

# CG AJ Bell Balanced

As at 31 December 2025

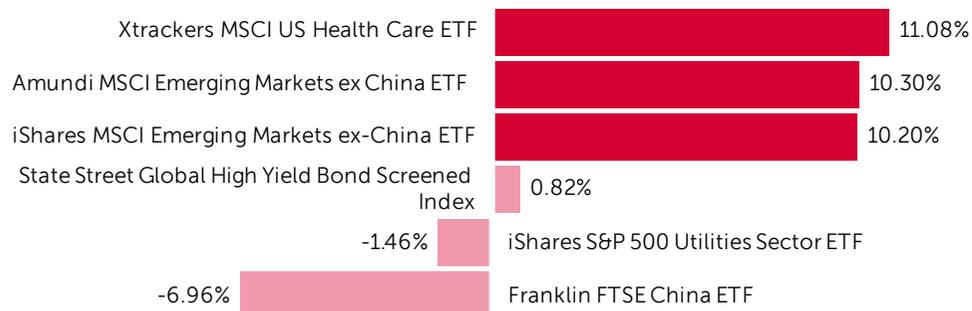
**Portfolio commentary**

The balanced fund enjoyed a 3.58% return throughout the last quarter of 2025 as markets chugged along. Bonds, which make up a third of the portfolio, did well both in the UK and abroad. Emerging market bonds recovered from a dip earlier in the year and global high yield bonds continued a strong run.

On the equity side, performance varied across regions. Europe and the UK had a positive quarter to round out a successful year, and the US ended on a high note after strong corporate earnings reports. The best performer of the quarter was emerging markets ex-China, driven by the tech sector in South Korea and Taiwan, as well as a rally in India. Conversely, China suffered in the quarter but still performed well on the year.

Looking forward, we believe markets will continue to be driven by the AI theme. We are wary of too heavy of a weighting in the US, but we still plan to find ways to enjoy the returns, whether through companies that are less appreciated beneficiaries, or scouting areas of the market investors are neglecting.

**Q4 2025 best/worst performers**



**Performance**

Cumulative (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
CG AJ Bell Balanced	3.58	9.98	12.94	28.69	37.18	70.68
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	3.32	8.77	11.62	31.37	31.24	60.66

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



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**Portfolio snapshot**

Number of holdings	27
Inception date	18 Apr 2017
Fund size	£1,605.49m
ISIN (I Acc)	GB00BYW8RX12

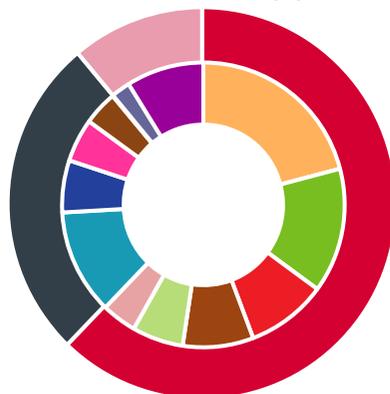
**Top 10 holdings**

Holding	Weight (%)
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	17.78
Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	12.84
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	9.06
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Equity Index Plus	8.06
iShares £ Ultrashort Bond ETF	5.92
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	5.87
Amundi MSCI Emerging Markets ex China ETF	4.84
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ex-China ETF	4.33
State Street Emerging Markets Hard Currency Government Bond Index	3.50
BlackRock Institutional Sterling Liquidity	2.97

**Risk profile**

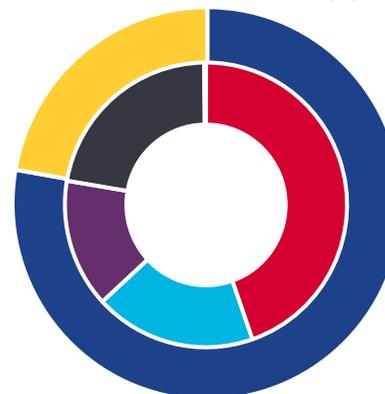
For investors who can tolerate short-term dips in portfolio value and understand the importance of investing for the long term to help in achieving higher overall returns. The portfolio invests in funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs), using a defined strategic asset allocation process to deliver returns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

**Asset allocation (%)**



<b>Equity</b>	<b>62.20</b>
North America equity	20.90
UK equity	14.20
Emerging markets ex-China equity	9.18
Europe ex-UK equity	8.06
Japan equity	5.87
China equity	3.99
<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>26.73</b>
UK corporate bonds	11.95
Emerging market debt	5.90
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	4.93
International government bonds (GBP hedged)	3.91
Global high yield bonds	0.06
<b>Cash</b>	<b>11.07</b>
Cash	2.18
Cash equivalent	8.88

**Fixed income breakdown (%)**



<b>GBP Bonds</b>	<b>77.73</b>
UK corporate bonds	44.68
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	18.44
International government bonds (GBP hedged)	14.62
<b>International Bonds</b>	<b>22.27</b>
Emerging market debt	22.05
Global high yield bonds	0.21

**Equity breakdown (%)**



Sector	
Technology	19.80
Financial Services	18.78
Industrials	12.75
Consumer Cyclical	10.06
Healthcare	9.68
Communication Services	7.34
Consumer Defensive	7.15
Energy	4.59
Basic Materials	4.52
Utilities	3.34
Real Estate	1.99

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. The Fund does not aim to track the IA sector as a benchmark. Performance is calculated on a net of fees basis.

Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

**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.



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