

# Aegon CT High Yield Bond (AOR)

## Fund information

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|------------------|------------------------------|
| Fund provider    | Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc |
| Fund launch date | 22 Jul 2014                  |
| Fund charge*     | 0.74%                        |
| Aegon fund size  | £1.19m                       |
| ABI sector       | ABI Sterling High Yield      |
| Fund type        | Pension                      |
| ISIN             | GB00BNB7NX48                 |
| SEDOL            | BNB7NX4                      |
| Aegon mnemonic   | ZPD                          |
| CitiCode         | KLYE                         |

\*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



### Average risk

Average risk funds will generally invest in a broad range of investment types and will typically hold a significant proportion in equities (shares). Their daily price movements will therefore vary from day-to-day, both up and down, although not usually as much as for funds investing entirely in equities. These movements can lead to lengthy periods where their value goes down depending on market conditions. However, over the longer term these funds would be expected to deliver significantly better growth prospects than a cash deposit.

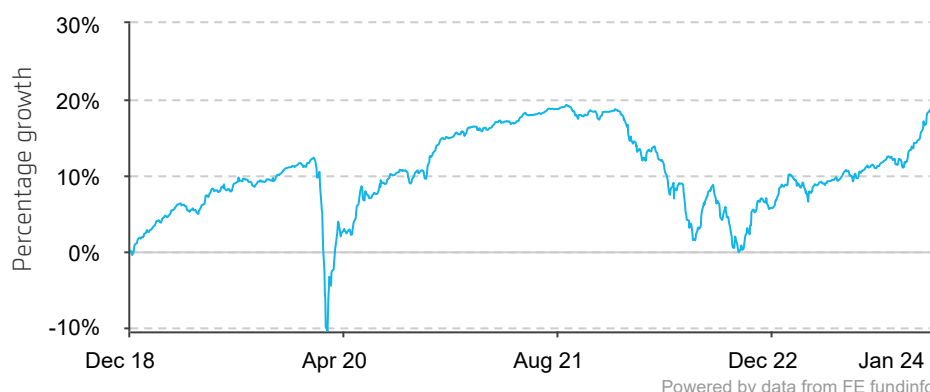
## Fund objective

The fund aims to outperform the ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch European Currency High Yield Excluding Subordinated Financials Constrained (Hedged to Sterling) Index over rolling 3-year periods (after charges) by investing at least two-thirds of its assets in high income paying bonds issued by companies worldwide that are denominated in euros (EUR) or sterling (GBP) and rated below investment grade. High income paying bonds are bonds that have received lower ratings from international agencies that provide such ratings. These bonds are considered riskier than higher rated bonds but typically pay a higher income. The Fund may invest to a lesser extent in bonds denominated in currencies other than euro and sterling, bonds of other credit quality (as well as unrated bonds) and bonds issued by governments and quasi-government entities. Non-sterling bonds are typically hedged into sterling. The fund may also invest in other securities, as well as collective investment schemes (including funds managed by Columbia Threadneedle companies), and hold money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash. The Aegon fund has higher charges than the underlying Columbia Threadneedle 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            | 12.5% | 1.1% | 3.5% | -     |
| Sector quartile | 1     | 2    | 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            | 12.5%            | -10.8%           | 3.0%             | 3.6%             | 11.0%            |
| Sector quartile | 1                | 1                | 2                | 2                | 2                |

Benchmark information for this fund is currently unavailable.

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

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|-----------------|---|
| Fund mgmt group | Threadneedle Investment Services Limited  |
| Fund name       | High Yield Bond   |
| Launch date     | 04 Oct 1999   |
| Fund size       | £566.79m as at 31 Dec 2023  |
| Sedol code:     | B82VC22   |
| ISIN            | GB00B82VC222  |
| Crown rating    |  |

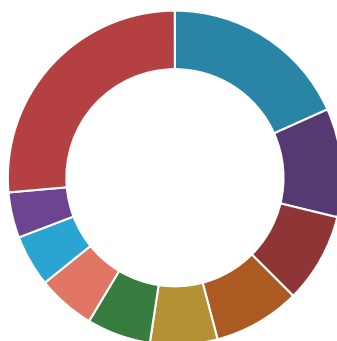
## Fund manager information



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| Fund manager | David Backhouse |
| Start date   | 24 Apr 2012     |

David Backhouse is a portfolio manager in the dedicated High Yield Bond team. He joined the company in 2003 as an investment analyst, specialising in non-investment grade credits. Before joining the company, David worked for Gartmore as a credit analyst. He has also worked for UBK Asset Management as a senior Telecommunications analyst and Ernst & Young as an auditor. He holds a BEng (Hons) degree in electrical and electronic engineering from UMIST and is a qualified chartered accountant. David is a member the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

## Sector breakdown as at 31 Dec 2023



| Name               | Weight        |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Telecommunications | 18.3%         |
| Healthcare         | 10.5%         |
| Automotive         | 8.7%          |
| Services           | 8.4%          |
| Utility            | 6.5%          |
| Banking            | 6.2%          |
| Leisure            | 5.6%          |
| Basic Industry     | 5.0%          |
| Capital Goods      | 4.4%          |
| Other              | 26.4%         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>100.0%</b> |

## Credit breakdown as at 31 Dec 2023

| Name         | Weight        |
|--------------|---------------|
| A            | 0.2%          |
| B            | 28.2%         |
| BB           | 59.3%         |
| BBB          | 7.1%          |
| CCC          | 2.5%          |
| Money Market | 2.4%          |
| Non-Rated    | 0.4%          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>100.1%</b> |

## Top holdings as at 31 Dec 2023

| Holding  | %            |
|--|--------------|
| Electricite De France Sa                       | 3.0%         |
| Telecom Italia S.P.A.                          | 2.8%         |
| Telefonica Europe B V                          | 2.5%         |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands li B.V | 2.0%         |
| Forvia Se.                                     | 1.7%         |
| Cellnex Finance Company S.A.U.                 | 1.6%         |
| Vodafone Group Plc                             | 1.6%         |
| Rolls-Royce Plc                                | 1.5%         |
| Deutsche Lufthansa Ag                          | 1.5%         |
| Bayer Ag                                       | 1.4%         |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>19.6%</b> |

Total number of holdings: 349

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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**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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