

Aegon Mercer Balanced Investment Approach Retirement (ARC)

Fund information

Fund provider	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund launch date	18 Aug 2016
Benchmark	Composite Index
Fund charge*	0.15%
Aegon fund size	£22.00m
ABI sector	ABI Unclassified
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00BYV2P51
SEDOL	BYV2P5
Aegon mnemonic	Z75
CitiCode	N7D0

*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



Low risk

Low risk funds will typically have underlying investments that we'd expect to experience small changes in value from day-to-day. The fund price movements will generally go up but could also go down, particularly in a low interest rate or inflationary environment. Funds with a low risk rating may keep risk down in a variety of ways, for example by holding a very broad range of investments, or they may contain a narrower range of fixed interest or cash investments with a short term to maturity. Over the longer term, they're unlikely to deliver high levels of return and may not keep pace with inflation.

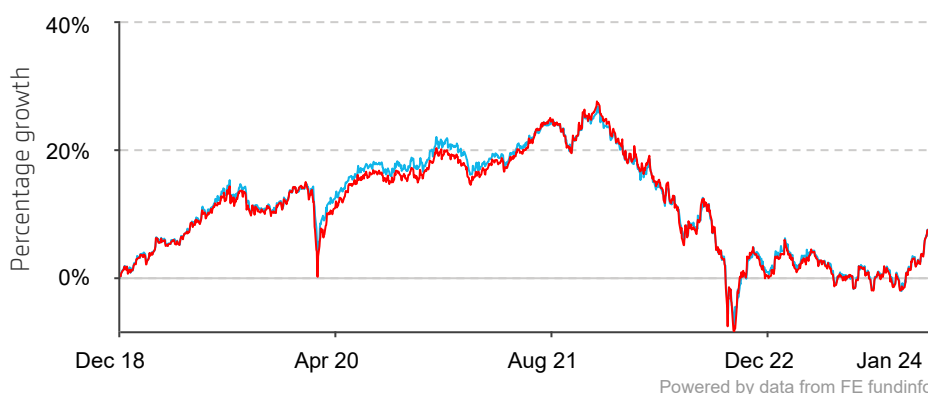
Fund objective

This fund is designed for Mercer Workplace scheme members invested in the Aegon Mercer Balanced Investment Approach fund who have reached their target retirement year, but haven't yet taken their pension benefits. In the member's retirement year, they will automatically be transferred into this fund. While scheme members decide how they want to take their retirement income, the fund aims to keep risk low while providing some continued growth. It does so by investing in a mix of investments (company shares, bonds and cash) and countries so they're not reliant on the success of just one investment type. It's designed as a short-to-medium term investment.

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.



■ Aegon Mercer Balanced Investment Approach Retirement (ARC)
■ Composite Index N7D0

	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Fund	6.6%	-4.0%	1.4%	-
Benchmark	7.1%	-3.7%	1.4%	-

	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	6.6%	-18.6%	1.8%	9.7%	10.7%
Benchmark	7.1%	-19.5%	3.7%	8.2%	10.7%

Composite Index: 30% Markit iBoxx £ Non Gilts / 20% FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked Gilts Over 5 Years / 20% FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks / 8% FTSE North America / 7.3% FTSE All Share / 7% SONIA Overnight / 4% FTSE World Europe ex UK / 3.7% 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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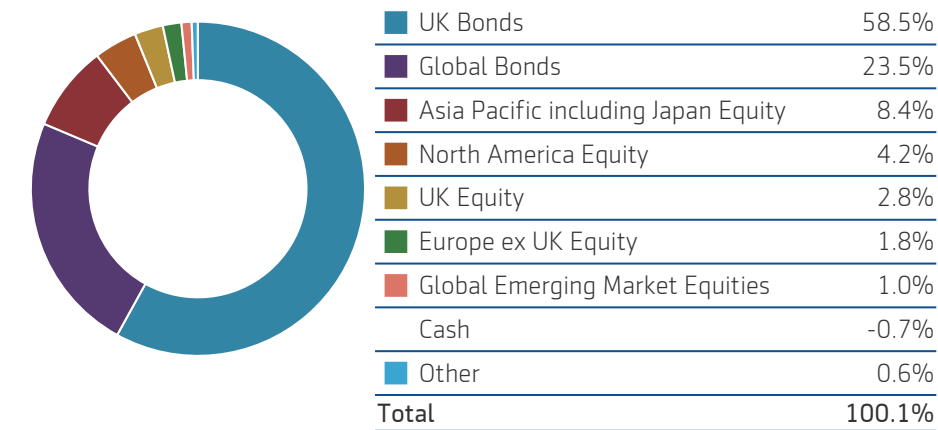
Underlying fund

Fund mgmt group
Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc

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	40.0%
UK Gilts All-Stocks Tracker	27.1%
Index-Linked Gilt Tracker	14.1%
Emerging Markets Equity Tracker	6.6%
North American Equity Tracker	4.2%
Japan Equity Tracker	2.9%
UK Index Tracker	2.8%
Continental European Equity Tracker	1.6%
Pacific Ex-Japan Equity Tracker	0.7%
Total	100.0%

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.

Risk of delay - this fund is designed as an interim investment for the short to medium term. It's in your interest to take a decision about how you want to take your benefits as soon as you can. You may want to take professional financial advice.

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.

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.

Inflation risk - this fund invests in lower risk investments, which means it shouldn't fluctuate in value greatly and is less likely to fall in value significantly. The downside to this is that returns are likely to be lower and there's a greater risk that they may not keep pace with inflation. It's therefore more suitable for short-term investment where you may need your money quickly.

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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