

As at 31 December 2024

Investment objective

The fund aims to make a positive return over 5 years, however the size of gains (or losses) are likely to be limited by the requirement to remain within a certain risk profile. Over shorter periods the fund may lose value as it invests in securities that can go both up and down in price. It looks to achieve this by investing in different assets, with a balanced approach towards defensive assets such as bonds and cash, and riskier assets such as company shares.

Investment approach

By spreading out the investments across regions, sectors and different types of assets, the fund aims to achieve its return objective whilst minimising price variation where possible. It does so by investing mainly in collective investments, such as funds and ETFs. These products hold different types of securities such as cash, bonds and company shares. The fund also directly invests in some government bonds. The AJ Bell investments team uses in-house modelling to deliver a long-term approach that combines different assets. This aims to efficiently deliver returns without compromising investors' tolerance for risk. Our focus on long-term investing helps minimise transaction costs, ensuring that there is minimal impact on the fund, however the asset allocation and selection is constantly monitored, and underlying holdings will be changed when appropriate.

Fund launch date	18 April 2017
Share class currency	GBP
Legal structure	UCITS
Valuation point	12:00 Midday
Dealing frequency	Daily
ISA/SIPP eligible	Yes
Initial charge	0.00%
Ongoing charges per annum	0.31%
Transaction costs	0.08%
Fund size	£1,242.66m
ISIN	(I Acc) GB00BYW8RX12
	(I Inc) GB00BYW8RW05
IA Sector	IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares
Fund manager	AJ Bell Asset Management Ltd

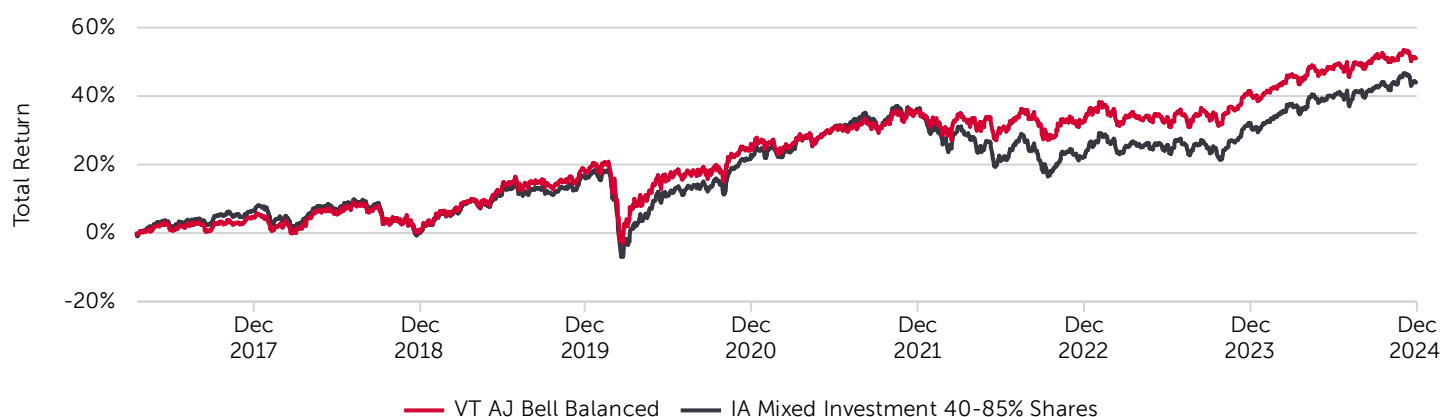
Performance

Discrete (%)	Jan 2024 - Dec 2024	Jan 2023 - Dec 2023	Jan 2022 - Dec 2022	Jan 2021 - Dec 2021	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020
VT AJ Bell Balanced	6.75	6.74	-2.03	8.79	5.68
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	8.88	8.10	-10.18	11.22	5.50
IA Sector quartile	4th	3rd	1st	4th	3rd

The above table shows the total return of the fund during each one-year time period stated.

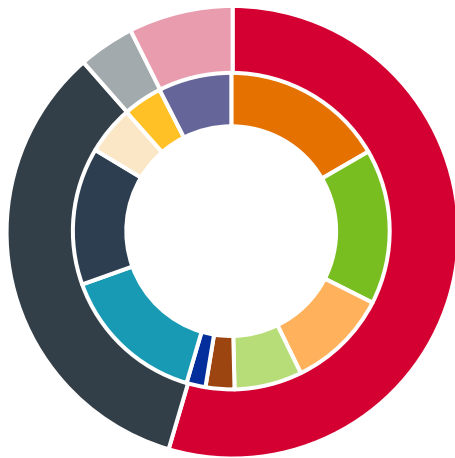
Cumulative (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
VT AJ Bell Balanced	0.03	1.78	6.75	11.64	28.35
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	1.16	2.80	8.88	5.72	24.05
IA Sector quartile	4th	4th	4th	1st	2nd

The above table displays the total return of the fund on a cumulative basis. This is taken from the most recent month end.



Source: Morningstar as at 31 December 2024.

Asset allocation (%)



Equity	54.55	Alternatives	4.00
Emerging markets equity	16.64	Property	4.00
UK equity	15.85	Cash	7.46
North America equity	10.28	Cash	7.46
Japan equity	6.90		
Europe ex-UK equity	2.92		
Asia Pacific ex-Japan equity	1.96		
Fixed Income	33.98		
UK corporate bonds	14.98		
International bonds	14.02		
UK government bonds	4.98		

Risk profile

For investors who can tolerate short-term dips in portfolio value and understand the importance of investing for the long term to help in achieving higher overall returns. The portfolio 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.

Risk rating providers

Top 10 holdings

Holding	Weight (%)
Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	14.95
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	12.87
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	11.10
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	10.28
Cash	7.46
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	7.02
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	6.07
iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets IMI ETF	5.53
Vanguard USD Emerging Markets Government Bond ETF	3.01
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Equity Index Plus	2.92

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. However, to give context and enable an objective assessment of the Fund's performance, the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares is included for reference. The Fund does not aim to track the IA sector as a benchmark. Performance is calculated on a net of fees basis. This fund launched on 18 Apr 2017.

Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

The Dynamic Planner Risk Target Managed (RTM) scheme has risk profile bands ranging from 3-8, with 8 being the highest. It is based upon proprietary research and analysis of the long-term forecast returns and volatility of the Dynamic Planner asset and risk model. The risk profile assessment is reviewed independently by Dynamic Planner on an ongoing quarterly basis. Dynamic Planner is the brand name of the software system powered by Distribution Technology (DT). Copyright © Distribution Technology Ltd 2018 onwards.

FinaMetrica risk tolerance scores were mapped to the funds' strategic asset allocations. The mappings are only for use by financial advisors licensed to use FinaMetrica Risk Profiling system, are for guidance purposes only and do not constitute financial or investment advice.

EValue Limited ("EValue") owns the Funds Risk Assessor solution, which can be used to measure the risk rating of an investment fund or portfolio of investment funds. The AJ Bell Growth Funds were assessed on the EValue standard 1-10 rating scale across a 10 year time horizon.

Defaqto is a financial information business. AJ Bell has received a Defaqto Risk Rating and has been 5 Diamond Rated for its VT AJ Bell Balanced Fund.

The Synaptic Risk Rating Service is derived from the risk framework provided by Moody's Analytic's Stochastic engine. The AJ Bell Funds have been assessed on the Synaptic Risk Stamp 1-10 rating scale. The Oxford Risk forward-looking risk estimates and mapped risk bands for the AJ Bell Funds can be expressed using five or seven bands.

The assigned risk profiles do not indicate a promise, forecast or illustration of future volatility or returns nor represent investment advice or a recommendation to buy or sell units/shares in a fund or portfolio.

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.



Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and the income generated by investments is not guaranteed and may fluctuate. You may receive back less than the amount that you invested.

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