acc: GB00BFN4H792 C Inc: GB00BFN4H461		

 This is an unofficial target and there is no guarantee it will be achieved.
Per annum by reference to launch price of £1.00 per unit,

payable quarterly, one month in arrears.

 Published dividends from 14/10/2020 are net of charges, which are taken from capital. Prior to 14/10/2020, charges were taken from income.

 The OCF for all share classes is capped at the AMC (excluding underlying fund holding charges and dealing costs from EMX and Calastone) and any costs in excess of the OCF/AMC will be paid by the Investment Adviser.
All data. source: Valu-Trac Investment Management. MSCI

Inc and Reuters.



<sup>†</sup>Independently risk-rated and assessed as Medium Risk

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### FUND ADVISER'S REPORT

The Fund faced a challenging start to the year as selling pressure across the portfolio's North American exposures became more intense. Yield-orientated strategies must contend with the prospect of higher interest rates through 2022 as central banks move to combat inflationary pressures. It is a prospect that has impacted markets more broadly, with the Nasdaq and S&P 500 recording their worst discrete monthly performance since the onset of the pandemic. Against a volatile backdrop, the Fund lost 5.30% on a total return basis (C Accumulation GBP). Comparatively, the MSCI World Infrastructure Index was relatively unchanged while the S&P Clean Energy Index declined in value by a more significant 11.61%.

On a more positive note, UK-listed renewable energy generators and energy infrastructure companies which have published Q4/FY updates thus far in 2022 have pointed towards strong tailwinds for their businesses. For example, Greencoat UK Wind reported a robust 3.5% improvement in its NAV with firmer near-term UK electricity prices and cash generation driving the upgrade. Revenue generation has been typically resilient, thereby supporting the company's dividend despite less favourable wind resource in 2021, which reduced power output vs. budget. A significant proportion of Greencoat's cash flows are linked to the Retail Prices Index (via Renewable Obligation Certificates awarded for each MW of power generated) and this underpins the Board's ambition to grow the dividend by 7.5% in FY 2022. Although other UK-focused generators have sold forward a greater proportion of output, and therefore near-term cash flows will not capture higher electricity prices to the same extent, NAVs still stand to benefit from firmer pricing expectations at the shorter end of the curve. Meanwhile, utility-scale battery owner Gresham House Energy Storage published a positive trading update, signalling a strong increase in FY EBITDA vs. the prior year.

The company, which benefits from volatility in intra-day electricity prices through its trading activities and provides various grid balancing and frequency response services to the grid, expects to generate further revenue growth through 2022 as projects currently in construction become fully operational as well as delivering a NAV total return that "is expected to be at the upper end of the 8-15% target range", likely aided by discount rate contraction as projects progress to operational status.

TransAlta Renewables, a Canadian owner/operator of a diversified portfolio of renewable power generation assets, provided a disappointing update on its Kent Hills 1 & 2 projects in so far as the company assesses that all 50 turbine foundations need replacing. The work is expected to be completed by the end of 2023 with two turbines being re-commissioned each month and the company is evaluating options to recover costs from third parties and insurance. The assets, in which TransAlta Renewables owns an 83% stake, represent less than 5% of the company's overall owned generation capacity and has not resulted in any change to dividend distribution expectations.

The portfolio's cash weighting was reduced to just 0.30% at the end of January, having started the year with approximately 6.5%. The reduction primarily reflects capital deployment across a number of the Fund's core holdings in the US and Canada in an effort to capitalize on broader weakness and place the strategy in a better position to capture a recovery in prices. Despite the prospects of a higher interest rate environment, yields remain very low in an historic sense, and we see prospective dividend yields from the broader cohort of clean energy generators offering an attractive spread over long-term bonds. This, coupled with increasingly challenging renewable energy/ emission reduction ambitions around the globe, leads us to view the clean energy sector as an attractive source of income and growth opportunities.

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# CORRELATION, PERFORMANCE AND VOLATILITY COMPARISON

#### 18 December 2017 – 31 January 2022

	CORRELATION	RETURN	VOLATILITY	YIELD
VT Clean Energy (C Acc GBP)	-	66.4%	11.2%	3.9%
MSCI World Infrastructure	0.07	20.5%	15.6%	3.9%
S&P Global Clean Energy	0.18	121.7%	27.1%	1.6%

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## PORTFOLIO

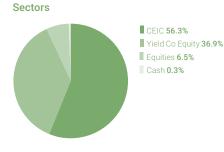
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# SECURITY TYPE



# TOP 10 HOLDINGS ON 31 JANUARY 2022

HOLDING	WEIGHT
Greencoat UK Wind PLC	7.5%
Renewables Infrastructure Group Ltd	7.0%
Clearway Energy Inc	6.3%
Atlantica Sustainable Infrastructure PLC	5.6%
Greencoat Renewables PLC	5.2%
TransAlta Renewables Inc	5.1%
Innergex Renewable Energy Inc	4.3%
Brookfield Renewable Corp	3.9%
Gresham House Energy Storage Fund PLC	3.9%
Meridian Energy Ltd	3.7%

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