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The UK property sector



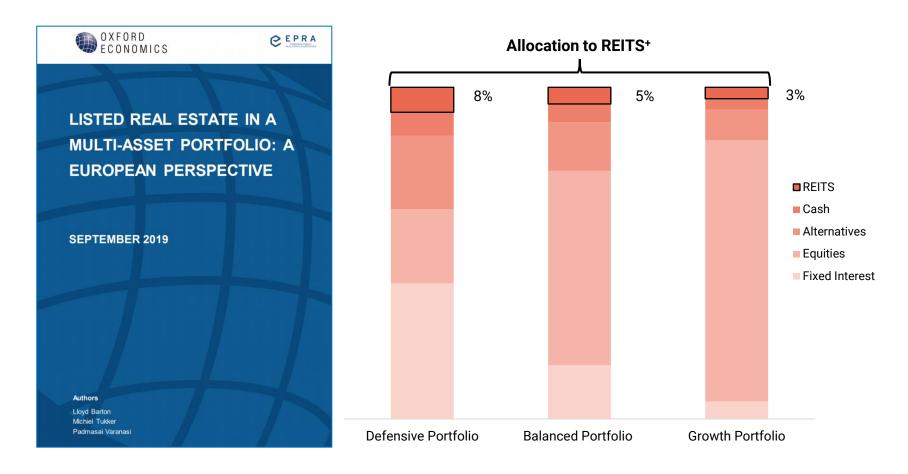
# BENEFITS OF REITS

REITs are structurally suited to provide liquid access to an illiquid asset class. Investment in REITs allows a focus on long term portfolio returns rather than provision of short term liquidity.

	Real Estate Investment Trusts	Open Ended Fund Direct Property Funds
Structure	LSE listed	Open ended
Investment focus	Specialist	Generalist
Liquidity	Intra-day	Daily
Leverage	c.28%	0%
Cash balance	None	c.14%
Excess inflows	None	Cash drag
Excess outflows	None	Possible gating, forced sale of assets
Appropriate for property	Yes	Not according to FCA <sup>1</sup>

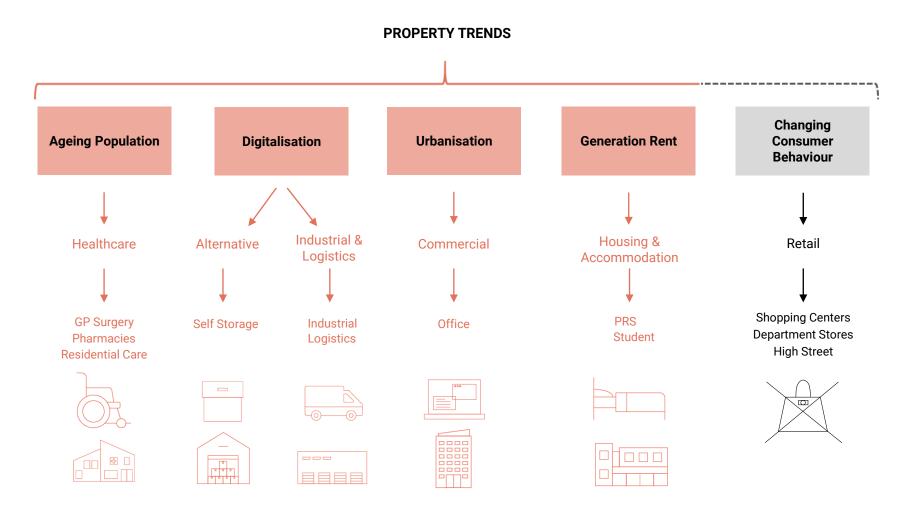
## REITS BENEFIT MULTI-ASSET PORTFOLIOS

REITs "improve a multi-asset portfolio's risk-return characteristics"\*.



# KEY THEMES

There are five key themes in the real estate sector: ageing population, digitisation, urbanisation, generation rent and changing consumer behaviour.

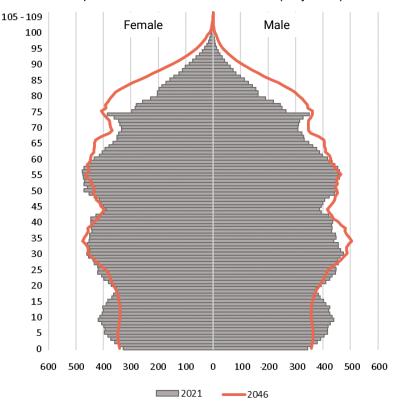


## CASE STUDY - AGEING POPULATION & GENERATION RENT

#### Ageing population: GP surgeries

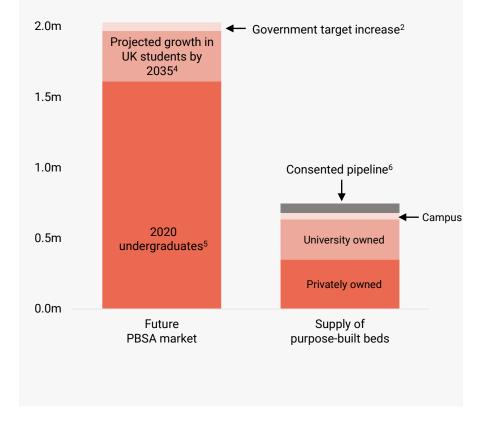
- Over 85s visit their GP 13 times on average each year<sup>1</sup>
- Number of over 85s is predicted to double to 3.4m by 2046<sup>1</sup>
- Of the 7,600 GP surgeries in the UK, c.1,200 are owned by REITs<sup>2</sup>

Population distribution 2021 vs 2046 (Projection)<sup>1</sup>



#### 'Generation Rent': Purpose Built Student Accommodation

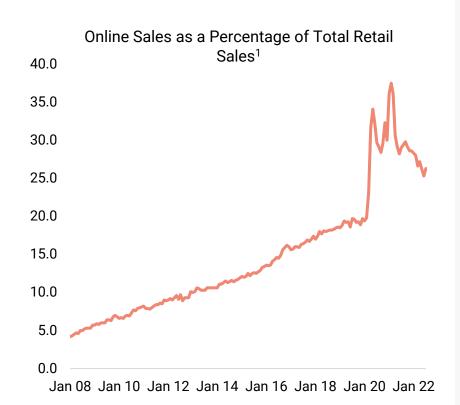
• Long term growth drivers: UK demographics, growth in UK 18-year-olds and ageing university estates<sup>3</sup>



# CASE STUDY - DIGITALISATION & URBANISATION

#### Digitalisation: E-Commerce

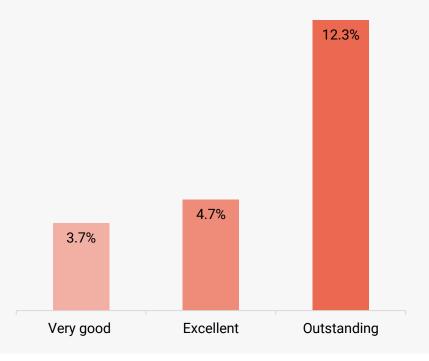
- Online retailing requires 3x more warehouse space than traditional retailing
- The pandemic has accelerated the change in consumer behaviour
- 4 years growth in online penetration has occurred in 2 years



#### **Urbanisation: Office Space**

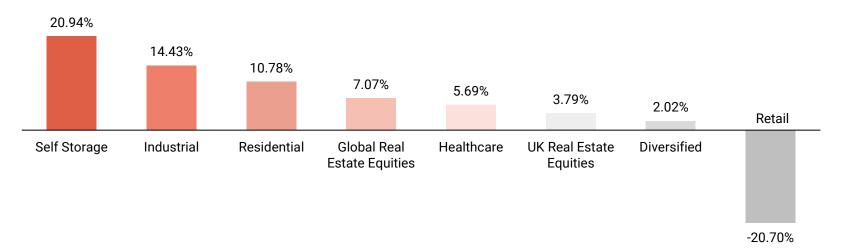
- High BREEAM ratings increase London office rents by up to 12.3%<sup>2</sup>
- Greenest buildings command office rent premiums

# The impact of BREEAM certifications on Central London office rents

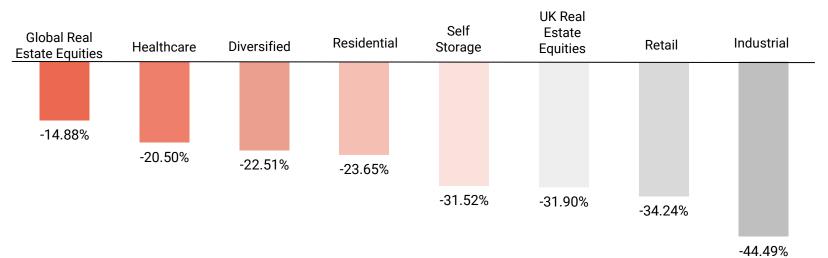


# SPECIALIST REITS OUTPERFORM DIVERSIFIED REITS OVER LONG TERM

10 year annualised return by sector (31.12.12 - 31.12.22)1



# 12 month return by sector $(31.12.12 - 31.12.22)^1$



# Introduction to The Fund



#### PROVEN INVESTMENT PROCESS

#### **FUND** CONSTRUCTION

**Ensure diversification** across the UK listed real estate sector through security selection

#### **ACTIVE MANAGEMENT** & COST **AWARENESS**

Seeks opportunities to minimise the entry price

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Focus on higher quality companies with low to moderate leverage

# **INVESTOR OUTCOMES**

Delivers dependable and secure quarterly income and capital appreciation

#### **FACTORS DRIVING DISCRETIONARY INVESTMENT DECISIONS**



Attractive valuation



Inflation hedging characteristics



**Growing dividends** 



**Daily** liquidity



Cashflow dependability/visibility



Credibility of management team



Minimal retail investment



Sustainability assessment

#### FUND OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

#### **Objectives**

Deliver real estate like returns with daily liquidity Achieve capital appreciation over market cycles<sup>3</sup> Cash yield of 4% p.a.<sup>4</sup> paid quarterly Inflation-linked characteristics

## Key information

A UK NURS OEIC with PAIF status1

Exposure to over 5,000 properties with over 100,000 tenants

Blend of lease lengths - WAULT of 8.5 years

Capped Fund OCF: 0.7%<sup>2</sup>

Charges taken from capital

#### Limits within which the Fund is managed

Minimum of 16 holdings - currently 23

Maximum holding 9.5%

No shorting of stock, stock lending or leverage of a fund level

Managed in line with a Responsible Investment Statement

#### Guidelines

100% invested in UK LSE listed REITs which own property

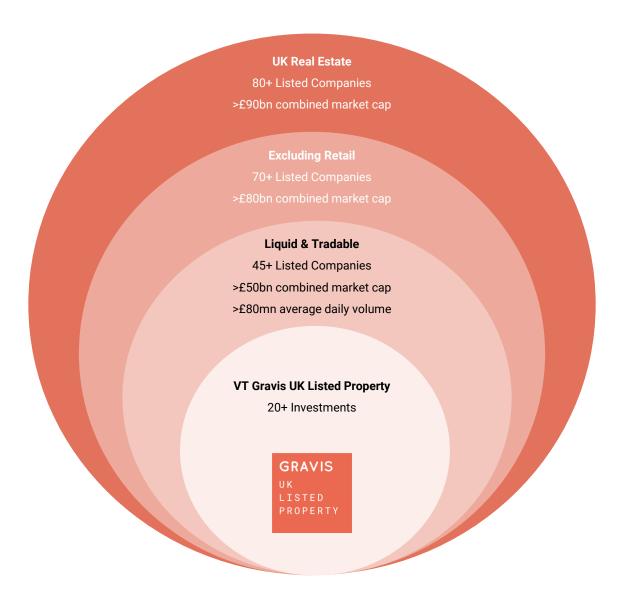
0% exposure to illiquid direct property

c.80% of portfolio exposed to A-C EPC rated buildings

No exposure to retail stocks

No property related shares, like housebuilders and companies such as Rightmove

# PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION - LIQUIDITY & QUALITY



#### PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION - SECURITY SELECTION IS KEY

#### REITs can be worth much more than the external valuer's assessment

Property valuation
 is an art.

The net asset value (NAV) is merely an **estimate**<sup>1</sup>.

Valuers assign no portfolio premium<sup>2</sup>.

NAVs just sum individual property values.

Operating platforms underappreciated.

NAVs don't capture economies of scale<sup>3</sup> or brand value.

Management matters.

NAVs don't judge management track records on capital allocation. Valuers **ignore** balance sheet **structures**.

NAVs don't highlight leverage risk.

Development platforms undervalued.

NAVs don't recognise development opportunities and expertise<sup>4</sup>.

GRAVIS Source: Gravis Advisory Ltd

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "All [property] valuations are professional opinions... a valuation is not a fact", RICS Red Book. "A market value basically looks at the past and can create a lagging effect. This can lead to an underestimation of current market value in upward market movements, and an overestimation in a downward market movement", The Future of Valuations, November 2017, RICS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hansteen recommended an offer from Blackstone Group, December 2019, at an 11.6% premium to last reported EPRA NAV. A&J Mucklow recommended an offer from LondonMetric, May 2019, at an 11.4% premium to the rolled-forward EPRA NAV. St Modwen recommended an offer from Blackstone Group, June 2021, at a 27.9% premium to last reported EPRA NTA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Unite Group, £5.2bn gross asset value (GAV), operating (EBIT) margin 69.5% compared to 51.0% for Empiric Student, £1.0bn GAV. Data as at 29/06/2021. Grainger, Segro, Safestore, Lok'N Store, and Unite Group all generate fee income from managing third party capital. Sigma Capital Group, the Investment Adviser to PRS REIT, was acquired by private equity, June 2021, for 19.8x consensus earnings

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27;Super-normal profit in real estate development', David Geltner, Anil Kumar, and Alex M. Van de Minne, MIT Center for Real Estate Research Paper No. 3

## SECURITY SELECTION IS KEY - BEWARE OF DISCOUNT TRAPS

#### Good quality REITs trade at a premium

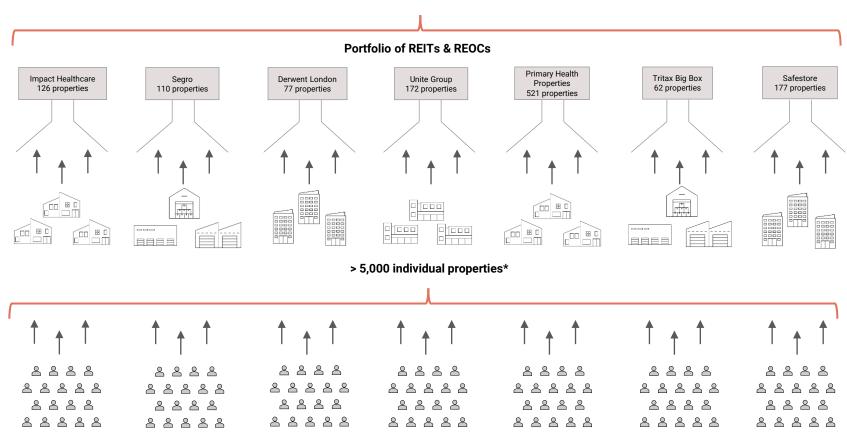


Discount dangers - over the past 8 years a portfolio of REITs trading at the largest discount to NAV1 has lost money. Over the same period a portfolio of REITs1 trading at the highest premium to NAV has delivered positive returns.

## PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION - BUILDING A DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIO

The Fund invests in multiple REITs, which own or invest in a diversified pool of properties

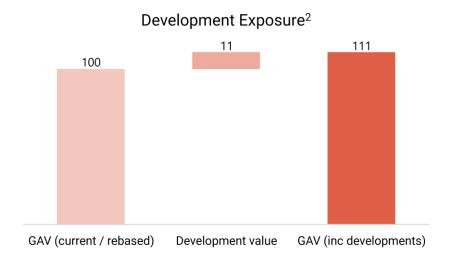
#### **VT GRAVIS UK LISTED PROPERTY FUND**



> 100,000 individual tenants\*

## ATTRACTIVE DEVELOPMENT PIPELINES

## Development pipelines deliver superior returns to investors in specialist REITs1





Tritax Symmetry Park, Bicester. First net zero carbon building in construction in the Tritax portfolio, pre-let to DPD Group. EPC Rating: A

#### **Development Projects & Targeted Returns**

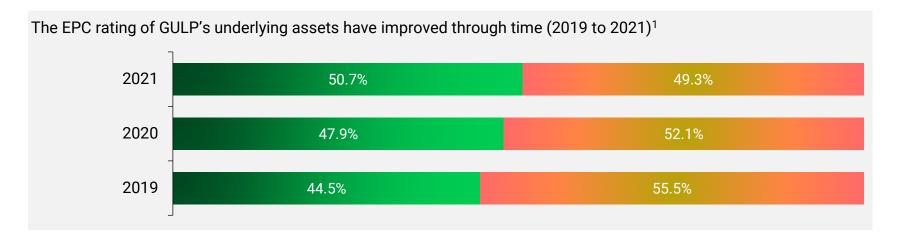
	Trend	Secured Development Pipeline	Developments as % of GAV	Delivery Timetable	Sustainability Target	Target Development Yields	Valuation Yield (NIY)
TRITAX BIG BOX	Digitalisation	8.8m sq ft of logistics space	8.1%	2022-2024	EPC rating of A	6.00 - 8.00%	3.60%
UNITE STUDENTS	Generation rent	6,000 PBSA beds	18.3%	2022-2026	EPC rating of A	6.20%	4.90%
grainger plc	Generation rent	3,987 PRS Units	12.3%	2022-2024	EPC rating of B or above	5.00 - 7.00%	3.70%³
DERWENT LONDON	Urbanisation	0.9m sq ft of on- site developments	16.0%4	2022-2025	EPC rating of A/B	5.70%	3.30%

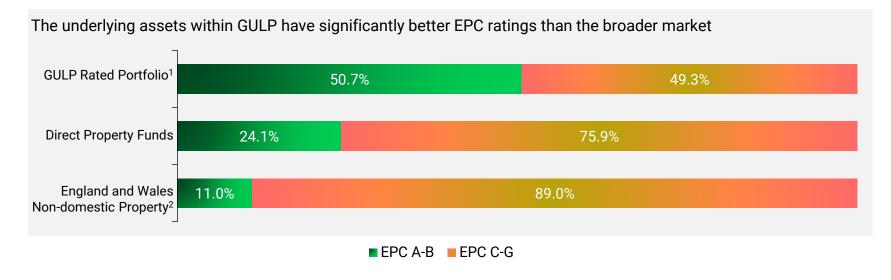
# Market Themes



# CLIMATE CHANGE RISK - REITS OWN HIGHER QUALITY ASSETS

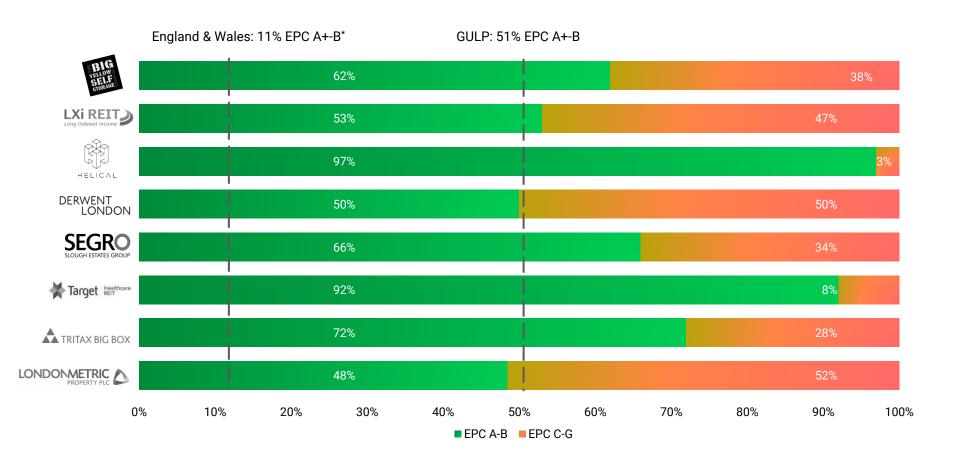
Government Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards require non-domestic properties to have a minimum EPC rating of B by 2030, with an interim target of EPC C by 2027.





# CLIMATE CHANGE RISK - FUTURE PROOFED PORTFOLIO

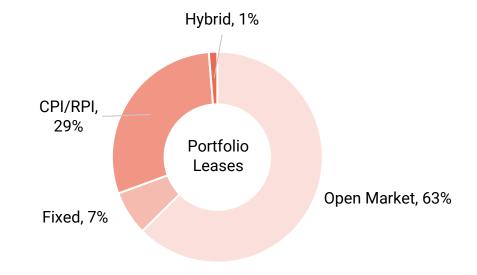
The energy efficiency of buildings is increasingly important from both an environmental and investment perspective Obsolescence risk is reduced through investing in REITs owning and developing high quality assets



# INFLATION PROOFING - INCOME GROWTH AND FIXED RATE DEBT

# **Growing Rents**

- c. 36% Inflation-linked or Fixed Uplifts
- 8.5 years weighted average unexpiredlease term (WAULT)

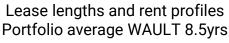


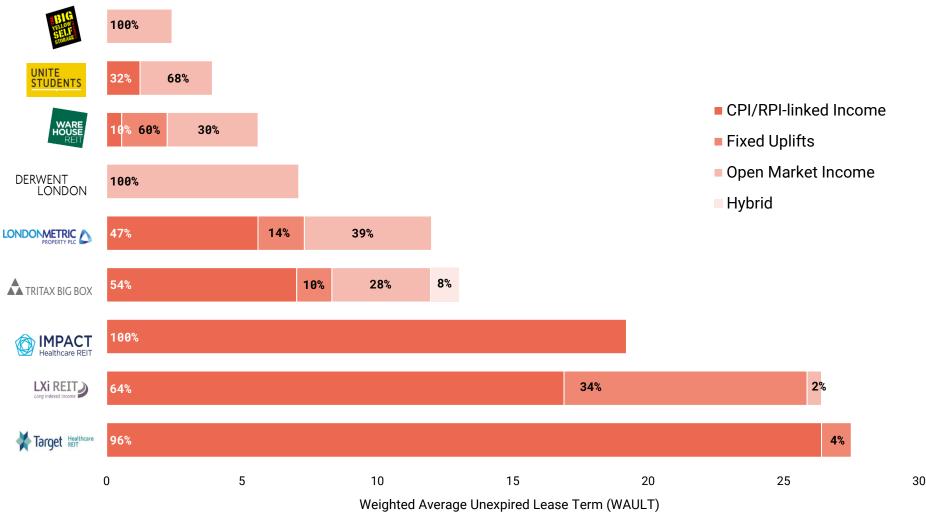
#### Fixed Rate Debt

72% Fixed Rate Debt25% portfolio LTV (estimated)

Loan to Value	Av. Cost of Debt	Av. Debt Maturity	% Fixed or capped
25%	2.6%	5.7 years	72%

# INFLATION PROOFING - LONG LEASES AND RENT ESCALATORS





# INFLATION AND INTEREST RATE RISK - RISING RATES AND REITS

Risings rents matter more than rising rates

Economic growth typically drives tenant demand

Identifying powerful socio-economic trends and investing in best-in-class assets tends to trump rising rates Many high-performing specialist REITs didn't exist 20 years ago

Bank of England Rate Hiking Cycle	Bank of England Base Rate Increase	UK REITs Total Return
November 2017 to August 2018	+50bps	+8.1%
August 2006 to July 2007	+125bps	+2.0%
November 2003 to August 2004	+125bps	+29.6%
September 1999 to February 2000	+100bps	-26.3%
October 1996 to June 1998	+150bps	+23.5%
September 1994 to February 1995	+137.5bps	-6.4%

Current Positioning

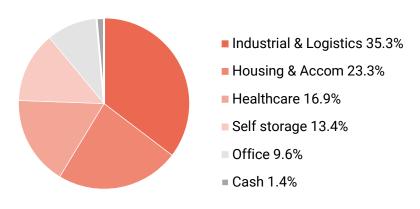


# PORTFOLIO EXPOSURE AND TOP 10 HOLDINGS

#### Portfolio as at 31 December 2022

Company	Holding
SEGRO PLC	8.06%
Unite Group PLC	7.56%
Tritax Big Box REIT PLC	7.14%
Grainger PLC	5.78%
PRS Reit PLC	5.70%
Assura PLC	5.50%
Urban Logistics Reit PLC	5.34%
Big Yellow Group PLC	5.30%
Safestore Holdings PLC	5.22%
Primary Health Properties PLC	5.14%

# Sector Breakdown

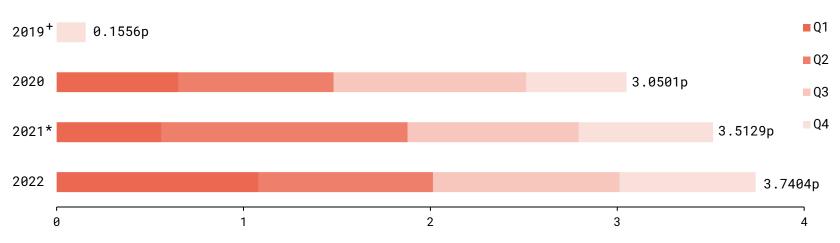


Regional Breakdown<sup>1</sup>



# RELIABLE DISTRIBUTIONS AND COST SAVINGS

#### Dividends



# **Cost Savings**

Since inception, the Fund has made savings of 129bps by investing c. £13.2 million across 22 placings

Date	Number of participating placings	Amount Invested (£m)	Saving at fund level
2022 to date	2	1.0	0.07%
2021	14	10.3	0.71%
2020	4	0.8	0.26%
2019	2	1.0	0.25%
Inception to date	22	£13.2m	1.29%

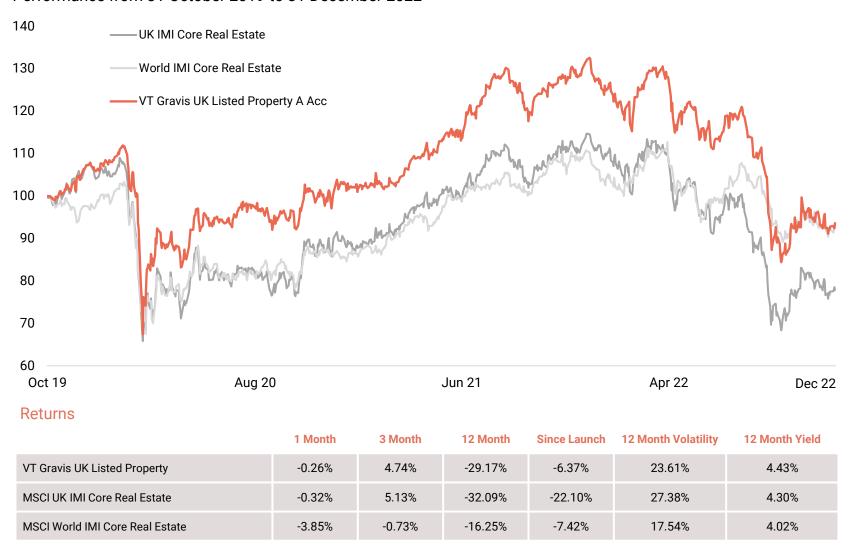
# RELIABLE DISTRIBUTION

Driven by strong underlying investments the Fund has declared 9 distributions since inception

DERWENT 29  Phi Primary Health Health Properties 26  ASSURA 10  SEIESTORE 9  SEGRO 8	Company	Years of Consecutive Dividend per Share Growth
Assura 10 Sefestore 9	DERWENT LONDON	29
Assura 10 Sefestore 9	Primary Health Properties	26
safestore 9	TELLOW STORAGES	12
	Assura 🚨	10
SEGRO 8	safestore	9
	SEGRO	8

# PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH

#### Performance from 31 October 2019 to 31 December 2022



Appendix



#### FUND INVESTMENT MANAGER



#### Matthew Norris CFA - Fund Adviser & Director of Real Estate

Matthew is the lead adviser to the VT Gravis UK Listed Property Fund and the VT Gravis Digital Infrastructure Income Fund. He has more than two decades investment management experience and has a specialist focus on real estate securities.

He served as an Executive Director of Grosvenor Europe where he was responsible for global real estate securities strategies.

Matthew holds a BA (Hons) degree in Economics & Politics from the University of York, the Investment Management Certificate and is a CFA charterholder.

He also provides expert input to research projects run by EPRA, which focus on the importance of emergent real estate sectors.

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# **KEY TERMS**

# VT Gravis UK Listed Property Fund

Fund Size	£70.22m (as at 31 December 2022)		
Yield (A Inc GBP)	4.43%		
Share Classes	Income & Accumulation / GBP, USD & EURO		
Minimum Investment	£100		
Capped fund operating charges*	0.7%		
Synthetic OCF**	1.29%		
Launch Date	31/10/2019		
Launch Price (31/10/2019)	£1		
Valuation and trading	Daily 12pm		
Investment Association Sector	Property Other		
Holdings	London Stock Exchange Listed Securities, Real Estate Investment Trusts, Bonds & Closed ended funds exposed to REITs		
Number of holdings	23		
Distributions	Quarterly - January, April, July, October (announced one month in advance)		
Classification	Non-complex		
£ ISINs & SEDOLs	Main Share Class (PAIF)       Feeder         £ Acc GB00BK8VW755 / BK8VW75       £ Acc GB00BKDZ8Y17 / BKDZ8Y1         £ Inc GB00BK8VW532 / BK8VW53       £ Inc GB00BKDZ8V85 / BKDZ8V8         \$ Acc GB00BK8VYN55 / BK8VYN5       \$ Acc GB00BKDZ9049 / BKDZ904         \$ Inc GB00BK8VMH57 / BK8VMH5       \$ Inc GB00BKDZ8X00 / BKDZ8X0         € Acc GB00BK8VW862 / BK8VW86       € Acc GB00BKDZ8Z24 / BKDZ8Z2         € Inc GB00BK8VW649 / BK8VW64       € Inc GB00BKDZ8W92 / BKDZ8W9		



#### GRAVIS RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT







#### Gravis' Commitments

- Committed to running operations on a carbon-neutral basis by 2023
- Signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment since January 2019
- Participant in the UN Global Compact Network
- Abide by the UK Stewardship Code 2020
- Working towards adherence to the recommendations of the Taskforce for Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- Firm wide Responsible Investment Policy and exclusion of investment in controversial activities

#### **Gravis Responsible Investment Policy**

- Positive impact assessment
- · Environmental, Social & Governance considerations
- · Avoidance of controversial activities
- Employs independent analysis

#### **Voting & Engagement Policy**

- Formally implemented in Q4 2021
- Gravis seek to engage with the companies in which we invest to understand and provide input into the key areas we see having a material impact on shareholder value
- Gravis votes systematically, using voting research provided by ISS in line with their Sustainability Proxy Voting Guidelines

#### PLATFORMS AND WRAPPERS

# Available on the following platforms

7IM Nucleus Aegon Old Mutual

AJ Bell Quilter
Allfunds Pershing

Ascentric Raymond James

Aviva Sanlam Barclays SEI

CoFunds Standard Life - Elevate Fidelity Funds Network Standard Life - Wrap

Zurich

FNZ Transact

Hargreaves Lansdown Winterfloods

Hubwise

Interactive Investor

James Hay

Novia

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- iv. Gravis Advisory Ltd. is a subsidiary of Gravis Capital Management and is Investment Adviser to the Fund.

#### **Distribution**

Gravis Advisory Ltd.

- The team of four consultants has assisted in raising over £3bn since launch in 2009.
- ii. The team has raised new capital for IPOs, and further capital raising through C share offerings and Placing Programs, UCIS Funds, UCITS funds, UK OEICs, VCTs and Private Equity.
- iii. The team has combined experience of over 90 years in the UK.

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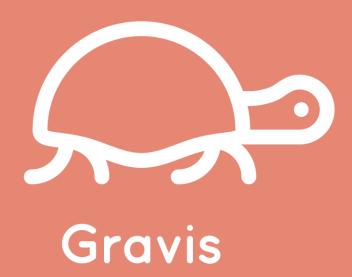
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