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Market commentary:

The second quarter began against a backdrop of continued geopolitical uncertainty in the Middle East, with markets still assessing the implications of the conflict between Iran and the US. As the period progressed, however, those concerns eased as the two nations agreed to continue peace talks, reducing fears of prolonged escalation.

The easing in geopolitical tensions was most clearly reflected in oil markets. Crude prices fell back over the quarter, taking some pressure off inflation expectations and providing a more supportive backdrop for risk assets. This shift also moved investor attention away from energy and inflation towards the dominant market theme of artificial intelligence.

Bond markets remained volatile for much of the quarter, with government bond yields staying elevated as investors continued to weigh the path of inflation, central bank policy and fiscal risk. Central banks were an important driver of that volatility. In Europe, policymakers responded to the inflationary impulse from higher energy prices by raising rates, while in the UK the expected path for interest rates moderated considerably as oil prices fell back and growth concerns became more prominent.

The US saw a notable shift in Federal Reserve leadership, with Jay Powell giving way to Kevin Warsh. Markets interpreted the change as the start of a potentially different communication regime, with Warsh placing less emphasis on forward guidance. While the Fed left rates unchanged, the leadership transition contributed to uncertainty in rates markets. Towards the end of the period, however, bond markets rallied as yields moved lower into quarter end, providing some relief after a volatile start to the year.

Equity markets were increasingly led by the artificial intelligence theme as the quarter progressed. Emerging markets ex China delivered particularly strong returns, with South Korea a standout performer as investors continued to reward companies exposed to the AI memory and semiconductor supply chain.

In the US, the AI theme also remained highly influential, with renewed investor enthusiasm reinforced by market attention around major technology-related listings and the continued build-out of AI infrastructure. Returns were more muted in areas less directly exposed to this theme. China remained weaker as the domestic economy continued to face pressure, while the UK also lagged, with the earlier support from energy exposure fading as oil prices declined.

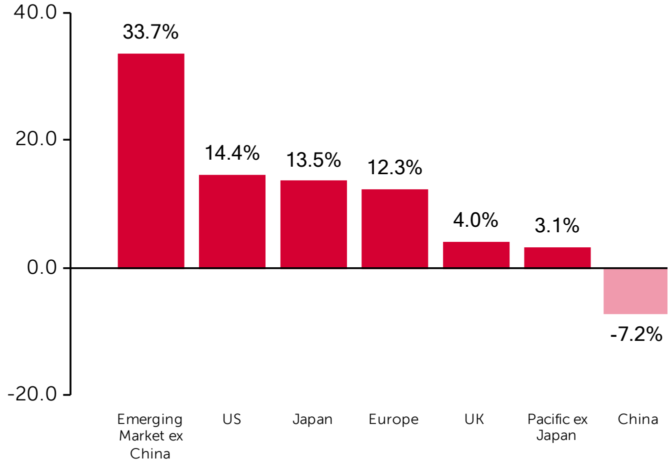
Looking ahead, the AI theme has returned to the centre of investor attention as geopolitical risk has faded somewhat into the background. Political risk appears somewhat heightened in the UK following turnover in the prime minister, but further afield investors are more focused on how best to gain exposure to the dominant AI trend and how much of that opportunity is already reflected in valuations.

For portfolios, returns were generally stronger than in the first quarter, helped by a more settled market backdrop as volatility subsided somewhat. While conditions remained far from straightforward, the easing in geopolitical concerns, lower oil prices and improved sentiment towards risk assets provided a more supportive environment for diversified portfolios.

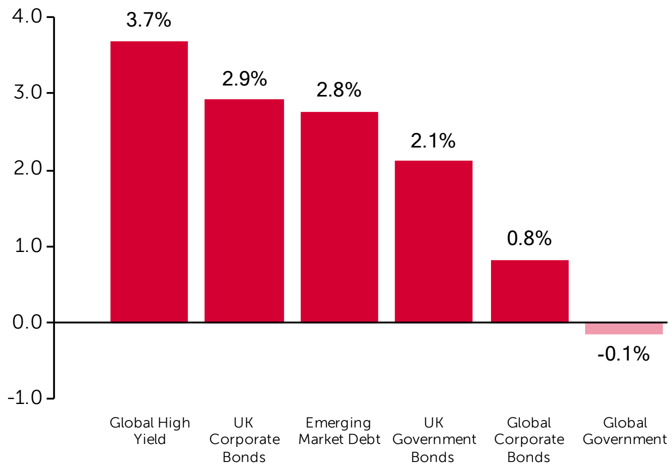
The key challenge now is balancing exposure to the powerful AI theme with appropriate risk control. Diversification remains essential, but the quarter has reinforced that it needs to be considered not just at a geographic level, but also across sectors and sources of return.

As we move into the second half of 2026, maintaining a balanced approach across asset classes, regions and sectors appears increasingly important. The opportunity set remains attractive, but with market leadership narrow and investor enthusiasm concentrated in a small number of themes, portfolio resilience and disciplined diversification are likely to remain central to delivering good client outcomes..

Equity performance - last quarter



Fixed income performance - last quarter



CG AJ Bell Income

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Portfolio commentary

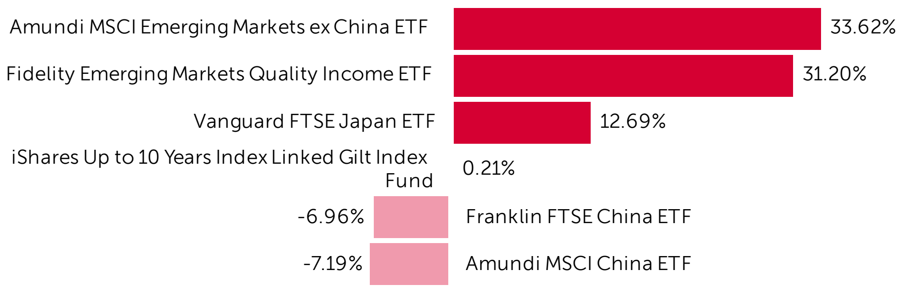
Global markets recovered well in the second quarter of 2026 after a rocky start to the year. The AJ Bell Income fund delivered solid returns of 7.6% over the quarter with consistent monthly income to investors, led by strength in emerging markets and Japan.

Emerging markets excluding China was the standout sector, powered by AI-related technology companies in South Korea and Taiwan such as TSMC and Samsung. Japan also had a strong quarter, supported by good earnings and governance reform. US income-focused stocks performed solidly despite the fund holding less in technology companies than the broader market. China was a weaker market during the quarter due to ongoing concerns about domestic demand and geopolitical tensions. . However, it's still a space we will be monitoring due to the innovation in the AI space and electric vehicles.

Across fixed income, corporate bonds and high-yield bonds generated positive returns. Inflation-linked bonds continued to add protection to the portfolio by keeping pace in a time of uncertainty for both the US and UK economy.

The AJ Bell Income fund aims to deliver monthly income payments, while maintaining the value of the portfolio.

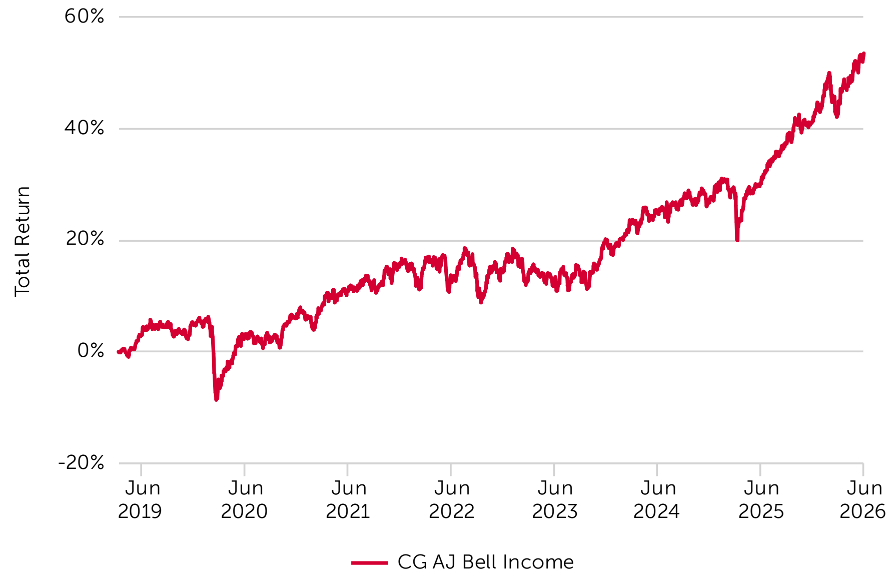
Q2 2026 best/worst performers



Performance

Cumulative (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
CG AJ Bell Income	7.55	8.60	17.79	36.02	38.42	53.50

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



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Portfolio snapshot

Number of holdings		23
Fund launch date		08 Apr 2019
Fund size		£74.36m
ISIN	(I Acc)	GB00BH3W7446

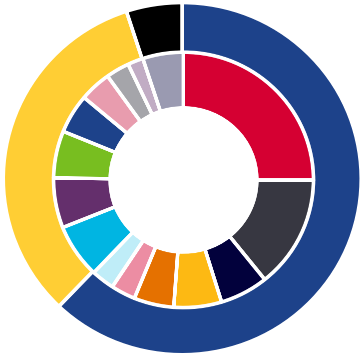
Top 10 holdings

Holding	Weight (%)
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	14.19
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	13.13
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	11.90
iShares US TIPS 0-5yr	6.34
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	5.92
Fidelity Emerging Markets Quality Income ETF	4.99
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF	4.17
iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	3.92
iShares £ Ultrashort Bond ETF	3.86
State Street Emerging Markets Hard Currency Government Bond Index	3.58

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.

Asset allocation (%)



Equity	**62.10**
North America equity	25.03
UK equity	14.19
Japan equity	6.04
Europe ex-UK equity	5.92
Emerging markets equity	4.99
Emerging markets ex-China equity	3.04
China equity	2.89
Fixed Income	**32.85**
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	6.83
Global government bonds (GBP hedged)	6.34
UK corporate bonds	5.92
Emerging market debt	4.94
Global corporate bonds (GBP hedged)	3.92
UK index-linked gilts	2.95
UK government bonds	1.94
Cash	**5.05**

Fixed income breakdown (%)

GBP Bonds	**82.92**
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	23.62
Global government bonds (GBP hedged)	21.93
UK corporate bonds	20.48
UK index-linked gilts	10.19
UK government bonds	6.70
International Bonds	**17.08**
Emerging market debt	17.08

Equity breakdown (%)

Sector	
Financial Services	19.99
Technology	17.24
Industrials	9.70
Consumer Defensive	9.31
Healthcare	8.05
Consumer Cyclical	7.31
Communication Services	6.89
Energy	6.29
Real Estate	5.71
Utilities	5.26
Basic Materials	4.25

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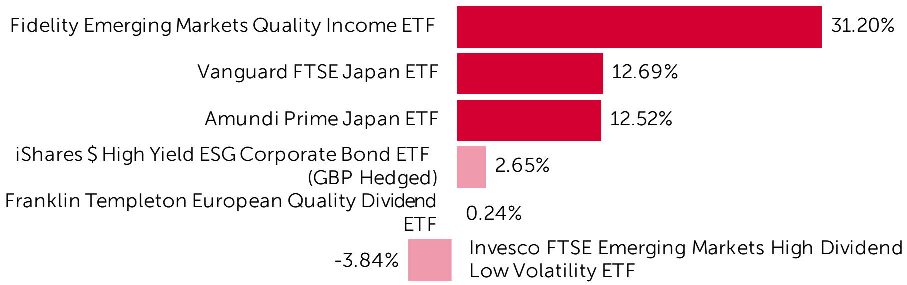
Portfolio commentary

A strong quarter for markets worldwide led the AJ Bell Income and Growth fund to a 10.5% return on the quarter.

The fund's emerging markets exposure, which focuses on income generating stocks, was the top performer, as AI-related technology companies in South Korea and Taiwan drove strong gains. Samsung, which is a large part of our investment in the region, grew by 70% during the period. Japan had a big quarter as well, thanks to good earnings and governance reform. Growth in the bond part of the fund was driven by global high-yield bonds and emerging market bonds, which proved strong in an unsteady inflation environment even as some developed government bonds struggled.

The Income and Growth fund is designed to create a steady stream of income while growing the overall fund pot. The fund is delivering for both goals.

Q2 2026 best/worst performers



Performance

Cumulative (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
CG AJ Bell Income & Growth	10.52	13.45	25.78	53.11	60.73	74.15

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Portfolio snapshot

Number of holdings	17
Fund launch date	08 Apr 2019
Fund size	£141.19m
ISIN (I Acc)	GB00BH3W7883

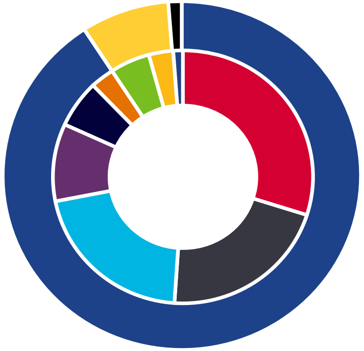
Top 10 holdings

Holding	Weight (%)
Fidelity Emerging Markets Quality Income ETF	17.82
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	16.79
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	16.39
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	13.50
iShares MSCI Europe Quality Dividend ETF	5.03
Franklin Templeton European Quality Dividend ETF	4.86
Vanguard FTSE UK All-Share Index	4.07
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	3.49
Invesco FTSE Emerging Markets High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	3.34
Vanguard Pacific ex-Japan Stock Index	2.97

Risk profile

For investors who favour capital growth and regular dividend payments through a higher allocation to equities. Investors should understand the risk reward relationship that entails over the short, medium, and long term. The fund predominantly 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.

Asset allocation (%)



Equity	**90.81**
North America equity	29.89
Emerging markets equity	21.15
UK equity	20.87
Europe ex-UK equity	9.89
Japan equity	6.05
Asia Pacific ex-Japan equity	2.97
Fixed Income	**7.99**
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	4.96
Emerging market debt	3.03
Cash	**1.20**
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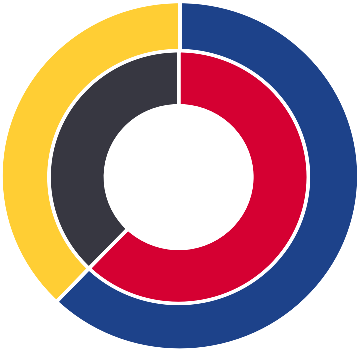
Fixed income breakdown (%)



GBP Bonds	**62.14**
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	62.14
International Bonds	**37.86**
Emerging market debt	37.86

Equity breakdown (%)

Sector	
Financial Services	21.73
Technology	17.04
Industrials	9.43
Consumer Defensive	9.09
Healthcare	7.32
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Consumer Cyclical	6.69
Real Estate	5.80
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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. The Fund does not aim to track the IA sector as a benchmark. Performance is calculated on a net of fees basis.

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.

Based on target weights at portfolio rebalance. Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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