

VT AJ Bell Income Q3 2024 Report



As of 30/09/2024

Commentary

High dividend paying companies in the US, including pharmaceutical group Bristol-Myers Squibb and communications infrastructure specialist Crown Castle, were key contributors to performance for the AJ Bell Income fund in the third quarter.

The fund also benefited from its investments in high-yield bonds. These are bonds issued by companies deemed slightly higher risk, but they offer higher yields as compensation.

Approximately 14% of the fund's holdings are invested in the UK's biggest stock index, the FTSE 100. One third of the index has a prospective dividend yield of 4% or more, making it an attractive source of income. The index held up well during the global market sell-off during the summer and delivered positive returns over the quarter.

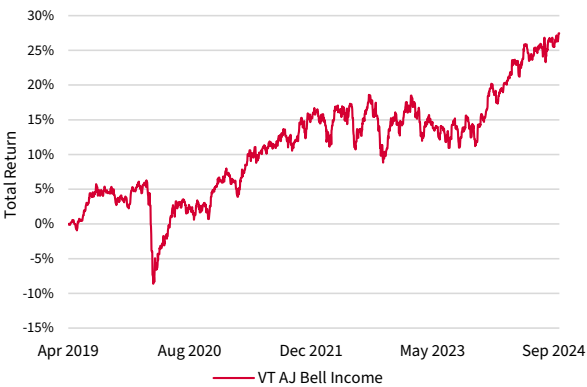
Japan has become a richer source of dividends in recent years thanks to a different mindset from companies in how they spend surplus cash, and the AJ Bell Income fund has investments in this region. After an encouraging first half of the year, the third quarter was more challenging for Japanese shares because of a rise in interest rates in July and political turbulence in September, amid a change in Prime Minister.

In total, the fund delivered a 2.0% return over the past quarter.

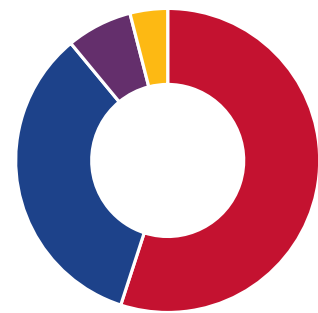
Trailing Returns (%)

Last quarter	2.0
Year to Date	6.2
1 Year	11.7

Historic Performance



Asset Breakdown



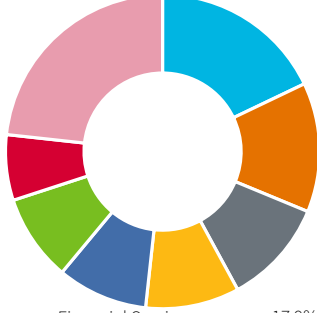
■ Shares	55.0%
■ Bonds	34.0%
■ Cash	7.0%
■ Other	4.0%

Shares Regional Breakdown



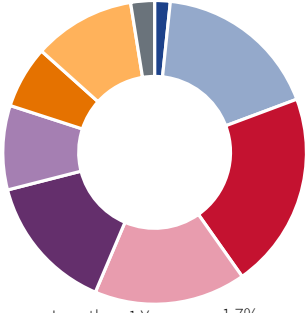
■ United Kingdom	30.7%
■ North America	17.6%
■ Asia Emerging	12.3%
■ Japan	5.1%
■ Other	8.8%

Shares Sector Breakdown



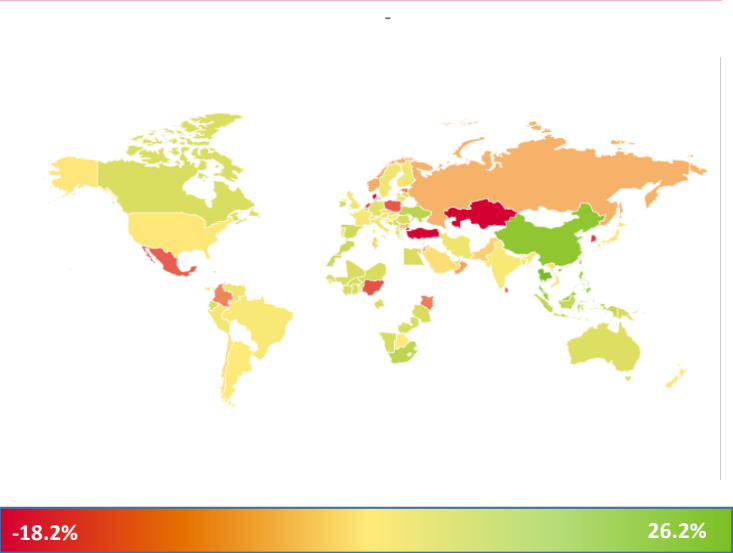
■ Financial Services	17.9%
■ Technology	13.3%
■ Industrials	10.8%
■ Consumer Cyclical	9.7%
■ Consumer Defensive	9.3%
■ Healthcare	8.9%
■ Real Estate	6.7%
■ Other	23.3%

Bond Maturity Breakdown



■ Less than 1 Year	1.7%
■ 1-3 Years	17.6%
■ 3-5 Years	20.9%
■ 5-7 Years	16.2%
■ 7-10 Years	14.6%
■ 10-15 Years	9.0%
■ 15-20 Years	6.6%
■ 20-30 Years	10.8%
■ 30+ Years	2.5%

Q3 2024 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	14.9
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	13.6
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	12.1
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	6.8
Cash	6.5
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	6.0
Fidelity Emerging Markets Quality Income ETF	5.7
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF	5.5
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	4.2
iShares MSCI Europe Quality Dividend ETF	3.0

Fund Snapshot

ISIN (Distributing Class)	GB00BH3W7522
ISIN (Accumulating Class)	GB00BH3W7446
Inception Date	08/04/2019
Ongoing Charge	0.65%
Fund Size (£m)	52.54
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	2.99%

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