VT AJ Bell Income Q3 2023 Report



Commentary

Income-generating assets, which this fund tilts heavily towards, fared well over the last quarter. Despite China's underperformance, the fund's Emerging Market stocks had a fruitful year, complemented by a fall in the pound that increased profits for UK investors. Globally, Japan had the best quarter, primarily fuelled by foreign investor flows. Energy stocks contributed significantly to the UK market because of higher oil prices. Unlike the previous quarter, US stock market performance wasn't as amplified by the 'magnificent seven' companies, which have benefitted from progress in artificial intelligence.

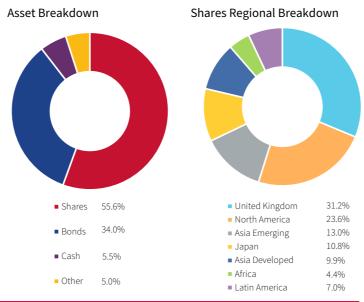
Lower-than-expected UK inflation prompted the Bank of England to maintain rates against a broader market consensus. The fund's strategic tilt towards lower interest rate-sensitive bonds proved beneficial, as it was shielded from the worst of the moves in the bond market. UK property was impacted by the volatility, yet the fund's property holding remained positive.

Overall, the fund was up 1.1% over the quarter.

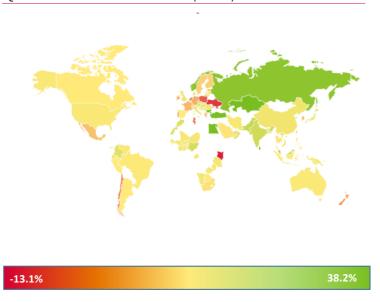
Trailing Returns (%) 1.1 Last quarter -0.3 Year to Date 2.9 1 Year

Historic Performance





Q3 2023 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



Shares Sector Breakdown		Bond Maturity Breakdown	
■ Financial Services	16.4%	■ Less than 1 Year	0.8%
Technology	10.2%	■ 1-3 Years	20.4%
Industrials	10.1%	■ 3-5 Years	24.2%
Consumer Cyclical	9.7%	■ 5-7 Years	18.2%
Consumer Defensive	9.6%	■ 7-10 Years ■ 10-15 Years	15.5%
Healthcare	9.5%	■ 10-15 Years	8.1% 4.9%
■ Real Estate	8.7%	= 20-30 Years	5.6%
Other	25.6%	■ 30+ Years	2.2%

Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	14.4
Fidelity Emerging Markets Quality Income ETF	14.0
iShares Core £ Corporate Bond ETF	10.3
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	9.0
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	7.7
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF	6.2
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	6.1
Cash	5.4
State Street Global High Yield Bond Screened Index	5.1
iShares UK Property ETF	3.4

Fund Snapshot	
ISIN (Distributing Class)	GB00BH3W7522
ISIN (Accumulating Class)	GB00BH3W7446
Inception Date	08/04/2019
Ongoing Charge	0.65%

W7446 1/2019 0.65% Fund Size (£m) 41.45 12 Month Yield (Reinvested) 3.58%



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