

Scottish Equitable Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond (ARC)

Fund information

Fund provider	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund launch date	11 Nov 2011
Benchmark	ICE BofAML European Currency High Yield Constrained
Fund charge*	0.38%
Aegon fund size	£7.92m
ABI sector	ABI Sterling High Yield
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00B67J6D65
SEDOL	B67J6D6
Aegon mnemonic	ZBJ
CitiCode	OOKE

*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 Retiready (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.

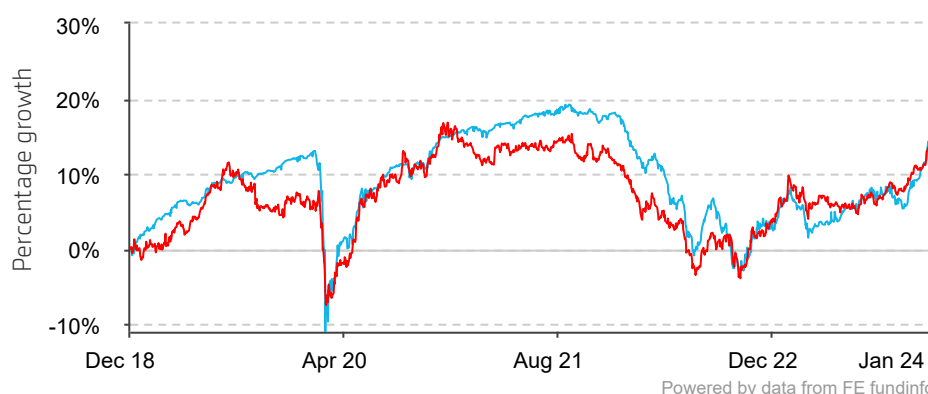
Fund objective

This fund aims to achieve a total return (income plus capital growth) by investing at least 80% of the portfolio in high-yield sub-investment grade sterling bonds and overseas corporate bonds hedged back to sterling. The fund may also invest in other assets such as derivatives for investment as well as hedging purposes.

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	11.3%	-0.3%	2.7%	3.4%
Benchmark	10.1%	0.0%	2.7%	4.0%
Sector quartile	2	3	3	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	11.3%	-13.2%	2.6%	2.9%	11.9%
Benchmark	10.1%	-6.9%	-2.4%	8.1%	6.0%
Sector quartile	2	3	3	3	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	Baillie Gifford & Co Ltd
Fund name	High Yield Bond
Launch date	30 Nov 2001
Fund size	£425.61m as at 31 Dec 2023
Sedol code:	B1W0GF1
ISIN	GB00B1W0GF10
Crown rating	   

Fund manager information



Fund manager	Robert Baltzer
Start date	01 Jun 2010

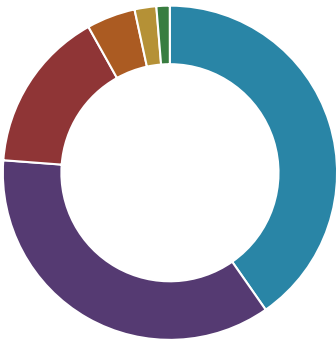
Robert is head of Credit Research and co-manager of the Global Strategic Bond Fund and our High Yield funds. He is a member of the Investment Grade, Crossover and High Yield Portfolio Groups. Robert joined Baillie Gifford in 2001 on the graduate scheme. He graduated MMath from Durham University in 2001 and is a CFA Charterholder.



Fund manager	Lucy Isles
Start date	10 Jan 2018

Lucy is an investment manager in the Credit Team. She is co-manager of our High Yield Bond Fund and leads the High Yield Portfolio Group. Lucy joined Baillie Gifford in 2012 on the graduate scheme. She graduated MA (Hons) in International Relations and Modern History from the University of St Andrews in 2011.

Asset allocation as at 31 Dec 2023



Name	Fund
Europe Bonds	40.3%
North America Bonds	35.9%
United Kingdom Bonds	15.7%
Emerging Markets Bonds	4.7%
Developed Asia Bonds	2.1%
Cash & Derivatives	1.3%
Total	100.0%

Credit breakdown as at 31 Dec 2023

Name	Weight
A	1.3%
AA	1.3%
B	38.9%
BB	50.4%
BBB	4.5%
CCC	3.6%
Total	100.0%

Top holdings as at 31 Dec 2023

Holding	%
LeasePlan Corporation N.V.	2.4%
Grifols	1.9%
Iliad	1.9%
Canpack SA	1.7%
Quintiles Transnational Corp	1.7%
James Hardie Industries	1.6%
EDF	1.6%
SPCM	1.6%
Biogroup SELAFA	1.5%
Barclays	1.5%
Total	17.4%

Total number of holdings: 102

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.

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.

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.

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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