

# Scottish Equitable BlackRock US Dynamic (ARC)

## Fund information

Fund provider	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund launch date	11 Nov 2011
Benchmark	Russell 1000
Fund charge*	0.90%
Aegon fund size	£19.49m
ABI sector	ABI North America Equities
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00B68MCD67
SEDOL	B68MCD6
Aegon mnemonic	ZCY
CitiCode	00KU

\*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 Retirement (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 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.

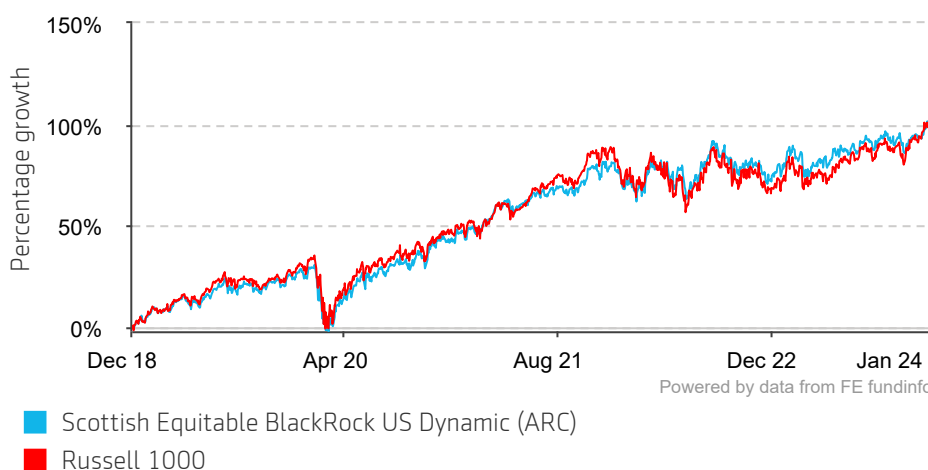
## Fund objective

This fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth (over 5 or more consecutive years beginning at the point of investment) by investing mainly in the shares of companies incorporated or listed in the United States. The manager focuses on stocks, which exhibit either growth or value characteristics and will choose one or the other depending on which they believe the market will favour. It may also invest in collective investment schemes and other types of investment managed by third parties. Derivatives may be used for investment purposes and for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

## 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.



	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Fund	16.0%	12.5%	15.2%	14.3%
Benchmark	18.8%	11.0%	14.9%	14.2%
Sector quartile	4	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	16.0%	-3.4%	27.1%	15.0%	23.8%
Benchmark	18.8%	-9.4%	27.1%	16.6%	25.6%
Sector quartile	4	1	3	2	4

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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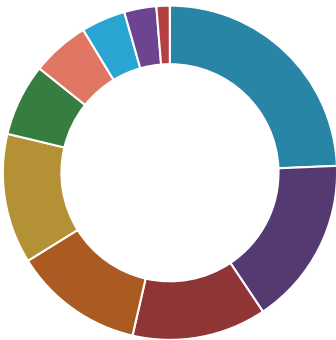
## Underlying fund

Fund mgmt group	BlackRock
Fund name	US Dynamic
Launch date	31 Dec 1982
Fund size	£233.54m as at 29 Dec 2023
Sedol code:	0580416
ISIN	GB0005804165
Crown rating	

## Fund manager information

Fund manager	Todd Burnside
Start date	29 Mar 2017
Fund manager	Joseph Wolfe
Start date	29 Mar 2017

## Sector breakdown as at 31 Dec 2023



Name	Weight
Information Technology	24.4%
Health Care	16.3%
Financials	13.0%
Consumer Discretionary	12.6%
Communication	12.6%
Industrials	7.0%
Consumer Staples	5.6%
Energy	4.3%
Materials	3.1%
Cash and Derivatives	1.3%
Total	100.2%

## Top holdings as at 31 Dec 2023

Holding	%
MICROSOFT CORPORATION	8.3%
AMAZON.COM INC	5.2%
ALPHABET INC	5.1%
APPLE INC	3.9%
META PLATFORMS INC	2.9%
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC	2.5%
COMCAST CORPORATION	2.3%
ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES INC	2.3%
FORTIVE CORP	2.3%
SANOFI SA	2.2%
Total	37.0%

Total number of holdings: 61

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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**Investment restrictions** - this fund is restricted in what it can invest in either to one country e.g. UK or to a certain type of company e.g. ethical/socially responsible, smaller or technology-based, which increases the risk to the fund if market conditions don't favour that country or type of company.

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**Concentration risk** - this fund invests in a smaller number of stocks (company shares) than most other, similar funds. This means there's a greater chance of loss if one or more of those stocks goes down in value.

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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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