

# Scottish Equitable Janus Henderson Strategic Bond (ARC)

## Fund information

Fund provider	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund launch date	11 Nov 2011
Benchmark	IA Sterling Strategic Bond
Fund charge*	0.61%
Aegon fund size	£19.59m
ABI sector	ABI Sterling Strategic Bond
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00B3R26X49
SEDOL	B3R26X4
Aegon mnemonic	ZEZ
CitiCode	00HV

\*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



**Below-average risk**

Below average risk funds will generally see some change in day-to-day value, both up and down, and these changes will typically be larger than those of a cash deposit. They may hold a broad range of investment types, including equities (shares), but a significant proportion may also be invested in investments that aim to provide a reliable source of income (like government and corporate bonds) and, with that, greater stability than would typically be available from equities. They try to provide better long-term growth prospects than a cash deposit, but are lower risk than funds investing largely in equities.

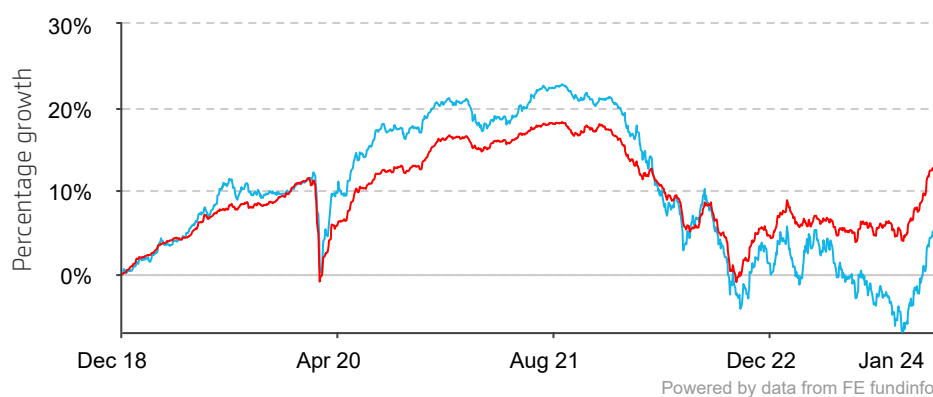
## Fund objective

This fund aims to outperform the IA Sterling Strategic Bond sector average, after charges, over any 5-year period. It does so by investing in a global portfolio of bonds of any quality, including high yield (non-investment grade) bonds, issued by governments or companies. The Scottish Equitable fund has higher charges than the underlying Janus Henderson fund and will therefore be less likely to meet this target.

## 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.



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	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Fund	4.5%	-4.7%	0.9%	2.6%
Benchmark	7.8%	-1.1%	2.4%	2.8%
Sector quartile	4	4	4	2


  

	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	4.5%	-17.4%	0.2%	10.4%	9.6%
Benchmark	7.8%	-11.0%	0.8%	6.6%	9.3%
Sector quartile	4	4	3	1	2

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	Janus Henderson Global Investors Ltd
Fund name	Strategic Bond
Launch date	11 Oct 1986
Fund size	£2,675.11m as at 29 Dec 2023
Sedol code:	0753382
ISIN	GB0007533820
Crown rating	

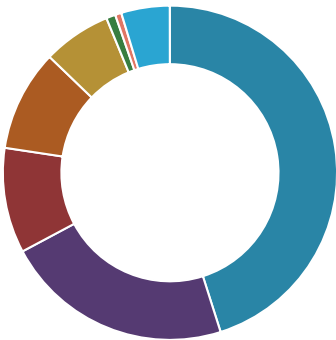
## Fund manager information



Fund manager	Jenna Barnard
Start date	01 Jan 2006

Jenna Barnard is Co-Head of Strategic Fixed Income at Janus Henderson Investors, a position she has held since 2015. She manages and co-manages a range of strategic fixed income strategies and funds meeting different client needs globally. Jenna joined Henderson in 2002 as a credit analyst and was promoted to portfolio manager in 2004. Prior to this, she worked as an investment analyst with Orbitex Investments. Jenna graduated with a first class BA degree (Hons) in politics, philosophy, and economics from Oxford University. She holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation, is a member of the Society of Technical Analysts, and is an Affiliate Member of the UK Society of Investment Professionals. She has 21 years of financial industry experience.

## Sector breakdown as at 31 Dec 2023



Name	Weight
Government Bonds	45.1%
Investment Grade Non-Financial Corporate Bonds	22.1%
Investment Grade Financial Corporate Bonds	10.2%
Asset or Mortgage Backed	9.8%
High Yield Non-Financial Corporate Bonds	6.6%
High Yield Financial Corporate Bonds	0.9%
Preference Shares	0.6%
Cash and Derivatives	4.7%
Total	100.0%

## Credit breakdown as at 31 Dec 2023

Name	Weight
A	9.9%
AA	39.4%
AAA	17.2%
B	0.7%
BB	6.7%
BBB	20.8%
Money Market	4.7%
Non-Rated	0.6%
Total	100.0%

## Top holdings as at 31 Dec 2023

Holding	%
United Kingdom Gilt 4.25% 2032	7.6%
United Kingdom Gilt 3.50% 2025	6.6%
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe 2.30% 2033	4.5%
United Kingdom Gilt 2.75% 2024	3.4%
United Kingdom Gilt 3.25% 2033	3.4%
Australia Government Bond 4.50% 2033	3.3%
United Kingdom Gilt 1.625% 2028	2.7%
Fannie Mae Pool 3.00% 2052	2.6%
United Kingdom Gilt 0.625% 2050	2.3%
Australia Government Bond 2.75% 2041	2.1%
Total	38.5%

Total number of holdings: 173

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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**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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**Credit risk** - this fund invests in bonds or other types of debt. Bonds are essentially loans to companies, governments or local authorities so there's a risk that these companies or government bodies may default on the loan. Bonds are rated in terms of quality, usually from AAA down to B and below. AAA is the highest quality and therefore the least likely to default and B or lower the most likely to default. Where we have it we show the credit quality of the loans held by this fund.

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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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**Interest rate risk** - interest rate changes could affect the value of bond investments. Where long term interest rates rise, the value of bonds is likely to fall, and vice versa.

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