

VT AJ Bell Income Q1 2023 Report

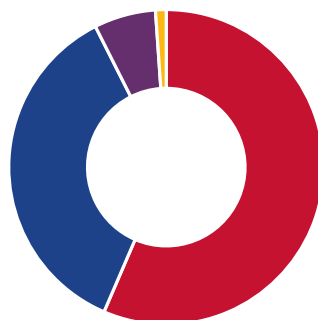
Commentary

Both stock markets and bond markets were broadly positive during the first quarter of the year. But this positivity wasn't universal, with parts of the bond market falling during the period.

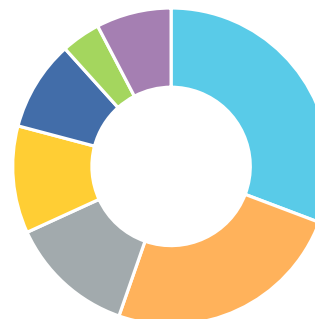
This was particularly true of areas of the bond market towards which an income-focused portfolio is biased. The rapid rise in interest rates in 2022 enacted to combat the emerging problem of inflation had unforeseen side effects. One of which, in Q1 this year, was the return of 'bank failure', in the lexicon of market commentators. The specifics of each bank failure vary, but the overriding factor was their inability to retain deposits in the face of increasingly attractive yields elsewhere.

These bank failures led to a degree of stress in markets to which the Income fund was partly exposed. The result was that the fund fell 0.3% during the first three months of the year.

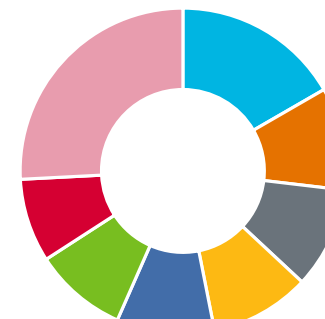
Asset Breakdown



Shares Regional Breakdown



Shares Sector Breakdown



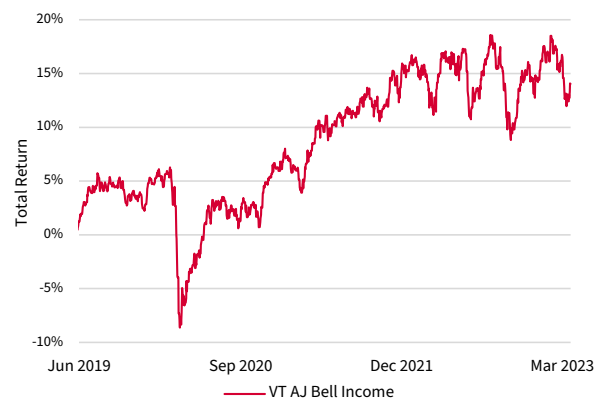
Bond Maturity Breakdown



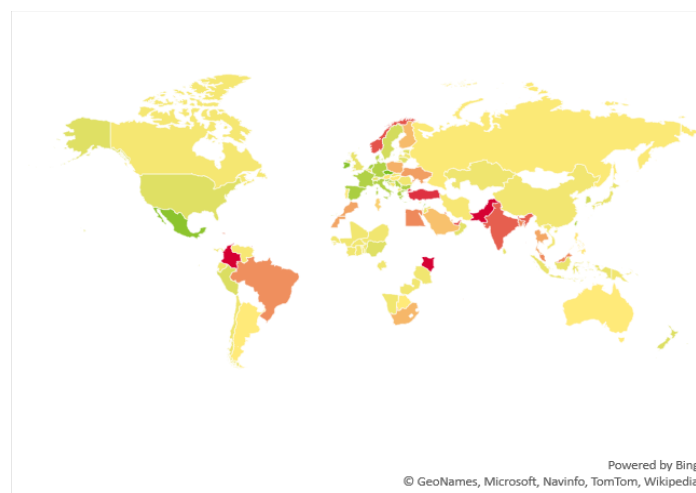
Trailing Returns (%)

Last quarter	-0.3
Year to Date	-0.3
1 Year	-2.4

Historic Performance



Q1 2023 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
Fidelity Emerging Markets Quality Income ETF	14.1
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	13.8
iShares Core £ Corporate Bond ETF	9.8
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	8.8
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	8.3
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF	6.2
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	5.7
Insight Liquidity Fund	5.4
Invesco Global High Yield Corporate Bond ESG ETF	4.7
JPMorgan Global High Yield Corporate Bond Multi-Factor ETF	4.3

Fund Snapshot

ISIN (Distributing Class)	GB00BH3W7522
ISIN (Accumulating Class)	GB00BH3W7446
Inception Date	08/04/2019
Ongoing Charge	0.65%
Fund Size (£m)	36.90
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	2.67%

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