

## External Stockmarket Collection (ARC)

### Fund information

Fund provider	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund launch date	11 Nov 2011
Benchmark	Composite Index
Fund charge*	0.47%
Aegon fund size	£182.30m
ABI sector	ABI Flexible Investment
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00B6466V86
SEDOL	B6466V8
Aegon mnemonic	ZDT
CitiCode	OOGF

\*This is on top of any product or adviser charge you pay and includes a fixed management fee plus expenses that vary with the day to day costs of running the fund. Expenses can include costs paid by Aegon to third parties. The fund charges may differ for Retiree (RR) or Aegon One Retirement (AOR).

### About fund performance

Investors should always consider performance in relation to the objective of the fund and over periods of at least five years. If a fund has risen in value, it doesn't mean it is meeting its objective – especially if the fund is aiming to outperform a particular benchmark or meet a risk target. The same applies if the fund has fallen in value.

### Our risk rating



**Above-average risk**

Above average risk funds typically invest in one single investment type or geographical region, for example regional equities (shares) or global bonds. This means that investors are completely exposed to the performance of that single investment type or region. These funds could experience lengthy periods where their value goes down depending on market conditions. However, these funds can also rise in value quite significantly and have historically provided good long-term growth. Because of their narrow investment focus, they're better suited to investors with at least five years to invest and to use in combination with other funds as part of a diversified portfolio.

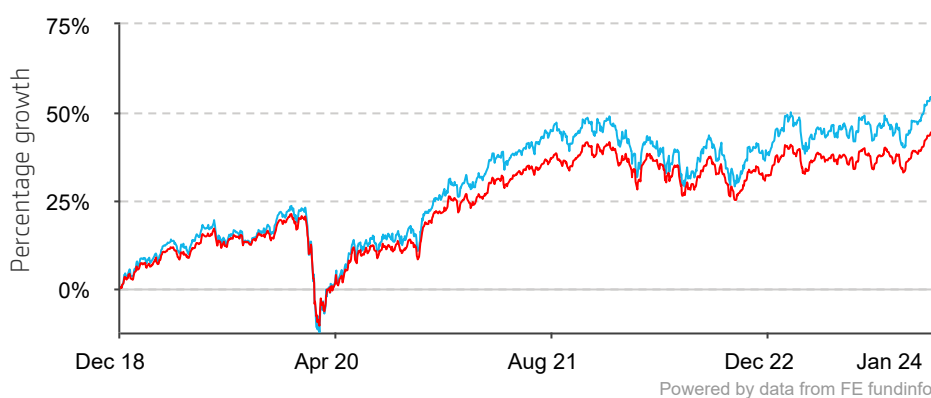
### Fund objective

This collection gives you the opportunity to invest in a mix of funds from four of our external investment managers, currently Baillie Gifford, Man Group, Invesco and Lazard. Each of these underlying funds aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in a portfolio of up to 100% UK and overseas equities (shares of companies). Each fund has the flexibility to hold fixed interest and cash investments, or may choose to diversify by currency.

### Fund performance

The following graph and tables show the performance of the fund over various time periods compared to the fund's benchmark (if there is one). All performance information is as at 31 Dec 2023 unless otherwise stated.

In the graph, performance is shown since launch if the fund is less than five years old.



■ External Stockmarket Collection (ARC)  
■ Composite Index

	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Fund	11.5%	6.9%	9.1%	8.1%
Benchmark	9.3%	5.8%	7.6%	6.7%
Sector quartile	1	1	1	1

	Dec 22 to Dec 23	Dec 21 to Dec 22	Dec 20 to Dec 21	Dec 19 to Dec 20	Dec 18 to Dec 19
Fund	11.5%	-6.4%	17.1%	5.0%	20.2%
Benchmark	9.3%	-6.1%	15.3%	3.2%	18.2%
Sector quartile	1	2	1	2	1

Composite Index: 27.5% FTSE All Share / 25% ABI Flexible Investment / 25% IA Flexible Investment / 12.5% FTSE World ex UK / 2.5% FTSE Emerging / 2.5% FTSE Europe ex UK / 2.5% FTSE World Asia Pacific ex Japan / 2.5% FTSE North America

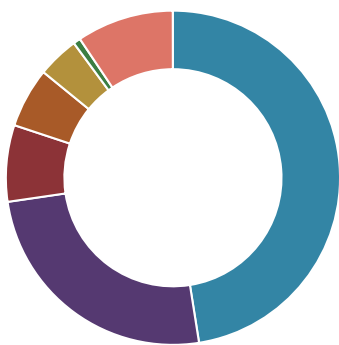
Source: FE fundinfo. The performance information has been calculated in pounds on a bid-to-bid basis and is net of charges with gross income reinvested. Performance for periods over a year is annualised (% per year). Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. The value of an investment can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed. Investors could get back less than they invested.

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**Underlying fund**  
**Fund mgmt group**  
Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc

**Fund manager information**  
This fund is a fund of funds. This means it invests in a mix of different underlying funds, and in different investments, so you're not reliant on the success of just one fund manager or one type of investment. We reserve the right to add, remove and replace the underlying funds with the aim of making sure the fund continues to meet its aims and objectives. The additional charges/expenses may change when underlying funds are replaced, added or removed from the portfolio or when weightings between the underlying funds are changed. Please note, there's no guarantee the fund will meet its objective.

Asset allocation as at 31 Dec 2023



UK Equity	47.5%
North America Equity	25.2%
Asia Pacific including Japan Equity	7.4%
Europe ex UK Equity	5.8%
Global Emerging Market Equities	4.0%
Cash	0.7%
Other	9.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Top holdings as at 31 Dec 2023

Holding	%
Scottish Equitable Man Stockmarket Managed	25.3%
Scottish Equitable Invesco Stockmarket Managed	25.3%
Scottish Equitable Baillie Gifford 60/40 Worldwide Equity	24.8%
Scottish Equitable Lazard Managed Equity	24.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source of fund breakdown and holdings: Fund mgmt group

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## Risks specific to this fund

There is no guarantee the fund will meet its objective. The value of an investment can fall as well as rise and investors could get back less than they originally invested. All funds carry a level of risk and the information below outlines the key risks for this fund.

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**Currency risk** - this fund invests overseas so its value will go up and down in line with changes in currency exchange rates. This could be good for the fund or bad, particularly if exchange rates are volatile.

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**Third party risk** - in the event that the underlying investments which the fund invests in suspend trading, Aegon may defer trading and/or payment to investors. The value ultimately payable will depend on the amount Aegon receives or expects to receive from the underlying investments.

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**Derivative risk** - this fund will use derivatives in a number of ways to achieve its objectives. Holdings may add up to over 100% because derivatives offer a way to gain exposure to the returns of a specified equity or bond market without having to directly own it. These negative figures are not shown within the top holdings section. Derivatives allow a manager to buy or sell an investment at a specified future date for a specified price. However, this means the fund could be exposed to additional risks if the market moves up when the manager expected it to go down or vice versa.

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