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## Portfolio commentary

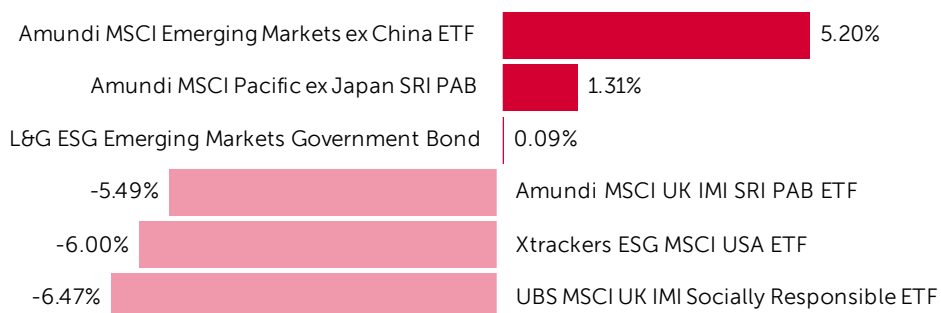
The first quarter of 2026 proved challenging for the AJ Bell Responsible Screened Growth fund as some of the most profitable areas for markets, such as defence and non-renewable energy, do not fit into responsible indices. Oil stocks created some of the biggest returns this quarter due to the US-Iran war, but the Responsible Fund could not benefit from these boosts.

However, broader UK and European equity allocations contributed positively. The US, where we hold selective position through socially responsible ETFs, faced headwinds from tech sentiment as well as turmoil from the war.

A bright spot for the fund was emerging markets excluding China, with Korean and Taiwanese tech companies driving returns. The fund's small bond allocation, focused on ESG-compliant high yield and emerging market debt, navigated a turbulent rate environment as inflation expectations shifted sharply.

While the quarter ended slightly in the red, three months is a short time in the world of investing. On a five-year view and one-year view, the fund has returned 30.9% and 11.6%, respectively.

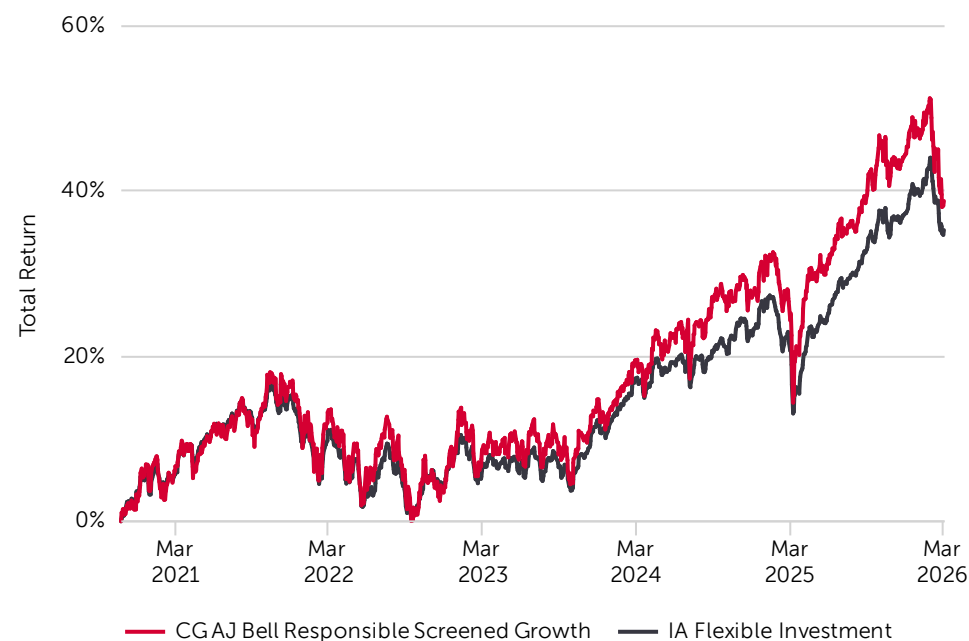
## Q1 2026 best/worst performers



## Performance

Cumulative (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
CG AJ Bell Responsible Screened Growth	-3.98	-0.54	11.62	27.66	30.85	38.82
IA Flexible Investment	-1.49	1.68	12.13	26.99	28.06	35.29

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	13
Inception date	23 Nov 2020
Fund size	£187.46m
ISIN	(I Acc) GB00BN0S2V92

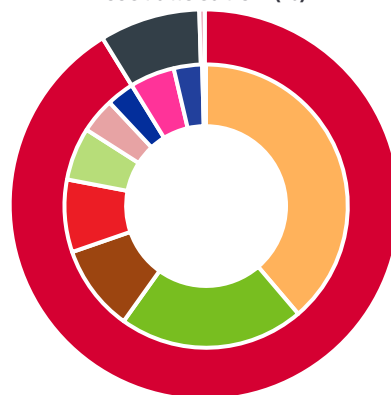
## Top 10 holdings

Holding	Weight (%)
Xtrackers ESG MSCI USA ETF	25.42
iShares MSCI USA SRI ETF	13.32
UBS MSCI UK IMI Socially Responsible ETF	10.96
Amundi MSCI UK IMI SRI PAB ETF	10.17
Amundi MSCI Europe SRI PAB ETF	9.86
Amundi MSCI Emerging Markets ex China ETF	8.27
iShares MSCI Japan SRI ETF	6.05
UBS MSCI China ESG Universal ETF	4.01
Invesco Global High Yield Corporate Bond ESG Climate Transition UCITS ETF	3.28
L&G ESG Emerging Markets Government Bond	3.23

## Risk profile

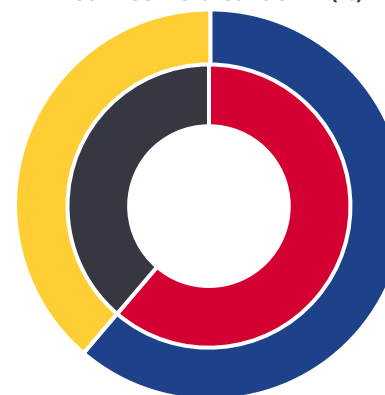
For investors who favour a higher allocation to equities and understand the risk reward relationship that entails over the short, medium, and long term. The fund predominantly invests in funds, and exchange traded funds (ETFs), using a defined strategic asset allocation process to deliver returns while meeting the targeted level of risk.

Asset allocation (%)



<b>Equity</b>	<b>91.23</b>
North America equity	38.74
UK equity	21.13
Europe ex-UK equity	9.86
Emerging markets ex-China equity	8.27
Japan equity	6.05
China equity	4.01
Asia Pacific ex-Japan equity	3.16
<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>8.33</b>
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	5.10
Emerging market debt	3.23
<b>Cash</b>	<b>0.45</b>
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Fixed income breakdown (%)



<b>GBP Bonds</b>	<b>61.24</b>
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	61.24
<b>International Bonds</b>	<b>38.76</b>
Emerging market debt	38.76

Equity breakdown (%)



Sector	Weight (%)
Technology	22.12
Financial Services	20.41
Industrials	13.63
Healthcare	11.40
Consumer Cyclical	9.67
Communication Services	8.44
Consumer Defensive	5.15
Basic Materials	3.60
Real Estate	3.56
Utilities	1.47
Other	0.55

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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Where practical the Responsible Screened 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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