

Aegon 50/50 Global Equity Index Lifestyle (ARC)

Fund information

Fund provider	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund launch date	11 Jul 2012
Benchmark	Composite Index
Fund charge*	0.07%
Aegon fund size	£1,333.00m
ABI sector	ABI Global Equities
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00B3MDGN27
SEDOL	B3MDGN2
Aegon mnemonic	ZKL
CitiCode	00H8

*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 fund uses a two-stage investment process called lifestyling. In the early years (the growth stage) aims to provide returns consistent with the markets it invests in by investing in the Aegon BlackRock 50/50 Global Equity Tracker fund. This fund invests approximately 50% in UK equities (shares) and 50% in overseas equities (excluding the UK). Six years before the start of your target retirement year (the lifestyle stage), we'll progressively start switching your investment into the Aegon BlackRock Over 15 Years UK Gilt Tracker fund and (in the final two years) into our Cash fund, with the aim of giving you more certainty about the level of annuity you'll be able to buy when you retire and to cater for your maximum tax-free cash entitlement, currently 25% of your pension pot. We review our lifestyle funds from time to time and may change how they work if we believe this to be in the best interests of investors.

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.



■ Aegon 50/50 Global Equity Index Lifestyle (ARC)
■ Composite Index

	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Fund	11.2%	8.0%	8.8%	7.9%
Benchmark	11.2%	7.9%	8.7%	7.6%
Sector quartile	3	2	3	3

	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	11.2%	-2.8%	16.7%	1.3%	19.5%
Benchmark	11.2%	-3.3%	16.8%	0.9%	19.4%
Sector quartile	3	1	3	4	3

Composite Index: 50% FTSE All Share / 16.7% FTSE USA / 16.7% FTSE Developed Europe ex UK / 8.3% FTSE Japan / 8.3% FTSE Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan

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	BlackRock
Fund name	ACS 50:50 Global Equity Tracker
Launch date	07 Jun 2017
Fund size	£4,063.72m as at 29 Dec 2023
Sedol code:	BYX7S67
ISIN	GB00BYX7S672
Crown rating	N/A

Fund manager information

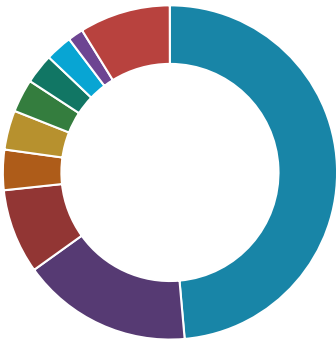
This fund is an Aegon Solution. This means it is a pre-built fund Aegon have created to offer whole investment strategies in a single fund with the aim of making investing easier. We reserve the right to add, remove and replace the underlying funds within this solution with the aim of making sure the fund continues to meet its aims and objectives. Sometimes we work with external fund managers and they select and manage the underlying funds on our behalf. 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.

Sector breakdown as at 31 Dec 2023



Name	Weight
Financials	20.2%
Industrials	13.5%
Health Care	11.1%
Consumer Staples	10.8%
Consumer Discretionary	9.9%
Information Technology	9.6%
Materials	7.3%
Energy	7.0%
Communication	4.2%
Other	6.3%
Total	99.9%

Geographic breakdown as at 31 Dec 2023



Name	Weight
United Kingdom	48.6%
United States	16.5%
Japan	8.2%
France	3.9%
Australia	3.8%
Switzerland	3.2%
Germany	2.9%
Korea (South), Republic of	2.6%
Netherlands	1.5%
Other	8.8%
Total	100.0%

Top holdings as at 31 Dec 2023

Holding	%
SHELL PLC	3.7%
ASTRAZENECA PLC	3.4%
HSBC HOLDINGS PLC	2.7%
UNILEVER PLC	2.1%
BP PLC	1.7%
RIO TINTO PLC	1.4%
DIAGEO PLC	1.4%
RELX PLC	1.3%
GLAXOSMITHKLINE	1.3%
GLENCORE PLC	1.3%
Total	20.3%

Total number of holdings: 2335

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.

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.

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.

Inflation risk - this fund invests in lower risk investments, which means it shouldn't fluctuate in value greatly and is less likely to fall in value significantly. The downside to this is that returns are likely to be lower and there's a greater risk that they may not keep pace with inflation. It's therefore more suitable for short-term investment where you may need your money quickly.

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.

Lifestyle strategy risk - long gilts and long corporate bonds are used in lifestyle strategies because of their inverse relationship with annuity rates, not because they are 'safe' investments. When long bonds go down annuity rates generally go up and vice versa, meaning the size of annuity you can buy stays roughly the same whether bonds go up or down. But, this relationship isn't perfect and can fail, for example there can be a delay between changes in long bond values and annuity rates.

Post-retirement risk - if you don't buy an annuity on your retirement date, you'll remain invested 75% in long-dated bonds (government bonds only or a mix of government and corporate bonds) and 25% in cash until you tell us what you want to do. This mix isn't designed for long-term investing and returns may not keep pace with inflation, meaning the real value of your fund may fall.

Lifestyle performance information - this factsheet contains information and performance for the 'Growth stage' of the lifestyle fund. The information and performance for your fund will be different if you're within the 'Retirement target / lifestyle stage', which normally starts seven years before your selected retirement date.

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