

Aegon Jupiter UK Smaller Companies (ARC)

Fund information

Fund provider	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund launch date	31 Jan 2013
Benchmark	Numis Smaller Companies Excluding Investment Companies
Fund charge*	0.72%
Aegon fund size	£28.60m
ABI sector	ABI UK Smaller Companies
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00B96ZRS80
SEDOL	B96ZRS8
Aegon mnemonic	ZNC
CitiCode	I6QB

*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.

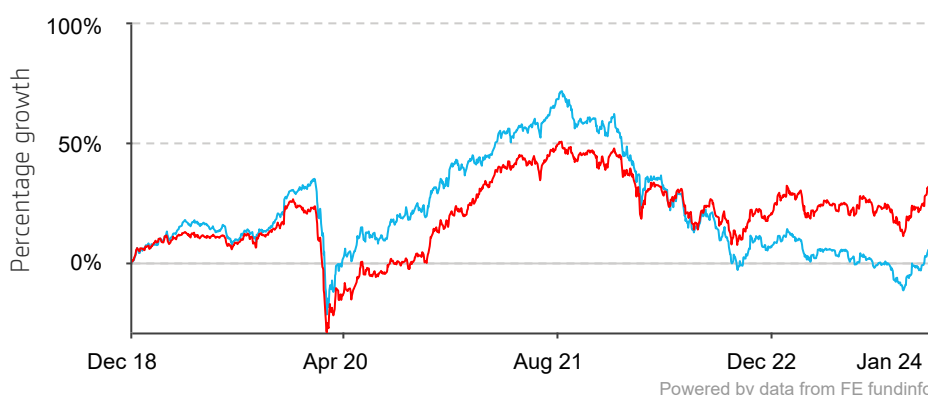
Fund objective

The fund aims to achieve capital growth. In seeking to achieve its investment objective the fund will aim to deliver a return, after charges, greater than that of the Numis Smaller Companies Index excluding Investment Companies over rolling 3-year periods. The fund primarily invests in a portfolio of UK smaller companies. The Aegon fund has higher charges than the underlying Jupiter 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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- Numis Smaller Companies Excluding Investment Companies


	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Fund	-1.2%	-9.0%	1.1%	4.9%
Benchmark	10.1%	3.3%	5.7%	4.9%
Sector quartile	4	4	4	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	-1.2%	-33.7%	14.9%	7.7%	30.0%
Benchmark	10.1%	-17.9%	21.9%	-4.3%	25.2%
Sector quartile	4	4	4	2	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	Jupiter Unit Trust Mgrs Ltd
Fund name	UK Smaller Companies
Launch date	09 Feb 2001
Fund size	£452.68m as at 29 Dec 2023
Sedol code:	B1XG7C2
ISIN	GB00B1XG7C26
Crown rating	

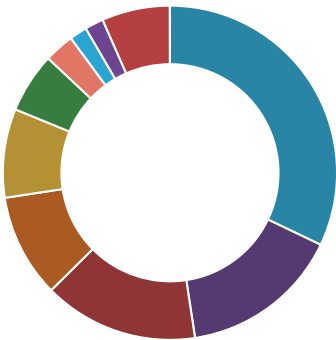
Fund manager information



Fund manager	Daniel Nickols
Start date	31 Jan 2004

Dan is an Investment Manager in the UK Small & Mid Cap Equities team. Before joining Jupiter, Dan was Head of the UK Small & Mid Cap team at Merian Global Investors. Prior to this, he was a fund manager at Albert E Sharp. Before this, he worked at Morgan Stanley in the European equities division, and at Deloitte and Touche. He began his investment career in 1994. Dan has a degree in Modern and Medieval Languages and is IIMR-qualified.

Sector breakdown as at 31 Dec 2023



Name	Weight
Industrials	32.1%
Financials	15.5%
Consumer Discretionary	15.0%
Technology	10.0%
Telecommunications	8.6%
Real Estate	5.8%
Energy	2.9%
Consumer Staples	1.7%
Other	1.8%
Cash	6.6%
Total	100.0%

Top holdings as at 31 Dec 2023

Holding	%
Chemring Group Plc	4.1%
Osbi Group Plc	4.1%
Gamma Communications Plc	4.0%
Jtc Plc	3.6%
Bytes Technology Group Plc	3.5%
Vesuvius	3.4%
Oxford Instruments Plc	3.3%
Morgan Sindall Group Plc	3.1%
Telecom Plus Plc	3.1%
Alpha Group International Plc	3.0%
Total	35.2%

Total number of holdings: 55

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.

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.

