

VT AJ Bell Moderately Cautious Q2 2023 Report

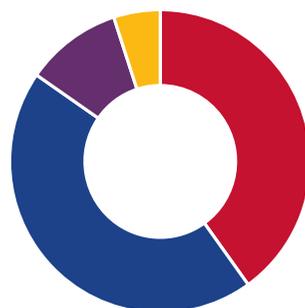
Commentary

Bonds were once again poor in the second quarter, as interest rate expectations crept higher globally. Most notably, inflation in the UK appeared stickier than elsewhere, and the Bank of England felt compelled to respond with a 0.5% hike in the base rate, up from the more steady pace of increases seen earlier in this rate cycle. What's more, unwanted headlines about possible government intervention in regulated water companies weighed on all UK assets, including gilts, stocks and property. But one brighter spot within bond markets was global high yields, which helped offset falls in capital value with its higher income payments.

In stock markets, AI technology took the limelight and provided a tailwind for a selection of large US index constituents. Japanese stocks reached levels not seen since the early 90s, although returns to UK investors were eroded by a weaker yen.

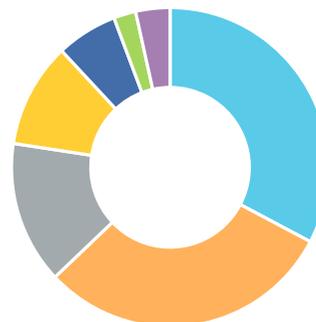
The fund finished the quarter 0.5% lower, with its weighting towards stocks offsetting most of the negative performance from bonds.

Asset Breakdown



Shares	40.1%
Bonds	44.6%
Cash	10.4%
Other	5.0%

Shares Regional Breakdown



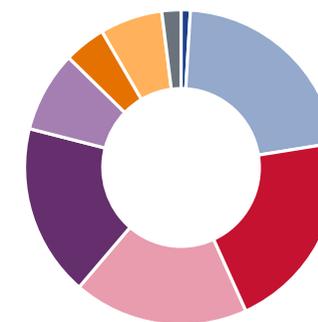
North America	32.7%
United Kingdom	30.2%
Japan	14.5%
Asia Emerging	10.6%
Asia Developed	6.2%
Africa	2.3%
Other	3.5%

Shares Sector Breakdown



Technology	16.8%
Financial Services	14.8%
Industrials	10.5%
Consumer Cyclical	10.3%
Healthcare	10.0%
Consumer Defensive	8.8%
Real Estate	8.2%
Other	20.6%

Bond Maturity Breakdown

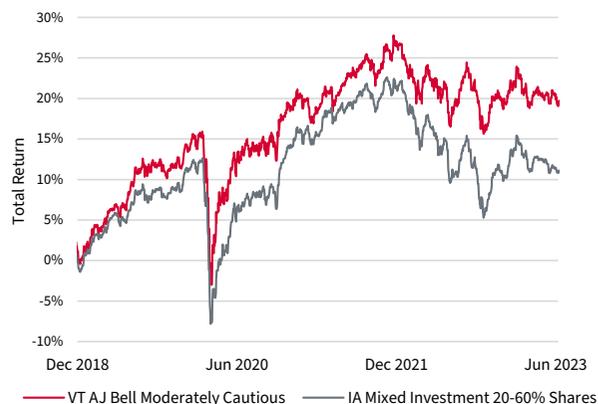


Less than 1 Year	1.0%
1-3 Years	21.5%
3-5 Years	20.7%
5-7 Years	18.1%
7-10 Years	17.7%
10-15 Years	8.3%
15-20 Years	4.3%
20-30 Years	6.5%
30+ Years	2.0%

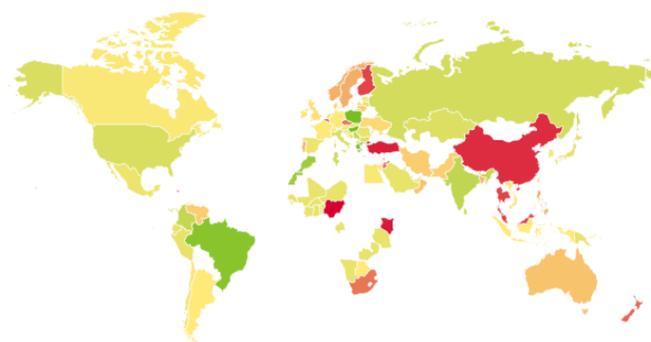
Trailing Returns (%)

Last quarter	-0.5
Year to Date	0.1
1 Year	1.3

Historic Performance



Q2 2023 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
Cash	10.2
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	13.2
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	12.9
Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	9.2
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	8.9
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	8.5
Amundi MSCI Japan ETF	6.0
State Street Global High Yield Bond Screened Index	5.6
iShares Global Aggregate Bond ETF	4.5
iShares UK Property ETF	3.4

Fund Snapshot

ISIN	GB00BYW8VJ55
IA Sector	IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares
Inception Date	18/04/2017
Ongoing Charge	0.31%
Fund Size (£m)	236.21
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	2.12%

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