

# VT AJ Bell Income Q2 2024 Report



As of 30/06/2024

## Commentary

A more stable environment for corporate bonds was welcome after a volatile period in recent years. Investors appear to be showing greater confidence that inflation is easing and that has helped to lower bond yields and push up prices adding to the total returns of the fund's bond holdings.

The AJ Bell Income fund has just over half its assets in shares and benefited from broad gains across both developed and emerging markets. The UK stock market benefited from takeover activity, while China and India were among the foreign stock markets showing an improvement during the quarter.

The US market continued to make gains as investors bid up shares in tech firms, including names linked to the artificial intelligence theme. That's good for the fund as it has approximately 13% of its exposure to shares in the technology sector, an industry increasingly associated with strong dividend growth.

Japan is also experiencing a structural shift whereby companies are paying out more dividends. However, unfavourable currency rates reduced the returns for the fund's exposure to the Asian country during the quarter.

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

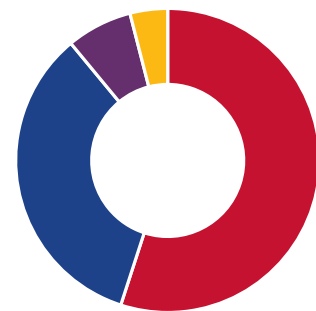
## Trailing Returns (%)

Last quarter	1.1
Year to Date	4.1
1 Year	10.7

## Historic Performance



## Asset Breakdown



■ Shares	55.0%
■ Bonds	34.0%
■ Cash	7.0%
■ Other	4.0%

## Shares Regional Breakdown



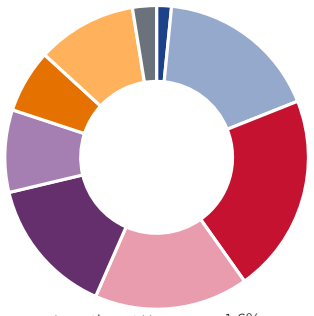
■ United Kingdom	31.2%
■ North America	17.4%
■ Asia Emerging	12.6%
■ Japan	5.3%
■ Other	8.5%

## Shares Sector Breakdown



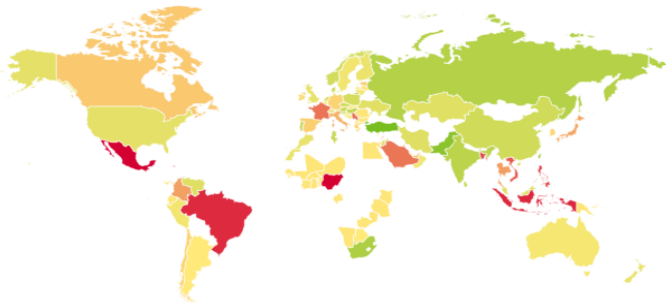
■ Financial Services	17.5%
■ Technology	13.6%
■ Industrials	11.2%
■ Consumer Cyclical	10.0%
■ Consumer Defensive	8.9%
■ Healthcare	8.6%
■ Energy	6.8%
■ Other	23.5%

## Bond Maturity Breakdown



■ Less than 1 Year	1.6%
■ 1-3 Years	17.4%
■ 3-5 Years	21.2%
■ 5-7 Years	16.4%
■ 7-10 Years	14.7%
■ 10-15 Years	8.8%
■ 15-20 Years	6.7%
■ 20-30 Years	10.6%
■ 30+ Years	2.6%

## Q2 2024 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



## Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	15.0
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	13.8
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	11.2
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	7.0
Cash	6.7
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	6.1
Fidelity Emerging Markets Quality Income ETF	6.0
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF	5.6
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	4.0
Vanguard USD Emerging Markets Government Bond ETF	3.0

## Fund Snapshot

ISIN (Distributing Class)	GB00BH3W7522
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Inception Date	08/04/2019
Ongoing Charge	0.65%
Fund Size (£m)	50.83
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	3.14%

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