

# VT AJ Bell Moderately Cautious Q1 2022 Report

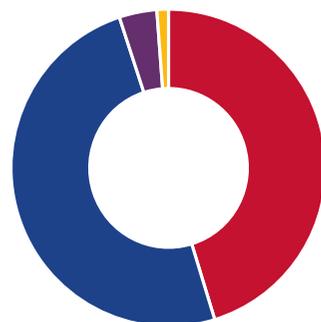
## Commentary

With the Russian invasion of Ukraine destabilising Europe, stock markets around the world suffered a dip this quarter. Despite usually playing the role of a 'safe-haven' asset in times of crisis, bonds also performed poorly. This is because markets feared persistent inflation, which can be mitigated by central banks raising interest rates – and as rates raise, bond prices fall. As expected, in March 2022 the Bank of England raised the base rate in the UK to 0.75%.

But as most overseas markets struggled, UK stock markets enjoyed a positive return of 2.9%. This is thanks to a large proportion of companies in the FTSE 100 being in industries like mining and energy, which can pass on cost increases to customers. This offers investors some protection from inflationary pressures.

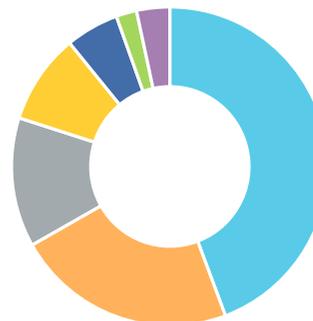
The Moderately Cautious fund holds a split of bonds and shares, which are diversified across domestic and international markets. Overall, the fund ended the quarter down -2.1%, bringing the 12-month return to 4.2%.

### Asset Breakdown



Shares	45.3%
Bonds	49.7%
Cash	3.9%
Other	1.2%

### Shares Regional Breakdown



North America	44.3%
United Kingdom	22.5%
Japan	13.1%
Asia Emerging	9.2%
Asia Developed	5.4%
Africa	2.1%
Other	3.4%

### Shares Sector Breakdown



Healthcare	16.9%
Consumer Defensive	14.1%
Technology	12.7%
Financial Services	12.4%
Industrials	9.9%
Consumer Cyclical	8.7%
Communication Services	6.9%
Other	18.3%

### Bond Maturity Breakdown



Less than 1 Year	9.7%
1-3 Years	16.6%
3-5 Years	23.8%
5-7 Years	12.4%
7-10 Years	13.5%
10-15 Years	5.9%
15-20 Years	5.1%
20-30 Years	10.7%
30+ Years	2.4%

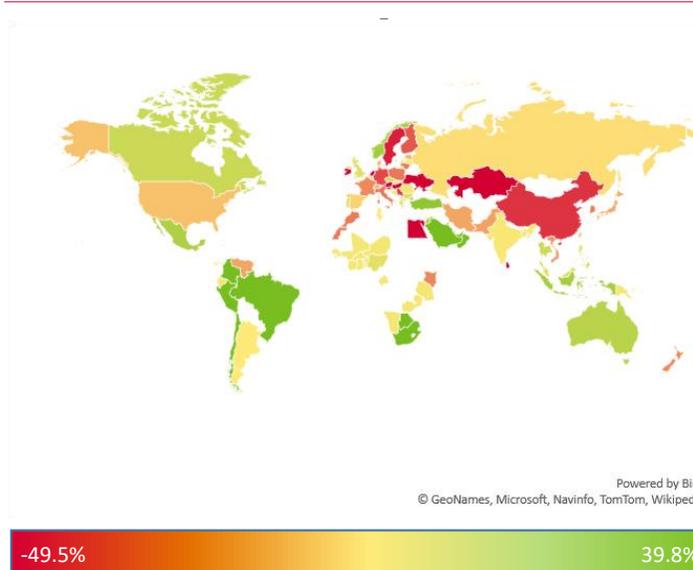
## Trailing Returns (%)

Last quarter	-2.1
Year to Date	-2.1
1 Year	4.2

## Historic Performance



## Q1 2022 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



## Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
Lyxor Morningstar UK ETF	10.8
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	10.8
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	10.5
iShares Global Aggregate Bond ETF	8.8
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	8.2
JPMorgan Global High Yield Corporate Bond Multi-Factor ETF	6.9
Lyxor Core MSCI Japan ETF	5.8
Vanguard USD Emerging Markets Government Bond ETF	4.9
iShares Ultrashort GBP Corporate Bond ESG ETF	4.9
Xtrackers MSCI US Health Care ETF	4.0

## Fund Snapshot

ISIN	GB00BYW8VJ55
IA Sector	IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares
Inception Date	18/04/2017
Ongoing Charge	0.31%
Fund Size (£m)	113.93
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	1.60%

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