

# VT AJ Bell Income Q4 2021 Report

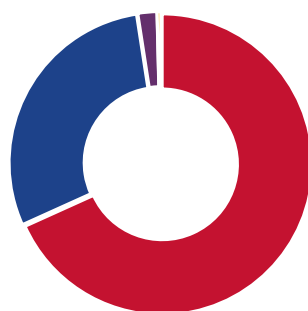
## Commentary

In the final months of 2021, shares in developed markets such as the US outperformed riskier stocks in emerging markets. Market conditions also benefited large companies and those with predictable earnings streams – both of which are favoured by income investors.

As inflation started to bite, so did fears it would be more than just temporary. The Bank of England responded by raising interest rates for the first time since the start of the pandemic. This made bonds even less attractive than before, causing many shorter-duration bonds to lose value and leading to poor returns across the quarter.

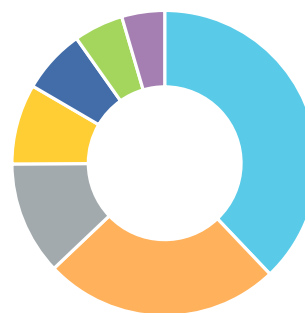
In the Income fund, most holdings are in shares. These are diversified across international markets and derive the income portion of their return through dividends distributed in these companies. The fund returned 2.8% over the quarter and 9.4% across 12 months.

### Asset Breakdown



Shares	68.3%
Bonds	29.3%
Cash	2.0%
Other	0.4%

### Shares Regional Breakdown



North America	37.9%
United Kingdom	25.0%
Europe Developed	12.0%
Japan	8.5%
Asia Developed	6.8%
Asia Emerging	5.3%
Australasia	4.5%

### Shares Sector Breakdown



Financial Services	14.0%
Consumer Defensive	12.8%
Utilities	11.6%
Technology	10.2%
Healthcare	10.1%
Industrials	9.1%
Basic Materials	7.4%
Other	24.8%

### Bond Maturity Breakdown

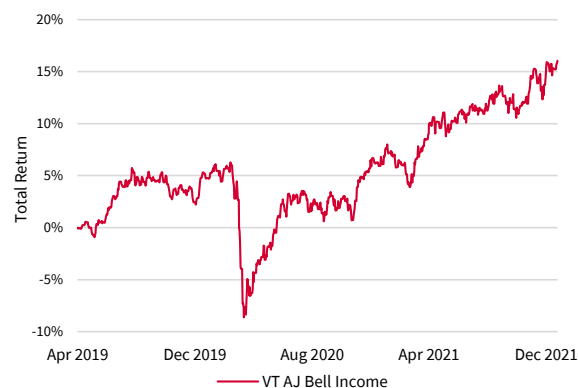


Less than 1 Year	2.4%
1-3 Years	19.2%
3-5 Years	24.7%
5-7 Years	14.4%
7-10 Years	14.3%
10-15 Years	6.4%
15-20 Years	6.0%
20-30 Years	10.1%
30+ Years	2.4%

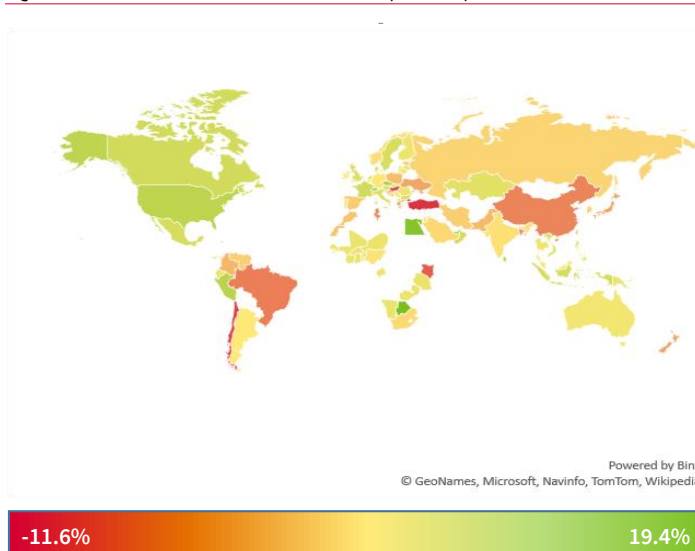
## Trailing Returns (%)

Last quarter	2.8
Year to Date	9.4
1 Year	9.4

## Historic Performance



## Q4 2021 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



## Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
iShares MSCI World Quality Dividend ETF	9.4
iShares Core £ Corporate Bond ETF	8.9
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	8.1
FTF Clearbridge Global Infrastructure Income	6.1
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	6.1
JPMorgan Global High Yield Corporate Bond Multi-Factor ETF	6.0
City of London Investment Trust	5.5
iShares MSCI Europe Quality Dividend ETF	5.1
Temple Bar Investment Trust	5.0
Schroder Oriental Income Trust	5.0

## Fund Snapshot

ISIN (Distributing Class)	GB00BH3W7552
ISIN (Accumulating Class)	GB00BH3W7446
Inception Date	08/04/2019
Ongoing Charge	0.67%
Fund Size (£m)	26.00
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	3-5%

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