

# VT AJ Bell Balanced Q2 2020 Report

## Commentary

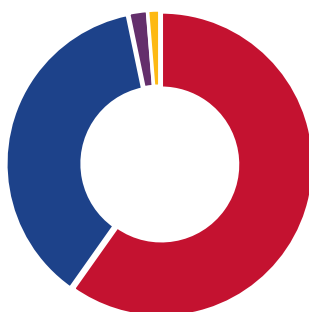
Although the UK economy suffered its worst quarter since records began, UK stock markets were buoyant and had their best quarter since 2010. This disconnect from economic reality can be explained by investors anticipating future gains: share prices are forward looking.

This quarter, technology stocks did particularly well. The NASDAQ index, which is largely invested in US technology companies, reached an all-time high in June 2020. Shares in emerging markets were another winner, with share prices rising in sterling terms.

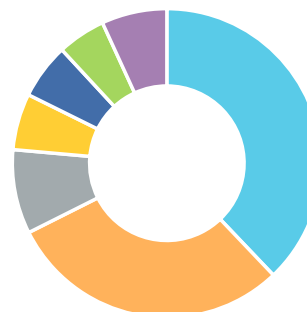
Bond markets also performed well during the period, seeing an increase in prices as people sought less risky ways to invest – protecting their money from the uncertainty prevailing in the stock market.

The Balanced fund has a small bias towards shares, with the remaining holdings in defensive assets such as bonds, property and cash. The fund has international holdings too, which also performed well thanks to the pound's weakening against other currencies. All these moves contributed to a positive return of 11.7% over the quarter, bringing the 12-month return back into positive territory, at 3.4%.

## Asset Breakdown



## Shares Regional Breakdown



## Shares Sector Breakdown



## Bond Maturity Breakdown



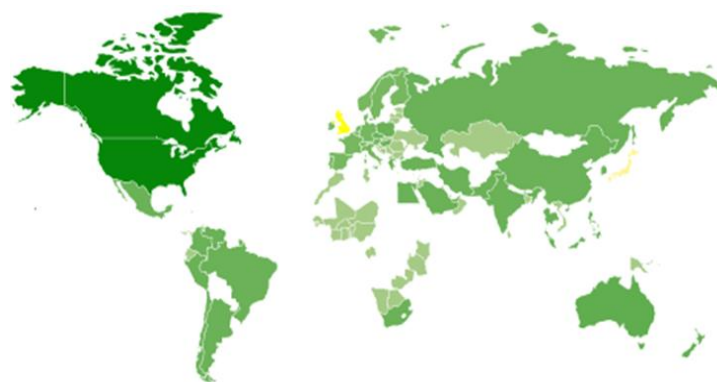
## Trailing Returns (%)

Last quarter	11.7
Year to Date	-1.3
1 Year	3.3

## Historic Performance



## Q2 2020 Stock Market Performance (in GBP)



## Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	14.9
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	11.0
JPMorgan Global High Yield Corporate Bond Multi-Factor ETF	8.0
Vanguard FTSE Asia Pacific ex-Japan ETF	7.0
Xtrackers MSCI US Health Care ETF	7.0
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	6.1
iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector ETF	5.1
Vanguard USD Emerging Markets Government Bond ETF	5.0
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	5.0
Xtrackers MSCI US Consumer Staples ETF	5.0

## Fund Snapshot

ISIN	GB00BYW8RX12
IA Sector	Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares
Inception Date	18/04/2017
Ongoing Charge	0.35%
Fund Size (£m)	148.65
12 Month Yield (Reinvested)	2.08%

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