

VT AJ Bell Moderately Cautious Q4 2019 Report

Commentary

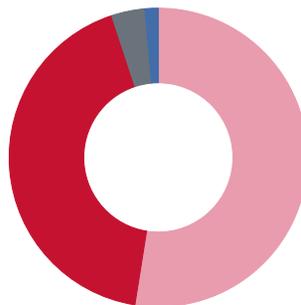
Q4 saw the Moderately Cautious fund post a total return of 1.1%. This is a more modest gain compared to AJ Bell funds higher up the risk spectrum – but to be expected given the Moderately Cautious fund's weighting towards bonds and defensive assets. Riskier assets, such as shares, had the best of the quarter, as investor confidence in the prospects for global growth returned.

For UK-based investors, the big news of the quarter was the 12 December general election, which returned Boris Johnson's Conservatives with a significant majority. Investors into the UK took this to be a positive outcome, as it brought clarity to a Parliament until then led by a minority government and riven with division and entrenchment. Indeed, the Moderately Cautious fund, which has some exposure to UK stocks, did benefit from the pop we saw post-election.

One result of the UK's clearer political situation was a stronger pound. This somewhat dampened the fund's gains from international share and bond holdings when converted back into sterling.

On the plus side, our ongoing tactical stance to own shorter-dated UK government bonds helped the fund, insulating it from the worst of the falls suffered by longer-dated UK government bonds over the quarter.

Asset Breakdown



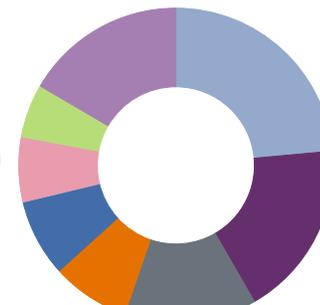
- Bonds
- Shares
- Cash
- Other

Shares Regional Breakdown



- North America
- United Kingdom
- Europe Developed
- Japan
- Australasia
- Asia Developed
- Other

Shares Sector Breakdown



- Healthcare
- Consumer Defensive
- Financial Services
- Industrials
- Real Estate
- Consumer Cyclical
- Technology
- Other

Bond Maturity Breakdown



- 1-3 Yr
- 3-5 Yr
- 5-7 Yr
- 7-10 Yr
- 20-30 Yr
- 10-15 Yr
- 15-20 Yr
- Other

Trailing Returns (%)

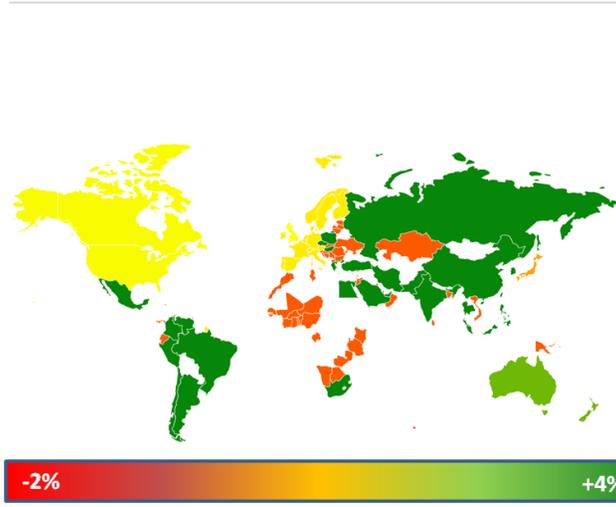
Last Quarter	1.1
Year to Date	13.2
1 Year	13.2

Historic Performance



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Q4 Stock Market Performance



Top 10 Holdings

	Weight %
iShares Core £ Corp Bond ETF GBP Dist	18.9
iShares Global HY Corp Bd ETF GBP H Dist	9.0
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF GBP Dist	8.0
Invesco USD Corporate Bond ETF GBP Hdg	7.0
Xtrackers MSCI USA Health Care ETF 1D	7.0
Vanguard USD EmMktsGovBd UCITS ETF	5.0
Xtrackers MSCI USA Consumer Stp ETF 1D	5.0
Vanguard S&P 500 UCITS ETF	5.0
UK Gilt 0.50% Jul 2022	4.3
iShares Core MSCI Pac ex-Jpn ETF USD Acc	4.0

Fund Snapshot

ISIN	GB00BYW8VJ55
IA Sector	Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares
Inception Date	18/04/2017
Ongoing Charge	0.35
Fund Size - £ mill	29.77
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	2.08

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