As at 31 December 2023

Aegon Global Equity Tracker Lifestyle (ARC)

Fund information

Fund provider	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund launch date	29 Jan 2016
Benchmark	Composite Index
Fund charge*	0.11%
Aegon fund size	£153.90m
ABI sector	ABI Global Equities
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00BD9WYP07
SEDOL	BD9WYP0
Aegon mnemonic	Z0L
CitiCode	MX7I

*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 uses a two-stage investment process called lifestyling. In the early years (the growth stage) it invests wholly in the Global Equity Tracker fund. It is passively managed and invests in UK and overseas equities (shares of companies) in roughly the same proportions as its composite benchmark. Five years before the start of your target retirement year (the lifestyle stage), we'll progressively start switching your investment into our Long Gilt and (in the final year) Cash fund, with the aim of giving you more certainty about the level of annuity you'll be able to buy when you retire and to cater for your maximum tax-free cash entitlement, currently 25% of your pension pot. We review our lifestyle funds from time to time and may change how they work if we believe this to be in the best interests of investors.

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	12.6%	9.1%	10.0%	-
Benchmark	12.8%	9.3%	10.0%	-
Sector quartile	2	1	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	12.6%	-4.1%	20.3%	2.2%	21.4%
Benchmark	12.8%	-3.6%	20.3%	1.6%	21.2%
Sector quartile	2	1	2	4	2

Composite Index: 50% FTSE All Share / 50% FTSE World ex UK

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	Global Equity
Launch date	19 Aug 2005
Fund size	£492.11m as at 29 Dec 2023
Sedol code:	B08HDB4
ISIN	GB00B08HDB43
Crown rating	N/A

Fund manager information

This fund is an Aegon Solution. This means it is a pre-built fund Aegon have created to offer whole investment strategies 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 Aug 2023



Name	Fund
UK Equities	45.5%
North American Equities	23.4%
US Equities	12.7%
European Equities	7.0%
UK Mid Cap Companies	4.1%
Asia Pacific ex Japan Equities	3.7%
Japanese Equities	3.6%
Total	100.0%

Top holdings as at 31 Aug 2023

Holding	%
ISHRS 100 UK EQ IDX FD (UK) D ACC	25.0%
ISHRS NRTH AM EQ IDX FD (UK) L ACC	23.4%
ISHRS UK EQ IDX FD (UK) L ACC	20.5%
ISHRS US EQ IDX FD (UK) D ACC	12.7%
ISHR CONT EUR EQ IDX FD (UK) L ACC	7.0%
ISHRS MID CAP UK EQ IDX (UK) D ACC	4.1%
ISHRS PAC EX JAP EQ IDX (UK) L ACC	3.7%
ISHRS JAP EQ IDX FD (UK) L ACC	3.6%
Total	100.0%

Total number of holdings: 10

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.

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.

Lifestyle strategy risk - long gilts and long corporate bonds are used in lifestyle strategies because of their inverse relationship with annuity rates, not because they are 'safe' investments. When long bonds go down annuity rates generally go up and vice versa, meaning the size of annuity you can buy stays roughly the same whether bonds go up or down. But, this relationship isn't perfect and can fail, for example there can be a delay between changes in long bond values and annuity rates.

Post-retirement risk - if you don't buy an annuity on your retirement date, you'll remain invested 75% in long-dated bonds (government bonds only or a mix of government and corporate bonds) and 25% in cash until you tell us what you want to do. This mix isn't designed for long-term investing and returns may not keep pace with inflation, meaning the real value of your fund may fall.

Lifestyle performance information - this factsheet contains information and performance for the 'Growth stage' of the lifestyle fund. The information and performance for your fund will be different if you're within the 'Retirement target / lifestyle stage', which normally starts seven years before your selected retirement date.

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