

# AJ Bell Funds

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# **VT AJ Bell Cautious**

As at 30 April 2024



# **Investment objective**

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## Investment approach

By spreading out the investments across regions, sectors and different types of assets, the fund aims to achieve its return objective whilst minimising price variation where possible. It does so by investing mainly in collective investments, such as funds and ETFs. These products mainly hold typically lower risk assets such as cash and bonds, with smaller holdings in company shares. The fund also directly invests in some government bonds.

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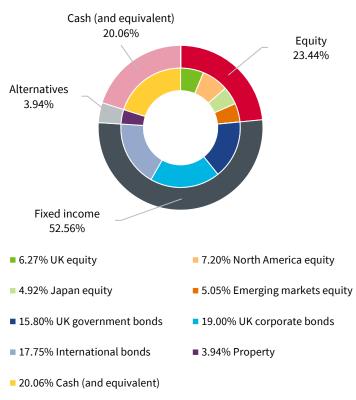
## Top 10 holdings (weight %)

Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	15.75
Cash	15.32
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	7.87
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	7.20
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	5.05
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	4.92
BlackRock Institutional Sterling Liquidity	4.74
Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	4.68
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	3.26
State Street Global High Yield Bond Screened Index	3.00

#### **Fund & share class information**

Launch date	18 April 2017
Share class currency	GBP
Legal structure	UCITS
Valuation point	12:00 Midday
Dealing frequency	Daily
ISA/SIPP eligible	Yes
Initial charge	0.00%
Ongoing charges per annum <sup>(1)</sup>	0.31%
Transaction costs <sup>(2)</sup>	0.08%
Fund size	£100.22M
ISIN (I Acc)	GB00BYW8RV97
IA sector	IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares
Fund Manager	AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd

#### **Asset allocation**



Discrete (%)	Apr 2023- Apr 2024		Apr 2021- Apr 2022		
VT AJ Bell Cautious	5.10	-2.15	0.60	5.75	3.23
IA Mixed Investment 0- 35% Shares	4.40	-3.72	-3.02	9.29	-0.55
IA Sector quartile	2nd	1st	1st	4th	1st

(4) The above table shows the total return of the fund during each one-year time period stated.

Cumulative (non- annualised %)	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
VT AJ Bell Cautious	0.98	6.69	5.10	3.46	12.95
IA Mixed Investment 0- 35% Shares	0.96	7.32	4.40	-2.52	5.96
IA Sector quartile	2nd	3rd	2nd	1st	1st

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# VT AJ Bell Moderately Cautious

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As at 30 April 2024

## Investment objective

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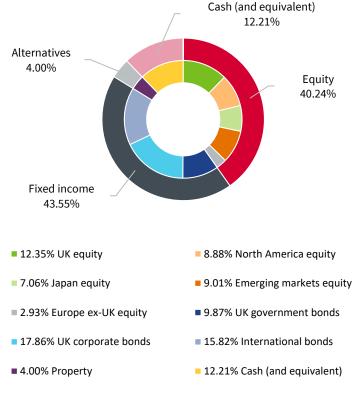
# Top 10 holdings (weight %)

Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	15.96
Cash	12.21
Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	11.54
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	8.88
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	7.67
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	6.91
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	5.98
State Street Global High Yield Bond Screened Index	3.36
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Equity Index Plus	2.93
iShares UK Property ETF	2.52
Index Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Equity Index Plus	2.93

#### **Fund & share class information**

Launch date	18 April 2017
Share class currency	GBP
Legal structure	UCITS
Valuation point	12:00 Midday
Dealing frequency	Daily
ISA/SIPP eligible	Yes
Initial charge	0.00%
Ongoing charges per annum <sup>(1)</sup>	0.31%
Transaction costs <sup>(2)</sup>	0.10%
Fund size	£324.84M
ISIN (I Ac	c) GB00BYW8VJ55
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IA sector	IA Mixed Investment 20- 60% Shares
Fund Manager	AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd

# **Asset allocation**

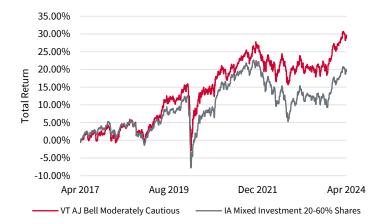


Discrete (%)			Apr 2021- Apr 2022		•
VT AJ Bell Moderately Cautious	7.81	-1.80	1.60	10.61	2.16
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	6.43	-2.65	-2.20	16.02	-3.62
IA Sector quartile	1st	2nd	1st	4th	1st

(4) The above table shows the total return of the fund during each one-year time period stated.

Cumulative (non- annualised %)	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
VT AJ Bell Moderately Cautious	2.39	9.04	7.81	7.56	21.54
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	2.19	9.55	6.43	1.34	13.32
IA Sector quartile	2nd	3rd	1st	1st	1st

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# VT AJ Bell Balanced

As at 30 April 2024



# Investment objective

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## Investment approach

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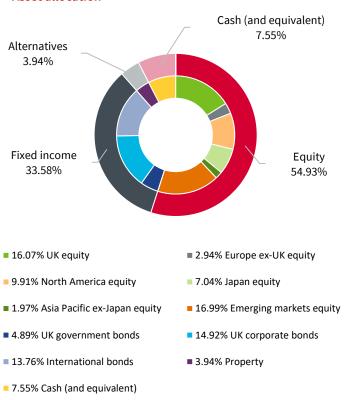
# Top 10 holdings (weight %)

Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	14.92
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	13.75
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	12.62
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	9.91
Cash	7.55
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	6.83
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	5.99
iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets IMI ETF	3.23
Vanguard USD Emerging Markets Government Bond ETF	2.98
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Equity Index Plus	2.94

#### Fund & share class information

Launch date	18 April 2017
Share class currency	GBP
Legal structure	UCITS
Valuation point	12:00 Midday
Dealing frequency	Daily
ISA/SIPP eligible	Yes
Initial charge	0.00%
Ongoing charges per annum <sup>(1)</sup>	0.31%
Transaction costs <sup>(2)</sup>	0.10%
Fund size	£985.01M
ISIN (I Acc)	GB00BYW8RX12
IA sector	IA Mixed Investment 40- 85% Shares
Fund Manager	AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd

## **Asset allocation**



Discrete (%)			Apr 2021- Apr 2022	•	_
VT AJ Bell Balanced	9.00	0.16	4.41	15.07	1.29
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	8.69	-1.81	-0.09	21.44	-3.76
IA Sector quartile	2nd	1st	1st	4th	1st

(4) The above table shows the total return of the fund during each one-year time period stated.

Cumulative (non- annualised %)	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
VT AJ Bell Balanced	3.82	10.58	9.00	13.98	32.85
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	3.51	12.23	8.69	6.63	24.63
IA Sector quartile	2nd	4th	2nd	1st	1st

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# **VT AJ Bell Moderately Adventurous**

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As at 30 April 2024

## Investment objective

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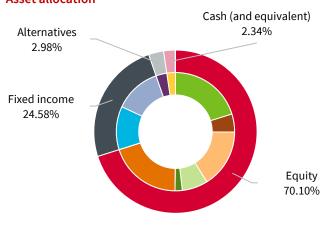
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Xtrackers S&P Europe ex-UK ETF	2.65
Cash	2.34

#### **Fund & share class information**

Launch date	18 April 2017
Share class currency	GBP
Legal structure	UCITS
Valuation point	12:00 Midday
Dealing frequency	Daily
ISA/SIPP eligible	Yes
Initial charge	0.00%
Ongoing charges per annum <sup>(1)</sup>	0.31%
Transaction costs <sup>(2)</sup>	0.09%
Fund size	£721.83M
ISIN (I Acc)	GB00BYW8VL77
IA sector	IA Mixed Investment 40- 85% Shares
Fund Manager	AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd

# **Asset allocation**





Discrete (%)	Apr 2023- Apr 2024	Apr 2022- Apr 2023	Apr 2021- Apr 2022	Apr 2020- Apr 2021	Apr 2019- Apr 2020
VT AJ Bell Moderately Adventurous	10.88	0.40	6.03	19.36	-1.38
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	8.69	-1.81	-0.09	21.44	-3.76
IA Sector quartile	1st	1st	1st	3rd	2nd

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Cumulative (non- annualised %)	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
VT AJ Bell Moderately Adventurous	5.03	12.32	10.88	18.03	38.93
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IA Sector quartile	1st	2nd	1st	1st	1st

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# **VT AJ Bell Adventurous**

As at 30 April 2024



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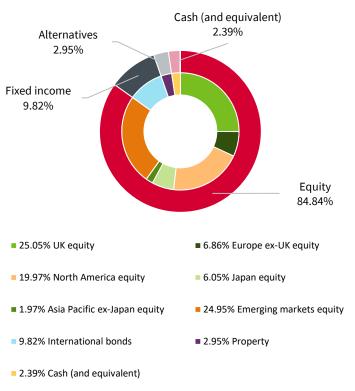
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SPDR S&P 500 ETF	18.15
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	15.07
iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets IMI ETF	9.89
Lyxor Core UK Equity All Cap ETF	6.56
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	5.94
Xtrackers S&P Europe ex-UK ETF	4.37
iShares \$ High Yield ESG Corporate Bond ETF (GBP Hedged)	3.72
Vanguard USD Emerging Markets Government Bond ETF	2.98
State Street Global High Yield Bond Screened Index	2.85

#### Fund & share class information

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Share class currency	GBP
Legal structure	UCITS
Valuation point	12:00 Midday
Dealing frequency	Daily
ISA/SIPP eligible	Yes
Initial charge	0.00%
Ongoing charges per annum <sup>(1)</sup>	0.31%
Transaction costs <sup>(2)</sup>	0.07%
Fund size	£557.47M
ISIN (I Acc)	GB00BYW8VG25
IA sector	IA Flexible Investment
Fund Manager	AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd

# **Asset allocation**

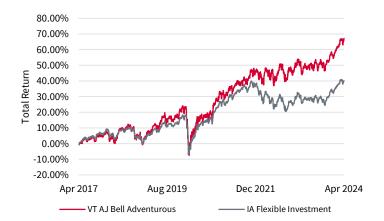


Discrete (%)			Apr 2021- Apr 2022		
VT AJ Bell Adventurous	12.51	1.45	8.31	23.78	-2.57
IA Flexible Investment	8.98	-1.37	-0.55	24.66	-4.16
IA Sector quartile	1st	1st	1st	3rd	2nd

(4) The above table shows the total return of the fund during each one-year time period stated.

Cumulative (non- annualised %)	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
VT AJ Bell Adventurous	6.13	14.04	12.51	23.62	49.07
IA Flexible Investment	3.96	12.28	8.98	6.90	27.71
IA Sector quartile	1st	2nd	1st	1st	1st

(5) The above table displays the total return of the fund on a cumulative basis over the previous five years. This is taken from the most recent month end.



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# VT AJ Bell Global Growth

As at 30 April 2024

# **W**AJBell

# Investment objective

The fund aims to make a positive return over 5 years, however the size of gains (or losses) are likely to be limited by the requirement to remain within a certain risk profile. Over shorter periods the fund may lose value as it invests in securities that can go both up and down in price. It looks to achieve this by investing in different assets, with a focus towards riskier investments such as company shares, and minimal holdings in cash and bonds.

## **Investment approach**

By spreading out the investments across regions, sectors and different types of assets, the fund aims to achieve its return objective whilst minimising price variation where possible. It does so by investing mainly in collective investments, such as funds and ETFs. These products hold different types of securities such as cash and bonds and company shares.

The AJ Bell investments team uses in-house modelling to deliver a long-term approach that combines different assets. This aims to efficiently deliver returns without compromising investors' tolerance for risk.

Our focus on long-term investing helps minimise transaction costs, ensuring that there is minimal impact on the fund, however the asset allocation and selection is constantly monitored, and underlying holdings will be changed when appropriate.

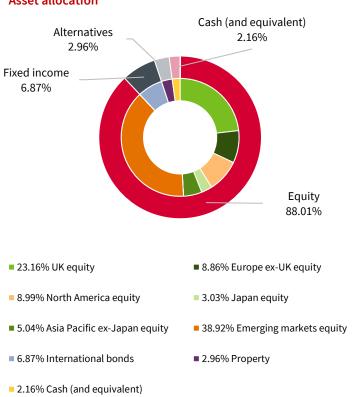
## Top 10 holdings (weight %)

iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets IMI ETF	18.83
Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	18.55
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	16.25
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	8.99
Xtrackers S&P Europe ex-UK ETF	4.95
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Equity Index Plus	3.91
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	3.85
State Street Global High Yield Bond Screened Index	3.83
Lyxor Core UK Equity All Cap ETF	3.73
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	3.03

#### **Fund & share class information**

Launch date	11 June 2018
Share class currency	GBP
Legal structure	UCITS
Valuation point	12:00 Midday
Dealing frequency	Daily
ISA/SIPP eligible	Yes
Initial charge	0.00%
Ongoing charges per annum <sup>(1)</sup>	0.31%
Transaction costs <sup>(2)</sup>	0.08%
Fund size	£241.00M
ISIN (I Acc)	GB00BD833W40
IA sector	IA Flexible Investment
Fund Manager	AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd

# **Asset allocation**



Discrete (%)	Apr 2023- Apr 2024		Apr 2021- Apr 2022		
VT AJ Bell Global Growth	10.47	0.67	7.11	29.66	-5.09
IA Flexible Investment	8.98	-1.37	-0.55	24.66	-4.16
IA Sector quartile	2nd	1st	1st	2nd	3rd

(4) The above table shows the total return of the fund during each one-year time period stated.

Cumulative (non- annualised %)	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
VT AJ Bell Global Growth	7.07	13.10	10.47	19.11	46.59
IA Flexible Investment	3.96	12.28	8.98	6.90	27.71
IA Sector quartile	1st	2nd	2nd	1st	1st

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# VT AJ Bell Income

As at 30 April 2024



# Investment objective

The fund aims to minimise the risk of losing value whilst targeting an annual income distribution of between 3% and 5% when measured over a period of at least five years, although neither of these objectives are guaranteed. Over shorter periods the fund may lose value as it invests in securities that can go both up and down in price. It looks to achieve this by investing in different assets such as bonds and company shares, with a particular focus on generating the targeted income.

## Investment approach

By spreading out the investments across regions, sectors and different types of assets, the fund aims to achieve its return objective whilst minimising price variation where possible. It does so by investing mainly in collective investments, such as funds and ETFs. These products hold different types of securities such as cash and bonds and company shares.

The AJ Bell investments team uses in-house modelling to deliver a longterm approach that combines different assets. This aims to efficiently deliver returns without compromising investors' tolerance for risk.

To deliver income the fund invests in a wide range of strategies that may include both actively managed and passive strategies. Our focus on long-term investing helps minimise transaction costs, ensuring that there is minimal impact on the fund, however the asset allocation and selection is constantly monitored, and underlying holdings will be changed when appropriate.

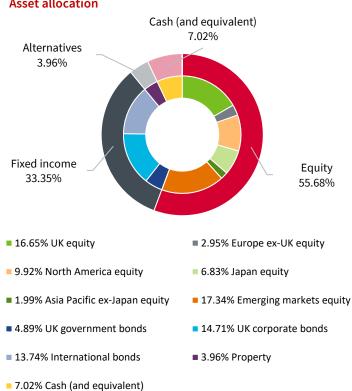
# Top 10 holdings (weight %)

Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	14.71
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	14.38
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	11.31
Cash	7.02
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	6.87
Fidelity Emerging Markets Quality Income ETF	6.03
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF	5.86
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	5.83
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	4.09
Vanguard USD Emerging Markets Government Bond ETF	2.97

#### Fund & share class information

Launch date		08 April 2019
Share class currency		GBP
Legal structure		UCITS
Valuation point		12:00 Midday
Dealing frequency		Daily
ISA/SIPP eligible		Yes
Initial charge		0.00%
Ongoing charges per annum <sup>(1)</sup>		0.65%
Transaction costs <sup>(2)</sup>		0.15%
Fund size		£49.02M
ISIN	(I Acc)	GB00BH3W7446
	(I Inc)	GB00BH3W7552
Fund Manager		AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd

## **Asset allocation**

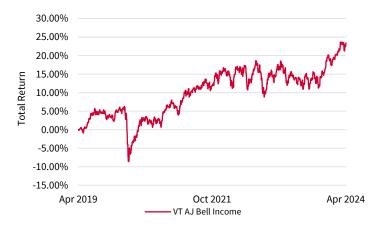


				Apr 2020- Apr 2021	
VT AJ Bell Income	7.84	-2.06	6.62	11.54	-2.03

(4) The above table shows the total return of the fund during each one-year time period stated.

Cumulative (non- annualised %)	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
VT AJ Bell Income	3.85	10.41	7.84	12.62	23.07

(5) The above table displays the total return of the fund on a cumulative basis over the previous five years. This is taken from the most recent month end.



Source: Morningstar as at 30 April 2024.

# **Target income**

Based on the current composition of the portfolio and the most recent dividend and income payments made by these holdings we can estimate the target income yield the portfolio will generate over a trailing 3-year period. It is important to note that historic income and dividend payments are not always a reliable indicator of future income payments, especially in periods of market stress.







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# **VT AJ Bell Income & Growth**

As at 30 April 2024



# Investment objective

The fund aims to make a positive return, in line with inflation (as measured by the consumer price index), whist also targeting an annual income distribution of between 3% and 5% when measured over a period of at least five years, although neither of these objectives are guaranteed. Over shorter periods the fund may lose value as it invests in securities that can go both up and down in price. It looks to achieve this by investing in different with a focus on riskier assets such as company shares, and smaller holdings in bonds.

#### Investment approach

By spreading out the investments across regions, sectors and different types of assets, the fund aims to achieve its return objective whilst minimising price variation where possible. It does so by investing mainly in collective investments, such as funds and ETFs. These products hold different types of securities such as cash and bonds and company shares.

The AJ Bell investments team uses in-house modelling to deliver a longterm approach that combines different assets. This aims to efficiently deliver returns without compromising investors' tolerance for risk.

To deliver income the fund invests in a wide range of strategies that may include both actively managed and passive strategies. Our focus on long-term investing helps minimise transaction costs, ensuring that there is minimal impact on the fund, however the asset allocation and selection is constantly monitored, and underlying holdings will be changed when appropriate.

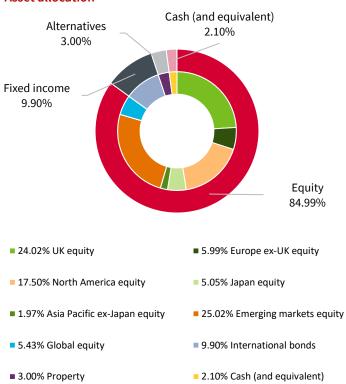
# Top 10 holdings (weight %)

iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	17.87
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	15.14
Fidelity Emerging Markets Quality Income ETF	9.88
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	9.61
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	7.90
Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	6.15
iShares MSCI Europe Quality Dividend ETF	5.99
iShares MSCI World Quality Dividend ETF	5.43
iShares \$ High Yield ESG Corporate Bond ETF (GBP Hedged)	3.60
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF	3.24

## **Fund & share class information**

Launch date		08 April 2019
Share class currency		GBP
Legal structure		UCITS
Valuation point		12:00 Midday
Dealing frequency		Daily
ISA/SIPP eligible		Yes
Initial charge		0.00%
Ongoing charges per annum <sup>(1)</sup>		0.65%
Transaction costs <sup>(2)</sup>		0.12%
Fund size		£61.95M
ISIN	(I Acc)	GB00BH3W7883
	(I Inc)	GB00BH3W7990
Fund Manager		AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd

## **Asset allocation**

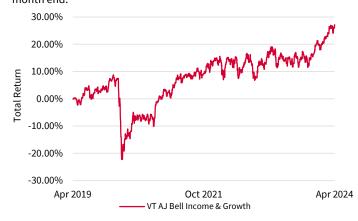


Discrata (%)		_	_	_	Apr 2019 - Apr 2020
VT AJ Bell Income & Growth	10.56	0.38	6.65	20.77	-11.22

(4) The above table shows the total return of the fund during each one-year time period stated.

Cumulative (non- annualised %)	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
VT AJ Bell Income & Growth	5.68	13.33	10.56	18.36	26.91

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Source: Morningstar as at 30 April 2024.

# **Target income**

Based on the current composition of the portfolio and the most recent dividend and income payments made by these holdings we can estimate the target income yield the portfolio will generate over a trailing 3-year period. It is important to note that historic income and dividend payments are not always a reliable indicator of future income payments, especially in periods of market stress.

Target income 3.00% - 5.00%







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# VT AJ Bell Responsible Growth

**V**AJBell

As at 30 April 2024

## Investment objective

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## Investment approach

By spreading out the investments across regions, sectors and different types of assets, the fund aims to achieve its return objective whilst minimising price variation where possible. It does so by investing in collective investments, such as funds and ETFs. These products mainly invest in company shares, with small holdings in bonds. Where possible we choose products that screen out companies generating substantial revenue from certain business involvements that may be deemed by some as controversial or immoral. These include but are not limited to gambling, certain fossil fuels and genetically modified organisms or companies that are deemed to be in breach of the UN Global Compact. In addition, we look for products that overweight companies with stronger environmental, social or governance practices compared to other companies in the same sector, as determined by ESG rating companies such as MSCI.

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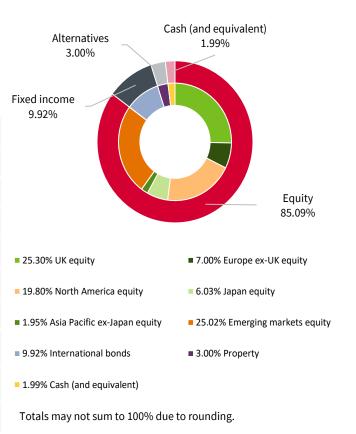
# Top 10 holdings (weight %)

Xtrackers ESG MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	17.98
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Amundi MSCI UK IMI SRI PAB ETF	12.87
UBS MSCI UK IMI Socially Responsible ETF	12.42
iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF	7.04
Amundi MSCI Europe SRI PAB ETF	7.00
iShares MSCI Japan SRI ETF	6.03
iShares \$ High Yield ESG Corporate Bond ETF (GBP Hedged)	4.38
L&G ESG Emerging Markets Corp Bond ETF	2.97
Invesco Global High Yield Corporate Bond ESG ETF	2.57

#### **Fund & share class information**

Launch date	23 November 2020
Share class currency	GBP
Legal structure	UCITS
Valuation point	12:00 Midday
Dealing frequency	Daily
ISA/SIPP eligible	Yes
Initial charge	0.00%
Ongoing charges per annum <sup>(1)</sup>	0.45%
Transaction costs <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%
Fund size	£118.37M
ISIN (I	Acc) GB00BN0S2V92
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IA sector	IA Flexible Investment
Fund Manager	AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd

#### **Asset allocation**

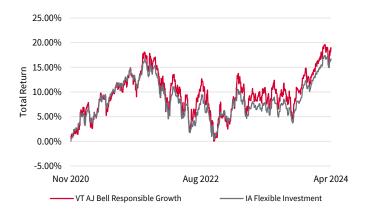


Discrete (%)	Apr 2023- Apr 2024	Apr 2022- Apr 2023	Apr 2021-Apr 2022
VT AJ Bell Responsible Growth	8.86	-1.78	2.26
IA Flexible Investment	8.98	-1.37	-0.55
IA Sector quartile	3rd	2nd	2nd

(4) The above table shows the total return of the fund during each oneyear time period stated

Cumulative (non- annualised %)	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years
VT AJ Bell Responsible Growth	4.41	12.81	8.86	9.33
IA Flexible Investment	3.96	12.28	8.98	6.90
IA Sector quartile	2nd	3rd	3rd	2nd

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