

# Cautious Core Lifestyle Portfolio (ARC)

## Fund information

Fund provider	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund launch date	26 May 2016
Fund charge*	0.26%
Aegon fund size	£5.40m
ABI sector	ABI Unclassified
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00BYZX4321
SEDOL	BYZX432
Aegon mnemonic	Z2U
CitiCode	N3QG

\*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



**Below-average risk**

Below average risk funds will generally see some change in day-to-day value, both up and down, and these changes will typically be larger than those of a cash deposit. They may hold a broad range of investment types, including equities (shares), but a significant proportion may also be invested in investments that aim to provide a reliable source of income (like government and corporate bonds) and, with that, greater stability than would typically be available from equities. They try to provide better long-term growth prospects than a cash deposit, but are lower risk than funds investing largely in equities.

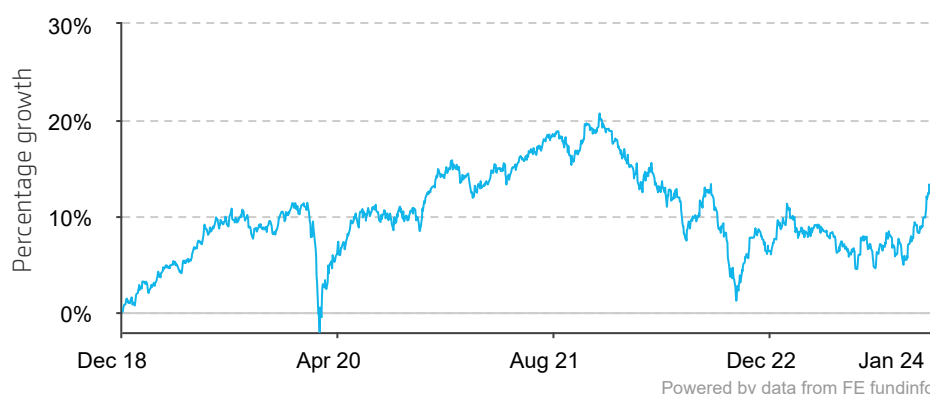
## Fund objective

This is a lifestyle fund. In the early years (the growth stage) it invests in the Cautious Core Portfolio, which aims to provide long-term capital growth while keeping risk in a target volatility range of 5.25-9.25% over a market cycle, which can last three years or more. The portfolio is built using a collection of low-cost funds that aim to perform in line with their regional benchmarks, by investing in the same companies as them, in the same proportions. The fund invests in assets traditionally viewed as lower risk, including investment grade corporate bonds, government bonds (gilts) and cash. It will also invest to a lesser extent in riskier assets, including developed and emerging markets equities (company shares). To be consistent with the target volatility range, the fund would typically be expected to invest between 20-50% in equities. The underlying assumptions that support the volatility and equity ranges are at the fund manager's discretion and are subject to change. Six 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 two years) 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.




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	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Fund	6.7%	-0.3%	2.6%	-
	Dec 22 to Dec 23	Dec 21 to Dec 22	Dec 20 to Dec 21	Dec 19 to Dec 20
Fund	6.7%	-10.5%	3.8%	4.6%

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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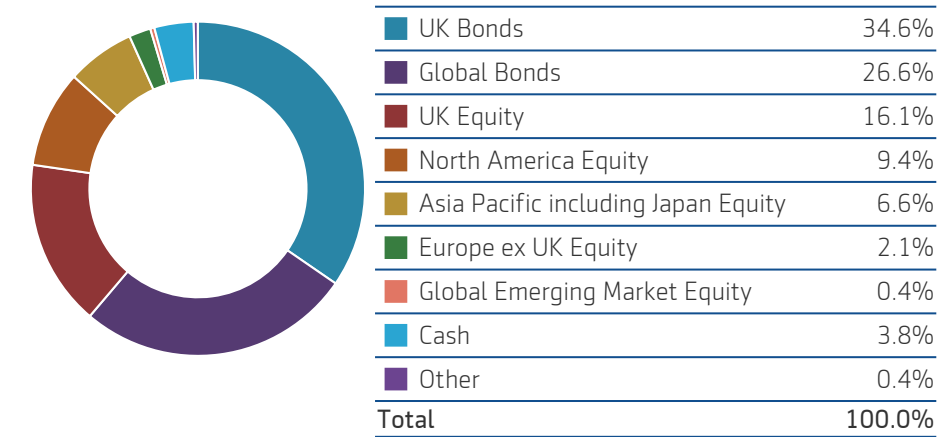
## Underlying fund

Fund mgmt group	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund name	Cautious Core Portfolio Pn
Launch date	06 Jun 2012
Fund size	£575.80m as at 31 Dec 2023
Sedol code:	B8J4K42
ISIN	GB00B8J4K423
Crown rating	

## 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 Dec 2023



## Top holdings as at 31 Dec 2023

Holding	%
Corporate Bond Tracker	22.6%
UK Gilts All-Stocks Tracker	21.2%
UK Index Tracker	16.1%
Overseas Government Bond Tracker	12.5%
North American Equity Tracker	9.4%
Aegon BlackRock Over 15 Years UK Gilt Tracker	4.0%
Cash	3.8%
Emerging Markets Equity Tracker	2.9%
Japan Equity Tracker	2.7%
Continental European Equity Tracker	2.0%
Total	97.2%

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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**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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**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.

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**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.

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**Target risk** - the fund may sit outside its risk target at times, for example if risk in the markets is unusually high or low. The risk target is long term, so the manager wouldn't increase or decrease the fund's risk just to meet its risk target in the short term.

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**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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