

31 May 2025

## **Pension Fund**



## Scottish Widows Consensus Pension (Series

#### **Fund Aim**

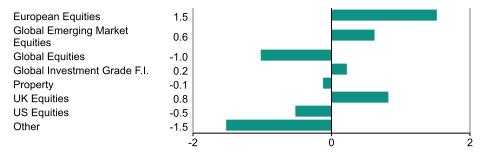
To provide long-term capital growth through exposure to shares, bonds, property, alternatives, and cash. Between 50% and 85% of the Fund will provide exposure to shares including UK, overseas and emerging market companies. Between 10% and 40% of the Fund will provide exposure to bonds. This will include UK and overseas investment grade corporate and government bonds. It may also include high yield and emerging market bonds. Alternative investment types such as property and commodities may represent up to 15% of the Fund. Investment in these assets is through a range of index-tracking funds including those considering Environmental, Social and Governance factors. Index-tracking funds aim to match their benchmark return. The Fund may also utilise derivatives in pursuit of its aims. The Fund's asset class allocations are based on Scottish Widows' medium to long-term outlook. These allocations may be reviewed and updated periodically. The Fund may invest in different assets over time.

'ESG Metrics'

#### Asset Allocation (as at 31/03/2025)



# Asset Allocation Relative to Strategic Asset Allocation (as at 31/03/2025)



The composition of asset mix and asset allocation may change at any time and exclude cash unless otherwise stated

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#### Information Statement

Scottish Widows produce Environmental, Social and Governance themed fund metrics. Selected data can be found using the ESG metric link

### **Basic Fund Information**

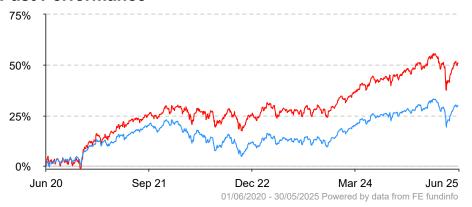
Series 4 Unit Launch	14/08/2006
Date	
Fund Size	£2,248.2m
Sector	ABI Mixed Investment
	40-85% Shares
ISIN	GB00B17FSP58
MEX ID	SWCOS4
SEDOL	B17FSP5
Manager Name	Philip Chandler
Manager Since	28/02/2020

## **Top Ten Holdings**

#### (as at 31/03/2025)

(as at 31/03/2025)	
ABDRN GLO CB SCREENED TRACKER FD ACC	7.2%
ISHARES MSCI EMERGING MARKETS USD	4.4%
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS LUX MG GL TREASURY BD INDEX I GBP HEDGED	4.0%
ISHR E&L C T RL ES IDX-X AC	3.4%
ISHARES EMERGING MARKETS GOVER NPV	3.0%
SELL GBP BUY EUR ON 24/04/2025 WITH BNP022	2.3%
ISHARES EMERGING MARKETS LOCAL NPV	2.0%
BUY GBP SELL USD ON 24/04/2025 WITH HSB085	1.0%
EURO STOXX 50 JUN 25 (VGM5)	1.0%
ISHARES PHYSICAL METALS PLC ISHARES PHYSICAL GOLD ETC USD (GBP) ACC	1.0%
TOTAL	29.3%

#### **Past Performance**



Scottish Widows Consensus Pension Series 4

ABI Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investment value and income from it may fall as well as rise, as a result of market and currency movements. You may not get back the amount originally invested.

#### **Discrete Performance**

	31/03/2024 - 31/03/2025				31/03/2020 - 31/03/2021
Scottish Widows Consensus Pension (Series 4)	5.6%	11.3%	-1.6%	9.5%	28.0%
ABI Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	3.3%	9.7%	-4.5%	5.0%	23.9%

Information is shown as unavailable if prior to the launch of fund.

#### **Cumulative Performance**

	30/04/2025 - 31/05/2025	28/02/2025 - 31/05/2025	31/05/2024 - 31/05/2025	31/05/2022 - 31/05/2025	31/05/2020 - 31/05/2025
Scottish Widows Consensus Pension (Series 4)	3.3%	-1.4%	6.8%	18.5%	50.0%
ABI Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	3.3%	-0.9%	5.1%	13.7%	29.9%
Quartile	3	4	2	2	1

Source: FE fundinfo as at 31/05/2025

Performance figures are in £ Sterling on a single pricing basis, with income (where applicable) reinvested net of UK tax and net of total annual fund charges. These figures do not include any initial charge or other product charge(s) that may be applicable.

## **Fund Rating Information**

Overall Morningstar
Rating
Morningstar Medalist
Rating
FE fundinfo Crown
Rating

The FE fundinfo Crown Rating relates to this fund. However, the Morningstar ratings are based on the underlying fund. These are supplied by the respective independent ratings agencies and are the latest available at the time this factsheet was issued. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results

#### Other Information

The views, opinions and forecasts expressed in this document are those of the fund manager. Investment markets and conditions can change rapidly and as such the views expressed should not be taken as statement of fact, nor should reliance be placed on these views when making investment decisions.

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## **Quarterly Fund Manager Review**

We've had a dramatic start to the year. US exceptionalism has been challenged as unpredictable trade policies and aggressive tariffs have unsettled investors. Starting with equities, our overweight position was maintained over the quarter; however, the composition of the regional tilts changed and we progressively trimmed the combined long exposure over the quarter. At the start of the quarter, the equity overweight was focused on the US and Europe, having already started to diversify our exposure away from the US later last year. The overweight position in US equities was ultimately closed towards the end of the quarter, recognising index concentration and that uncertainty had increased due to Trump's policies. We maintained an overweight tilt towards European equities to reflect both positive business sentiment due to the fiscal measures announced by the German government and the expectation that easing from the ECB could provide a tailwind. Finally, we also diversified our long equity exposure to include emerging market (EM) equities in March, given the potential for a weaker US dollar and a more positive outlook on China. Turning to commodities, an overweight position in gold was maintained on the portfolio as a strategic diversifier, providing a hedge against higher inflation, fiscal concerns, and geopolitical uncertainty. Finally in currencies, we established overweight positions in the US dollar and the Canadian dollar against the pound sterling, as well as the US dollar against the euro, however due to tariff fears affecting the Canadian dollar and fading US exceptionalism, these positions were closed by the end of February. Towards the end of the quarter, we established an overweight position in the euro against the pound sterling, on the basis of the structural shift in European fiscal policy versus a poor UK growth outlook, strong fiscal headwinds, and a sell-off in gilt yields.

#### Philip Chandler 31/03/2025

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