

# VT AJ Bell Cautious

As at 31 March 2024



## Investment objective

The fund aims to make a positive return over 5 years, however the size of gains (or losses) are likely to be limited by the requirement to remain within a certain risk profile. Over shorter periods the fund may lose value as it invests in assets that can go both up and down in price. It looks to achieve this by investing mainly in assets such as cash and bonds. It also has riskier holdings in company shares.

## Investment approach

By spreading out the investments across regions, sectors and different types of assets, the fund aims to achieve its return objective whilst minimising price variation where possible. It does so by investing mainly in collective investments, such as funds and ETFs. These assets mainly hold typically lower risk investments such as cash and bonds, with smaller holdings in company shares. The fund also directly invests in some government bonds.

The AJ Bell investments team uses in-house modelling to deliver a long-term approach that combines different assets. This aims to efficiently deliver returns without compromising investors' tolerance for risk.

Our focus on long-term investing helps minimise transaction costs, ensuring that there is minimal impact on the fund, however the asset allocation and selection is constantly monitored, and underlying holdings will be changed when appropriate.

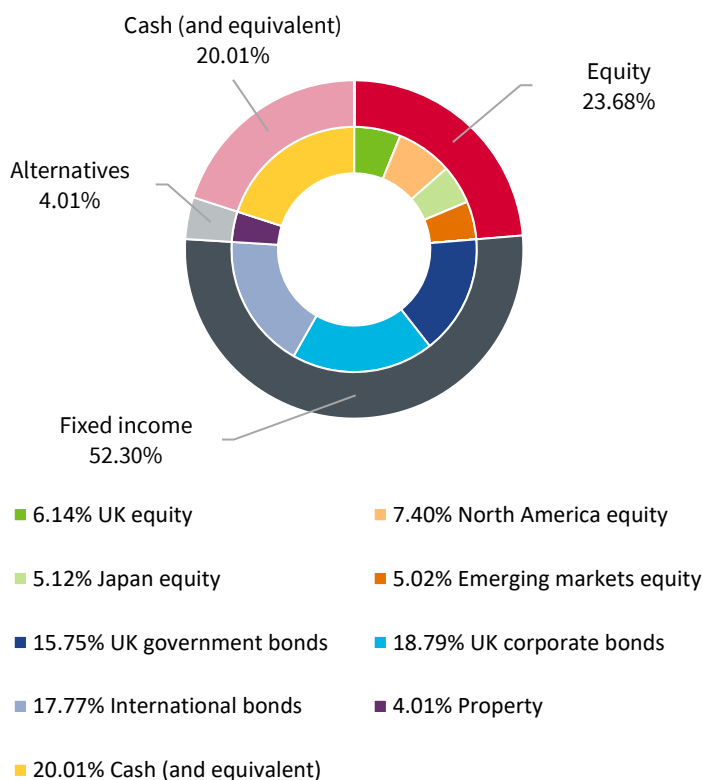
## Top 10 holdings (weight %)

Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	15.90
Cash	15.25
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	8.01
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	7.40
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	5.12
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	5.02
BlackRock Institutional Sterling Liquidity	4.76
Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	4.58
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	2.89
UK Gilt 0.375% October 2030	2.82

## Fund & share class information

Launch date	02 January 2024	
Share class currency	GBP	
Legal structure	UCITS	
Valuation point	12:00 Midday	
Dealing frequency	Daily	
ISA/SIPP eligible	SIPP Only	
Initial charge	0.00%	
Ongoing charges per annum <sup>(1)</sup>	0.45%	
Transaction costs <sup>(2)</sup>	0.08%	
Fund size	£99.44M	
ISIN	(A Acc)	GB00BS85SG44
IA sector	IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	
Fund Manager	AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd	

## Asset allocation

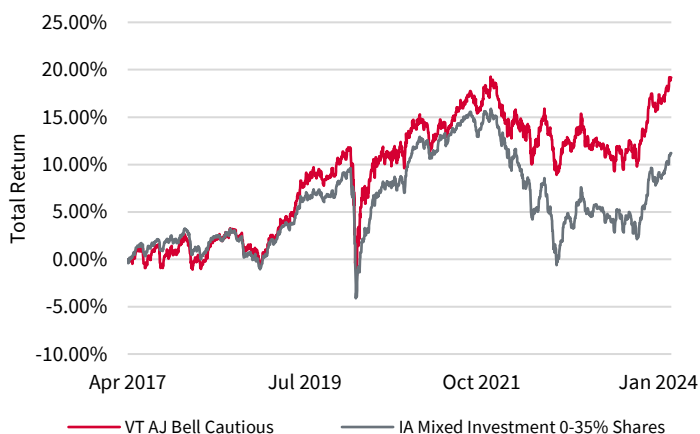


Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Performance<sup>(3)</sup>

Discrete (%)	Mar 2023- Mar 2024	Mar 2022- Mar 2023	Mar 2021- Mar 2022	Mar 2020- Mar 2021	Mar 2019- Mar 2020
VT AJ Bell Cautious	6.48	-3.23	2.36	9.31	-0.09
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	5.85	-5.84	0.21	12.22	-3.54
IA Sector quartile	2nd	1st	1st	4th	1st

Cumulative (non-annualised %)	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
VT AJ Bell Cautious	1.46	7.00	6.48	5.47	15.18
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	1.45	7.22	5.85	-0.12	8.12
IA Sector quartile	3rd	3rd	2nd	1st	1st



Source: Morningstar as at 31 March 2024.

(6) All performance data is calculated using the I class as the A class does not yet have sufficient performance history. Returns may differ for the VT AJ Bell Cautious A Acc.

This share class was launched on 02 January 2024.



(1) The Ongoing charges figure (OCF) includes the underlying OCF, the annual management fee, and the costs for running and administering the fund structure. The annual management fee is variable, as it consists of the fixed OCF, minus all other costs. The annual management fee covers the investment management charge and the custody fee for the AJ Bell Ready-made pension.

(2) Transaction costs represent the net costs incurred by the fund in buying and selling underlying investments. These are the gross costs offset with any pricing mechanisms used by the fund to protect investors from the cost of transactions (such as swing pricing). In some instances this may result in a negative number.

(3) Due to its multi-asset nature, no financial instrument or index represents a fair benchmark for the Fund's performance. However, to give context and enable an objective assessment of the Fund, the IA (Investment Association) Mixed Investment0-35% Shares sector is included for reference. The Fund does not aim to track the IA sector as a benchmark.

The Dynamic Planner Risk Targeted (RTM) scheme has risk profile bands ranging from 3-8, with 8 being the highest. It is based upon proprietary research and analysis of the long-term forecast returns and volatility of the Dynamic Planner asset and risk model. The risk profile assessment is reviewed independently by Dynamic Planner on an ongoing quarterly basis. Dynamic Planner is the brand name of the software system powered by Distribution Technology (DT). Copyright © Distribution Technology Ltd 2018 onwards.

Defaqto is a financial information business. AJ Bell has received a Defaqto Risk Rating 3 and has been 5 Diamond Rated for its VT AJ Bell Cautious Fund.

The Synaptic Risk Rating Service is derived from the risk framework provided by Moody's Analytic's Stochastic engine. The AJ Bell Funds have been assessed on the Synaptic Risk Stamp 1-10 rating scale.

FinaMetrica risk tolerance scores were mapped to the funds' strategic asset allocations. The mappings are only for use by financial advisors licensed to use FinaMetrica Risk Profiling system, are for guidance purposes only and do not constitute financial or investment advice.

EValue Limited ("EValue") owns the Funds Risk Assessor solution, which can be used to measure the risk rating of an investment fund or portfolio of investment funds. The AJ Bell Growth Funds were assessed on the EValue standard 1-10 rating scale across a 10 year time horizon.

The Oxford Risk forward-looking risk estimates and mapped risk bands for the AJ Bell Funds can be expressed using five or seven bands.

The assigned risk profiles do not indicate a promise, forecast or illustration of future volatility or returns nor represent investment advice or a recommendation to buy or sell units/shares in a fund or portfolio.

This share class is only available to be purchased via the AJ Bell Ready-made pension. If you wish to purchase the fund outside of the Ready-made pension, this can be done through the I class. For further information please visit [www.ajbell.co.uk/investment-ideas/ajbell-funds](http://www.ajbell.co.uk/investment-ideas/ajbell-funds)

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