

As at 28 February 2025

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 securities that can go both up and down in price. It looks to achieve this by investing in different assets, with a balanced approach towards defensive assets such as bonds and cash, and riskier assets such as 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 products hold different types of securities such as cash and bonds and 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.

Fund launch date	18 April 2017
Share class launch date	23 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	0.45%
Transaction costs	0.08%
Fund size	£1,288.26m
ISIN (A Acc)	GB00BQGG3G06
IA Sector	IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares
Fund manager	AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd

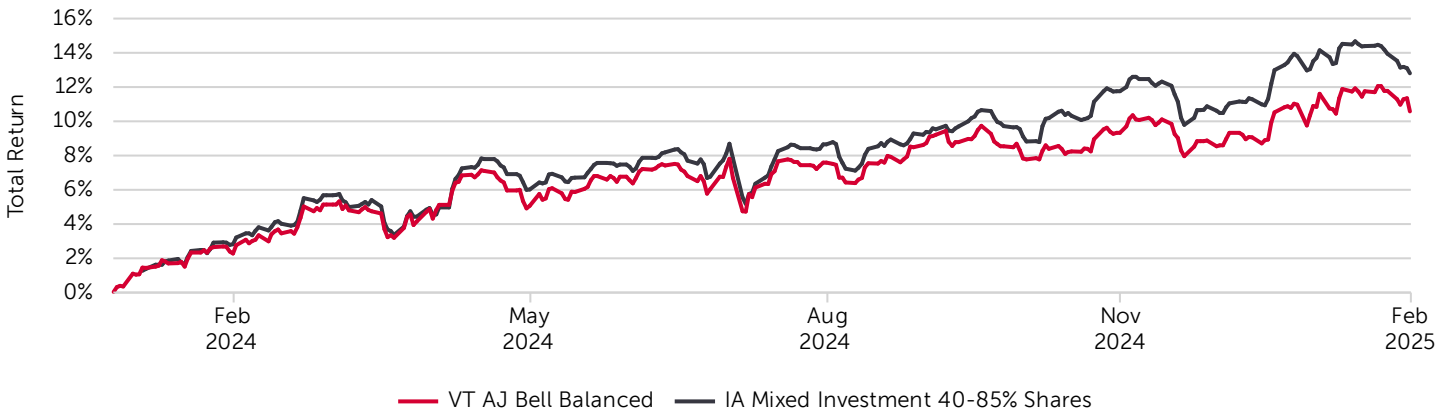
Performance

Discrete (%)	Mar 2024 - Feb 2025
VT AJ Bell Balanced	8.11
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	9.70
IA Sector quartile	4th

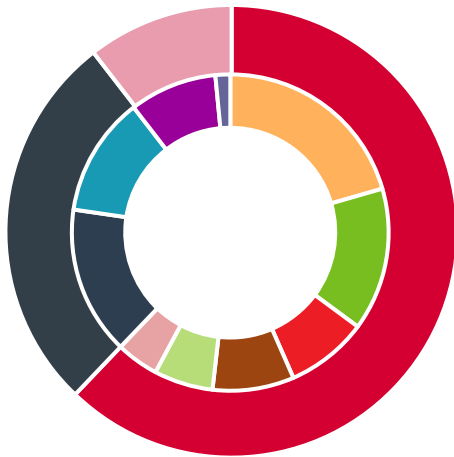
The above table shows the total return of the fund during each one-year time period stated.

Cumulative (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year
VT AJ Bell Balanced	1.14	2.77	8.11
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	0.93	3.80	9.70
IA Sector quartile	2nd	4th	4th

The above table displays the total return of the fund on a cumulative basis. This is taken from the most recent month end.



## Asset allocation (%)



<b>Equity</b>	<b>62.17</b>
North America equity	20.52
UK equity	14.60
Emerging markets ex-China equity	8.37
Europe ex-UK equity	8.30
Japan equity	6.04
China equity	4.35
<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>27.37</b>
International bonds	15.15
UK corporate bonds	12.22

<b>Cash</b>	<b>10.46</b>
Cash equivalent	8.97
Cash	1.49

## Risk profile

For investors who can tolerate short-term dips in portfolio value and understand the importance of investing for the long term to help in achieving higher overall returns. The portfolio invests in funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs), using a defined strategic asset allocation process to deliver returns while meeting the targeted level of risk.

## Top 10 holdings

Holding	Weight (%)
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	17.57
Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	13.66
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	10.21
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Equity Index Plus	8.30
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	6.04
iShares E Ultrashort Bond ETF	5.98
Amundi MSCI Emerging Markets ex China ETF	4.19
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ex-China ETF	4.19
State Street Global High Yield Bond Screened Index	3.23
State Street Emerging Markets Hard Currency Government Bond Index	3.10

## Risk rating providers



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.

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.

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's performance, the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares is included for reference. The Fund does not aim to track the IA sector as a benchmark. Performance is calculated on a net of fees basis. This fund launched on 18 Apr 2017.

Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

The Dynamic Planner Risk Target Managed (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.

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.

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

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 this 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)

**Currency Risk:** The Fund invests in overseas markets and the value of its investments and may rise or fall as a result of changes in exchange rates.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** The Fund invests in less economically developed markets (i.e. emerging markets) which can involve greater risks and fluctuations in valuations compared to developed market places.

**Index Trading Risk:** The performance of any passively managed funds may not exactly track that of their indices. This is referred to as 'Tracking error'.

**Interest Rate Risk:** Fluctuations in interest rates may affect the value of the Fund and your investment.

**Liquidity Risk:** The Fund invests within underlying funds and there is a risk that these suspend or defer the payment of redemption proceeds, which may impact the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests.



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.

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