

# AJ Bell Passive MPS 3

As of 31/03/2025

## Portfolio Commentary

The first quarter saw rising uncertainty around trade policy and economic growth, with heightened scrutiny of the US economy, equity market and currency. Bond markets also had to assess the implications for growth against a backdrop of persistent, above-target inflation.

The portfolio's fixed income bucket was well placed to navigate these challenges as they are shorter in duration. US TIPS were the best performing bond allocation, aided by the currency hedge. The quarter also saw credit spreads widening, although not enough to offset the coupon income and hence the high yield allocation in the portfolio had another strong quarter.

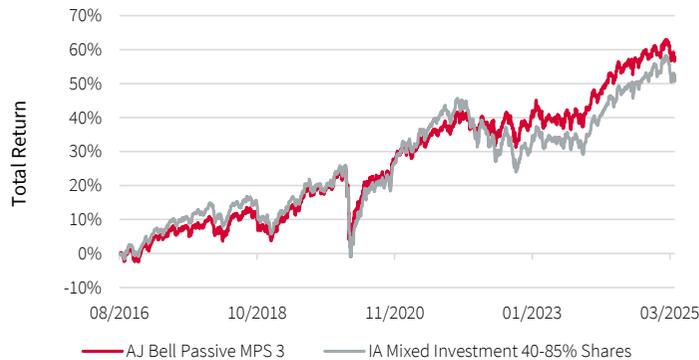
UK equities had a solid start to the year, benefiting from the diversification of the UK market in energy and financial sectors, with banks, in particular, seeing the benefit of the higher-for-longer interest rate environment. Across the Atlantic, the US lagged due to weak performance from the "Magnificent Seven" companies. China emerged as the portfolio's standout performer, with advances in Chinese AI technology posing an increasing challenge to US incumbents.

Overall, Passive MPS 3 was down 0.9% over the quarter.

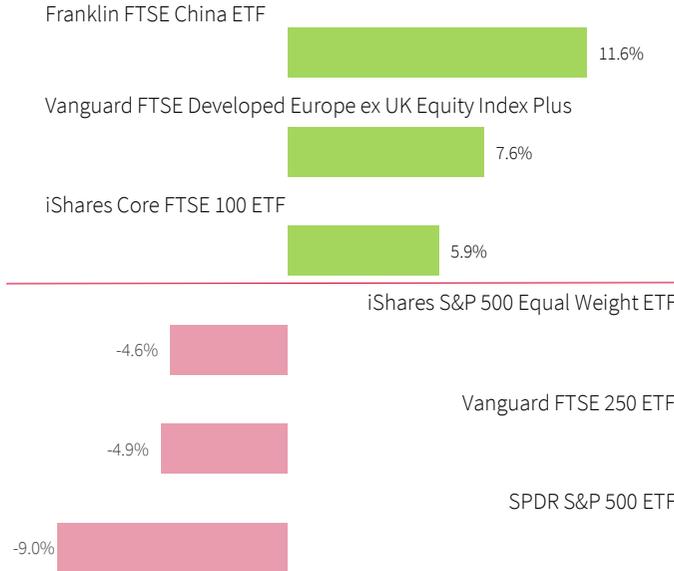
## Trailing Returns (%)

	3m	6m	1y	2y	3y	Launch
Passive MPS 3	-0.9	-0.2	2.9	12.8	12.7	57.6
IA Sector	-1.2	-0.1	3.3	13.7	8.5	51.1

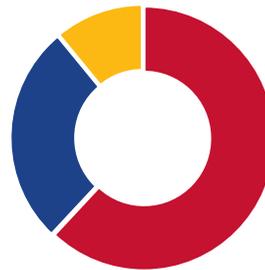
## Cumulative Performance



## Q1 2025 Best/Worst Performers



## Asset Breakdown



- Equity - 62.0%
- Fixed Income - 27.0%
- Alternatives - 0.0%
- Cash - 11.0%

## Regional Breakdown



- North America - 34.8%
- United Kingdom - 21.2%
- Europe Developed - 15.1%
- Asia Emerging - 8.6%
- Japan - 6.6%
- Asia Developed - 4.4%
- Other - 9.2%

## Portfolio Snapshot

Number of Holdings	16
Inception Date	18/08/2016
Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF)	0.25%

## Top 10 Holdings

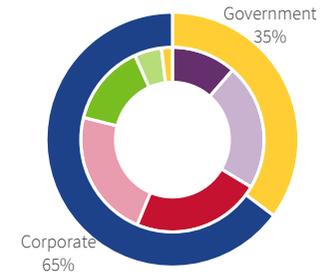
	Weight (%)
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	18.0
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	12.0
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	12.0
Amundi MSCI Emerging Markets ex China ETF	9.0
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Equity Index Plus	8.0
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	6.0
iShares £ Ultrashort Bond ETF	6.0
Invesco Global High Yield Corporate Bond ESG ETF	5.0
iShares US TIPS 0-5yr (GBP hedged)	4.0
Franklin FTSE China ETF	4.0

## Shares Sector Breakdown



- Financial Services - 19.0%
- Technology - 18.2%
- Industrials - 12.4%
- Consumer Cyclical - 10.7%
- Healthcare - 10.0%
- Consumer Defensive - 7.9%
- Communication Services - 7.3%
- Other - 14.6%

## Credit Quality Breakdown



- Government - 35%
- Corporate - 65%
- AAA - 11.4%
- AA - 22.2%
- A - 22.7%
- BBB - 22.6%
- BB - 14.4%
- B - 4.8%
- Below B - 1.9%

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