

VT AJ Bell Income & Growth Q4 2020 Report

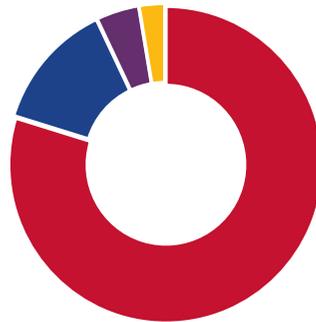
Commentary

Despite a difficult year for income seekers, the final quarter of 2020 saw a bounce-back in share prices of traditional dividend-paying stocks. By and large, these are concentrated in mature industries that have been around for a long time and have stable earnings. They have also been among the worst-affected companies during the COVID-19 lockdowns, especially in the retail and energy sectors. When the first successful vaccine trials were announced in early November 2020, there was a positive view that these companies could recover quickly.

Bonds, on the other hand, have continued to give relatively flat performance. With interest rates at record lows, it has been difficult for investors to see returns above inflation here.

The Income & Growth fund has many international holdings, mostly in shares. Its overall total return across the quarter was 9.3%, improving its 12-month return to -5.7%.

Asset Breakdown



Shares	79.8%
Bonds	13.2%
Cash	4.4%
Other	2.6%

Shares Regional Breakdown



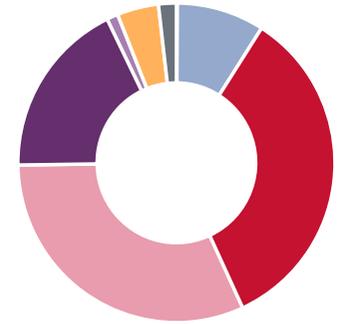
United Kingdom	30.8%
North America	25.3%
Europe Developed	14.6%
Asia Developed	13.3%
Asia Emerging	6.5%
Australasia	4.9%
Japan	4.7%

Shares Sector Breakdown



Real Estate	21.1%
Financial Services	15.3%
Consumer Defensive	12.3%
Utilities	9.4%
Technology	9.0%
Basic Materials	6.9%
Industrials	6.6%
Other	19.3%

Bond Maturity Breakdown



Less than 1 Year	0.1%
1-3 Years	8.9%
3-5 Years	34.1%
5-7 Years	31.6%
7-10 Years	18.0%
10-15 Years	1.1%
15-20 Years	0.0%
20-30 Years	4.2%
30+ Years	1.8%

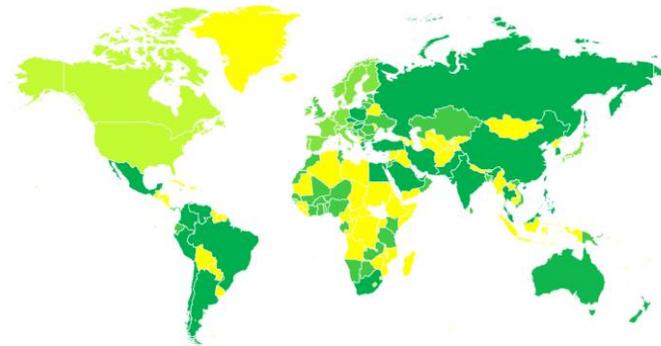
Trailing Returns (%)

Last quarter	9.3
Year to Date	-5.7
1 Year	-5.7

Historic Performance



Q4 2020 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



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0.0%

13.2%

Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	10.6
Jupiter Asian Income	9.9
L&G Global Real Estate Dividend Index	9.9
iShares MSCI Target UK Real Estate ETF	9.8
iShares MSCI Europe Quality Dividend ETF	9.8
Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond	9.8
iShares MSCI World Quality Dividend ETF	9.7
JPM Emerging Markets Income	7.0
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	6.7
Man GLG Income	5.1

Fund Snapshot

ISIN (Distributing Class)	GB00BH3W7990
ISIN (Accumulating Class)	GB00BH3W7883
Inception Date	08/04/2019
Ongoing Charge	0.80%
Fund Size (£m)	24.13
12 Month Target Income	3-5%

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