

# VT AJ Bell Moderately Cautious Q4 2024 Report

## Commentary

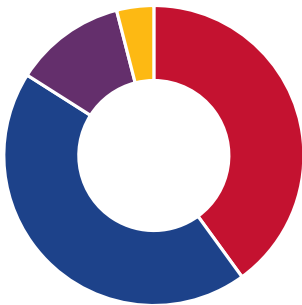
Relatively attractive returns on cash and a shift in market expectations for the pace of central bank interest rate cuts provided a tailwind for the AJ Bell Moderately Cautious Fund in the final quarter of 2024. Many central banks are now expected to cut interest rates at a slower pace as inflation remains sticky, which has helped to prop up cash interest rates.

The fund also benefited from a decent showing by global corporate bonds. Performance was helped by weakness in the UK currency and having a high allocation to the Financials sector, which did well in the quarter.

The downside to a shift in rate cut expectations is that investor sentiment has soured towards the UK real estate market. The AJ Bell Moderately Cautious Fund has notable exposure to UK property, which had a bleak final quarter of 2024.

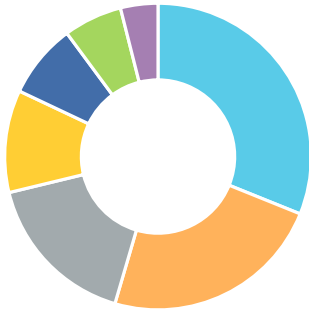
Fortunately, the fund enjoyed a positive contribution from US and Japanese equities. The US stock market enjoyed a bounce from well-received corporate earnings and the prospect of business-friendly Donald Trump returning to the White House. Japanese shares had a good quarter despite a weaker local currency. In total, the fund delivered a negative return of 0.21% over the past quarter.

Asset Breakdown



■ Shares	40.0%
■ Bonds	44.0%
■ Cash	12.0%
■ Other	4.0%

Shares Regional Breakdown



■ United Kingdom	31.1%
■ North America	23.4%
■ Japan	16.7%
■ Asia Emerging	10.8%
■ Europe Developed	7.8%
■ Asia Developed	6.2%
■ Other	3.9%

Shares Sector Breakdown



■ Financial Services	17.4%
■ Technology	16.3%
■ Industrials	12.4%
■ Consumer Cyclical	10.6%
■ Healthcare	8.8%
■ Consumer Defensive	8.0%
■ Real Estate	7.1%
■ Other	19.3%

Bond Maturity Breakdown

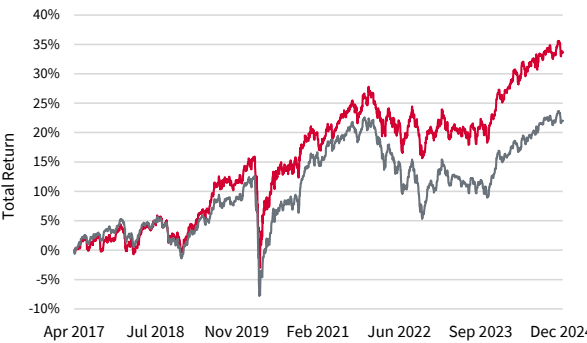


■ Less than 1 Year	2.8%
■ 1-3 Years	18.6%
■ 3-5 Years	20.7%
■ 5-7 Years	13.3%
■ 7-10 Years	12.2%
■ 10-15 Years	7.9%
■ 15-20 Years	7.3%
■ 20-30 Years	15.1%
■ 30+ Years	2.2%

## Trailing Returns (%)

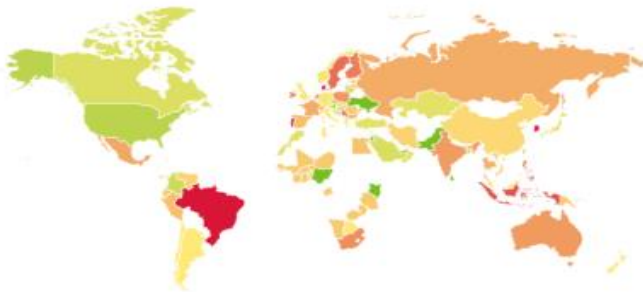
Last quarter	-0.2
Year to Date	5.0
1 Year	5.0

## Historic Performance



— VT AJ Bell Moderately Cautious — IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares

## Q4 2024 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



## Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	16.2
Cash	12.4
Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	11.2
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	9.4
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	7.0
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	6.3
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	6.0
State Street Global High Yield Bond Screened Index	3.9
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Equity Index Plus	2.9
iShares Core UK Gilts ETF	2.9

## Fund Snapshot

ISIN	GB00BYW8VJ55
IA Sector	IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares
Inception Date	18/04/2017
Ongoing Charge	0.31%
Fund Size (£m)	411.06
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	1.96%

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