

UK Smaller Companies (ARC)

Fund information

Fund provider	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund launch date	11 Nov 2011
Benchmark	Numis Smaller Companies Excluding Investment Companies
Fund charge*	0.32%
Aegon fund size	£179.92m
ABI sector	ABI UK Smaller Companies
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00B3T4FL94
SEDOL	B3T4FL9
Aegon mnemonic	ZJP
CitiCode	OOMT

*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.

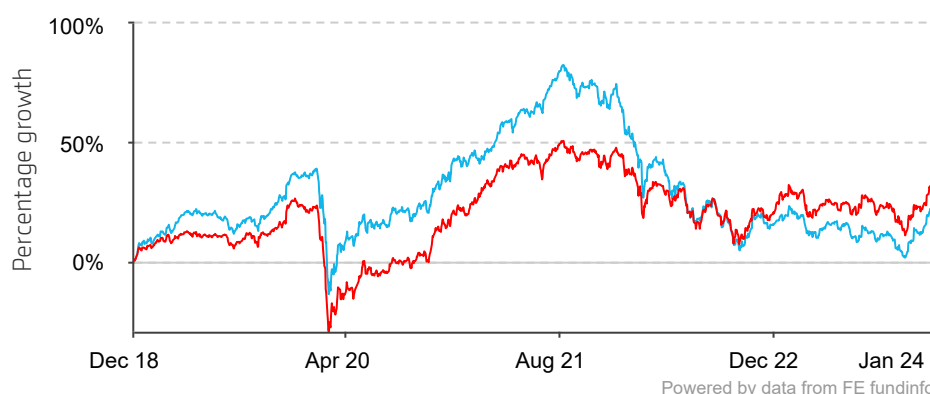
Fund objective

This fund aims to outperform the Numis Smaller Companies index, net of fees, by investing principally in the shares (equities) of smaller UK companies. These are companies which form the bottom 10% of the UK stock market based on their market value.

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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■ Numis Smaller Companies Excluding Investment Companies

	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Fund	5.9%	-4.9%	4.1%	4.8%
Benchmark	10.1%	3.3%	5.7%	4.9%
Sector quartile	1	3	2	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	5.9%	-33.1%	21.5%	4.2%	36.4%
Benchmark	10.1%	-17.9%	21.9%	-4.3%	25.2%
Sector quartile	1	4	3	3	1

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

Aegon have created this fund to offer a single asset class solution 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.

Asset allocation as at 31 Dec 2023



UK Equities	94.7%
Irish Equities	1.7%
North American Equities	1.6%
Dutch Equities	0.5%
US Equities	0.5%
Money Market	1.1%
Total	100.1%

Top holdings as at 31 Dec 2023

Holding	%
Ashtead Technoloy IPO	4.2%
JTC Placing October 2021	3.6%
WORKSPACE GROUP PLC	3.4%
Paragon Banking Group Plc	3.2%
Tatton Asset Management	3.1%
Moneysupermarket.com	2.8%
Gamma Communications Plc	2.8%
Hill and Smith Holdings Plc	2.8%
Dunelm Group Plc	2.8%
Bytes Technology Group Plc	2.7%
Total	31.4%

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.

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.

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.

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.

