

VT AJ Bell Income Q4 2024 Report



As of 31/12/2024

Commentary

The AJ Bell Income Fund invests in a range of assets with the aim of generating a steady stream of cash for investors. Money is spread across corporate and government bonds, property, shares and cash, all blended to create a diversified portfolio. Inevitably, certain parts will perform better than others, and that was the case during the fourth quarter of 2024.

Emerging market debt was the standout performer among fixed interest investments during the quarter. This reflects investors' growing confidence in emerging market governments having more balanced finances compared to developed markets, where deficits are a concern.

Market expectations changed in the quarter regarding the pace of interest rate cuts, with the consensus view that they will happen more slowly. That helped to keep cash returns at attractive levels and benefited the AJ Bell Income Fund, which has a large allocation to cash.

UK Corporate bonds were relatively flat over the quarter. The fund also seeks investment exposure to US companies deemed to have high quality characteristics, such as strong balance sheets and robust cash flows that can support a growing stream of dividends. Such investments produced positive returns in the quarter but not as much as the wider US market. In total, the fund delivered a 0.08% negative return over the past quarter.

Trailing Returns (%)

Last quarter	-0.1
Year to Date	6.1
1 Year	6.1

Historic Performance



Asset Breakdown



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

Shares Regional Breakdown



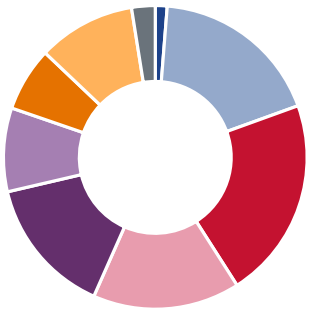
■ United Kingdom	31.3%
■ North America	17.9%
■ Asia Emerging	14.7%
■ Japan	12.5%
■ Asia Developed	9.9%
■ Europe Developed	5.3%
■ Africa	8.4%

Shares Sector Breakdown



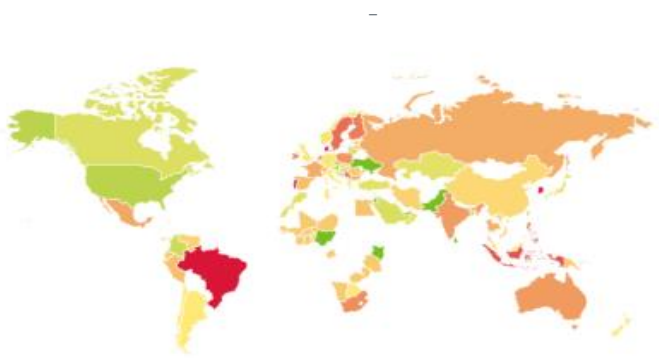
■ Financial Services	19.0%
■ Technology	13.2%
■ Industrials	10.9%
■ Consumer Cyclical	9.9%
■ Consumer Defensive	9.2%
■ Healthcare	8.4%
■ Real Estate	6.8%
■ Other	22.5%

Bond Maturity Breakdown



■ Less than 1 Year	1.3%
■ 1-3 Years	18.2%
■ 3-5 Years	21.5%
■ 5-7 Years	15.7%
■ 7-10 Years	14.7%
■ 10-15 Years	8.9%
■ 15-20 Years	6.8%
■ 20-30 Years	10.4%
■ 30+ Years	2.5%

Q4 2024 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	15.3
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	14.1
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	11.5
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	7.1
Cash	6.1
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	6.0
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF \$Dis	5.6
Fidelity Emerging Markets Quality Income ETF	5.5
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	4.1
State Street Global High Yield Bond Screened Index	3.1

Fund Snapshot

ISIN (Distributing Class)	GB00BH3W7522
ISIN (Accumulating Class)	GB00BH3W7446
Inception Date	08/04/2019
Ongoing Charge	0.50%
Fund Size (£m)	54.03
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	2.53%

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