

VT AJ Bell Cautious Q2 2020 Report

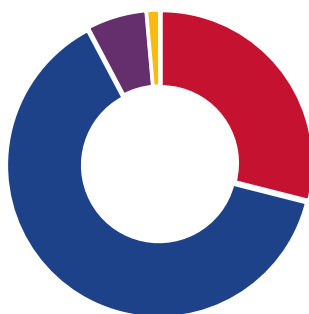
Commentary

To help economies recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, central banks and governments across the world have continued with coordinated action of large financial stimulus. This kept interest rates low this quarter, and made bonds an attractive safe haven for those seeking less risky investments.

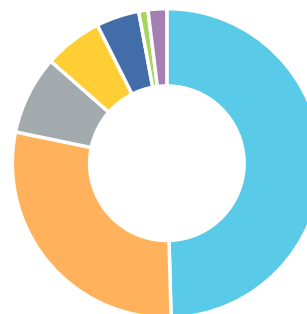
It was a strong quarter for shares too, with global stock markets bouncing back after the steep falls last quarter. However, this wave of optimism was tempered by uncertainty over companies' ability to recover – leading some people to put their money into bonds, which are typically a safer investment.

This increased the price of bonds, which make up the majority of the Cautious fund's holdings. The fund also holds shares in the US and emerging markets, both of which performed particularly well. Performance was further boosted by the weakening of the pound against other currencies, which increased the value of our international holdings when converted back to sterling. Altogether, this led to a positive return of 6.9% over the quarter, bringing the 12-month return to 3.5%.

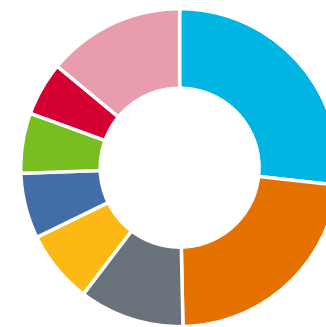
Asset Breakdown



Shares Regional Breakdown



Shares Sector Breakdown



Bond Maturity Breakdown



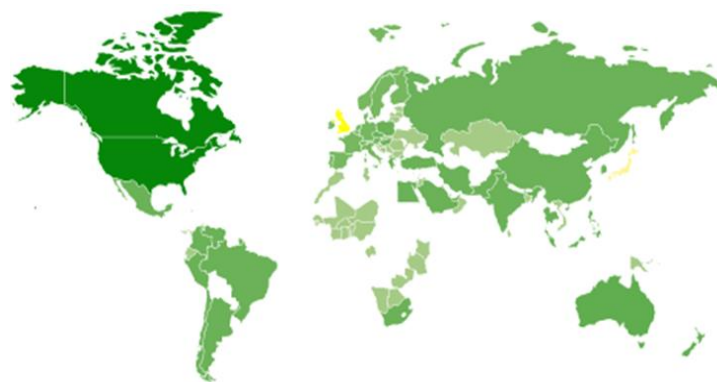
Trailing Returns (%)

Last quarter	6.9
Year to Date	0.4
1 Year	3.5

Historic Performance



Q2 2020 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
JPMorgan Global High Yield Corporate Bond Multi-Factor ETF	9.0
Invesco USD Corporate Bond £ Hedged ETF	9.0
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	8.0
iShares Global Aggregate Bond ETF	7.0
Xtrackers MSCI US Health Care ETF	6.1
Vanguard USD Emerging Markets Government Bond ETF	6.0
Insight Liquidity Fund	5.4
Xtrackers MSCI US Consumer Staples ETF	5.0
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	4.9
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 0%	4.9

Fund Snapshot

ISIN	GB00BYW8RV97
IA Sector	Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares
Inception Date	18/04/2017
Ongoing Charge	0.35%
Fund Size (£m)	28.29
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	2.04%



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