

# VT AJ Bell Responsible Growth



As at 31 March 2024

## Investment objective

The fund aims to make a positive total return when measured over a period of at least five years. 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 in different assets, with a preference towards riskier investments such as company shares, and a smaller holding in cash and bonds. The fund will have a bias towards assets with stronger environmental, social and governance (ESG) characteristics.

## 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 in collective investments, such as funds and ETFs. These assets mainly invest in company shares, with small holdings in bonds. Where possible we choose assets that screen out companies generating substantial revenue from certain business involvements that may be deemed by some as controversial or immoral. These include but are not limited to gambling, certain fossil fuels and genetically modified organisms or companies that are deemed to be in breach of the UN Global Compact. In addition, we look for assets that overweight companies with stronger environmental, social or governance practices compared to other companies in the same sector, as determined by ESG rating companies such as MSCI.

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.

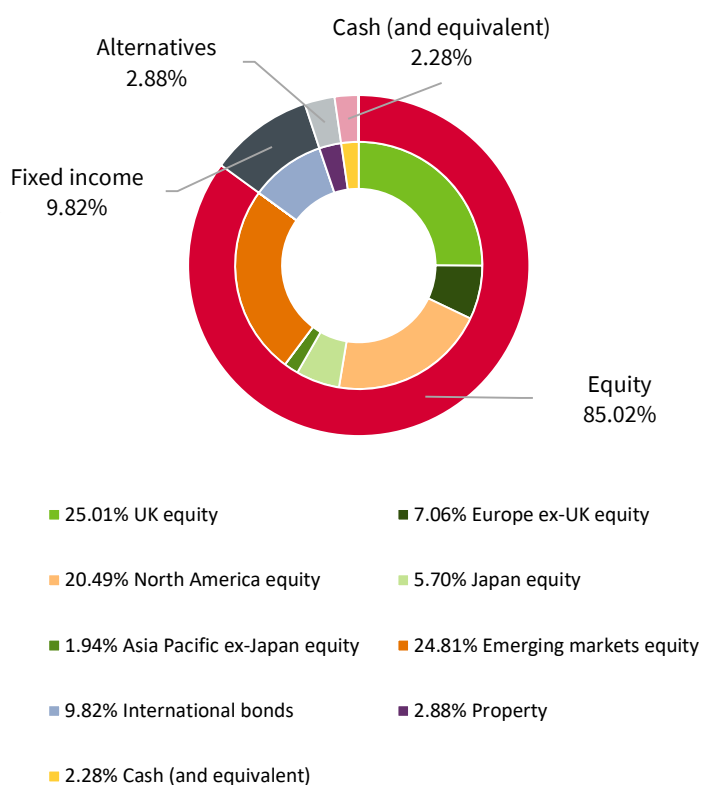
## Top 10 holdings (weight %)

Xtrackers ESG MSCI USA ETF	18.51
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Amundi MSCI UK IMI SRI PAB ETF	12.81
UBS MSCI UK IMI Socially Responsible ETF	12.21
Amundi MSCI Europe SRI PAB ETF	7.06
iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF	6.88
iShares MSCI Japan SRI ETF	5.70
iShares \$ High Yield ESG Corporate Bond ETF (GBP Hedged)	4.24
L&G ESG Emerging Markets Corp Bond ETF	2.94
Invesco Global High Yield Corporate Bond ESG ETF	2.64

## 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>	0.65%	
Transaction costs <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	
Fund size	£116.03M	
ISIN	(A Acc)	GB00BQGG3J37
IA sector	IA Flexible Investment	
Fund Manager	AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd	

## Asset allocation



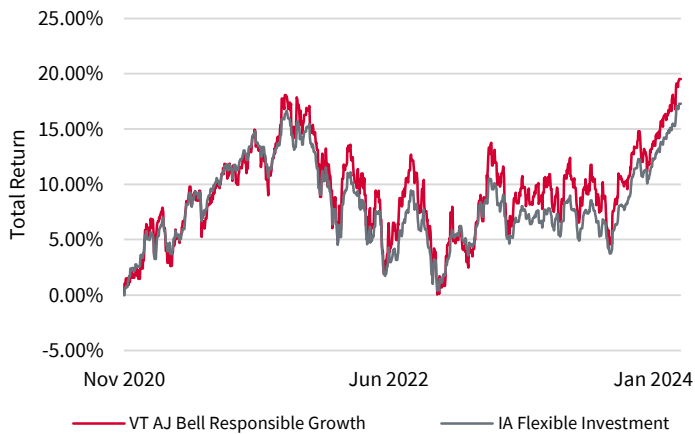
Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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

Discrete (%)	Mar 2023- Mar 2024	Mar 2022- Mar 2023	Mar 2021- Mar 2022
VT AJ Bell Responsible Growth	9.92	-4.19	6.98
IA Flexible Investment	10.09	-3.96	5.00
IA Sector quartile	3rd	2nd	2nd



Cumulative (non-annualised %)	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
VT AJ Bell Responsible Growth	4.12	9.57	9.92	12.66	-
IA Flexible Investment	4.48	9.96	10.09	11.01	-
IA Sector quartile	3rd	3rd	3rd	2nd	-



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 Responsible Growth A Acc.

(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 costs incurred in buying and selling the underlying investments.

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

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Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and the income generated by investments is not guaranteed and may fluctuate. You may receive back less than the amount that you invested.

Where practical the Responsible Growth fund invests in products tracking MSCI Socially Responsible Investing (SRI) indexes for equity exposure. These indexes exclude companies with certain controversial business involvements and also utilise MSCI's Environmental Social Governance (ESG) ratings and ESG Controversy assessments. For further details please see MSCI's latest SRI Indexes Methodology document.

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