

VT AJ Bell Balanced Q1 2020 Report

Commentary

This quarter saw the Balanced fund post a negative return, with financial markets hit hard by the global spread of coronavirus. As the severity of the virus became clearer and governments began to act, previously vibrant economies around the world came to a standstill. Businesses and citizens were forced into closure and lockdown to slow the virus's spread and impact. In this unprecedented environment, with businesses unable to trade and no end date in sight, risk-averse investors sold financial assets indiscriminately, leading to some of the sharpest falls seen in financial market history.

The Balanced fund mixes riskier assets such as shares with defensive assets such as bonds – which typically hold steadier during periods of uncertainty. But the severity and extent of the market sell-off triggered a flight to cash, leading to falls across the quarter for stocks, bonds and property assets.

As we approached the end of March, coordinated action from central banks and governments boosted sentiment, helping markets recover some earlier losses. Over the previous calendar year, 2019, the fund returned 16.6%. However, the first three months of this year was a challenging quarter, which saw this fund post a total return of -11.6%, taking back some of the gains made last year.

Trailing Returns (%)

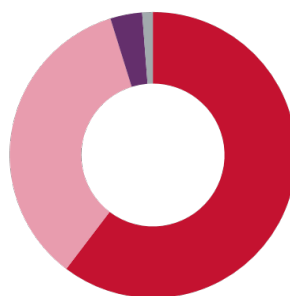
Last Quarter	-11.6
Year to Date	-11.6
1 Year	-3.2

Historic Performance



—VT AJ Bell Balanced I Acc —IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares

Asset Class Breakdown



■ Shares
■ Bonds
■ Cash
■ Other

60.4%
34.9%
3.6%
1.2%

Shares Regional Breakdown



■ North America 37.8%
■ United Kingdom 30.2%
■ Asia Developed 8.8%
■ Europe Developed 5.8%
■ Asia Emerging 5.7%
■ Japan 5.0%
■ Other 6.7%

Shares Sector Breakdown



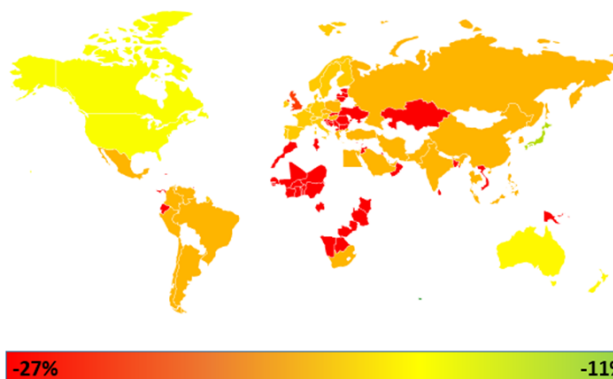
■ Healthcare 23.7%
■ Consumer Defensive 19.4%
■ Financial Services 13.9%
■ Technology 7.7%
■ Industrials 6.6%
■ Consumer Cyclical 6.4%
■ Communication Services 5.8%
■ Other 16.5%

Bond Maturity Breakdown



■ 7-10 Years 23.9%
■ 1-3 Years 16.9%
■ 3-5 Years 15.1%
■ 5-7 Years 13.4%
■ 20-30 Years 10.0%
■ 10-15 Years 5.5%
■ 15-20 Years 5.2%
■ Other 10.1%

Q1 2020 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



Top 10 Holdings

	Weight %
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF GBP Dist	15.6
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF Dist	10.8
iShares Global HY Corp Bd ETF GBP H Dist	7.6
Xtrackers MSCI USA Health Care ETF 1D	7.2
Vanguard FTSE Dev AsiaPac exJpn ETF \$Dis	6.9
HSBC MSCI Emerg Mkts ETF	6.0
iShares S&P 500 Info Tech Sect ETF\$Acc	5.1
Xtrackers MSCI USA Consumer Stp ETF 1D	5.0
Vanguard USD EmMktsGovBd UCITS ETF	5.0
Vanguard S&P 500 UCITS ETF	4.9

Fund Snapshot

ISIN	GB00BYW8RX12
IA Sector	Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares
Inception Date	18/04/2017
Ongoing Charge	0.35%
Fund Size (£m)	111.08
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	2.33%

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