

Aegon Ethical Lifestyle (ARC)

Fund information

Fund provider	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund launch date	26 May 2016
Benchmark	FTSE All Share
Fund charge*	0.31%
Aegon fund size	£32.50m
ABI sector	ABI UK All Companies
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00BYZX4K99
SEDOL	BYZX4K9
Aegon mnemonic	Z2V
CitiCode	N3QQ

*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.

Responsible Investment

We've committed to transitioning all our default funds, including this one, to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. This fund will exclude or include investments based on responsible investment criteria. As investors move towards their target retirement date, the amount invested in these types of holdings will change as a part of that process. You can read more about this in the fund objective.

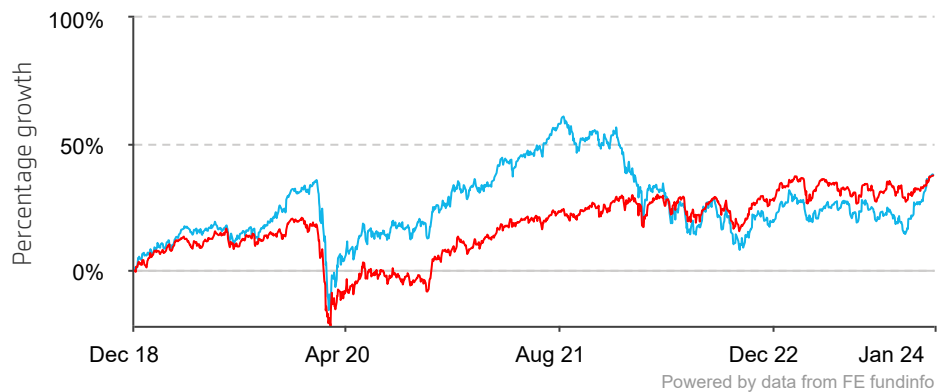
Fund objective

This fund uses a two-stage investment process called lifestyling. In the early years (the growth stage) it invests wholly in the Ethical fund, which aims to maximise its total return (the combination of income plus capital growth) by investing in equities (shares) and equity type securities of companies based in the UK, mainly conducting business in the UK or listed on the UK stockmarket, which meet the fund's predefined ethical criteria. 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 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.



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■ FTSE All Share


	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Fund	15.2%	1.7%	6.7%	-
Benchmark	7.9%	8.6%	6.6%	-
Sector quartile	1	3	1	-

	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	15.2%	-22.4%	17.4%	-0.1%	31.5%
Benchmark	7.9%	0.3%	18.3%	-9.8%	19.2%
Sector quartile	1	4	1	1	1

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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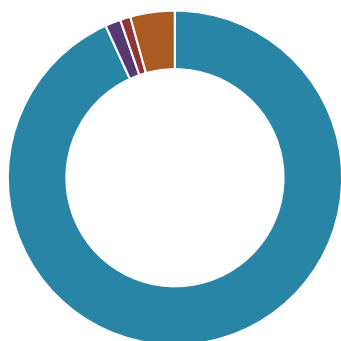
Underlying fund

Fund mgmt group	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Fund name	Ethical Pn
Launch date	01 Apr 1988
Fund size	£604.00m as at 31 Dec 2023
Sedol code:	0784542
ISIN	GB0007845422
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



UK Equity	93.1%
Europe ex UK Equity	1.5%
North America Equity	1.0%
Cash	4.3%
Total	99.9%

Top holdings as at 31 Dec 2023

Holding	%
Relx Plc	5.3%
London Stock Exchange Group	4.5%
Sse Plc	4.1%
Experian Plc	3.3%
Diploma Placing	3.2%
Whitbread Plc Ord GBp 76.7974	2.7%
Oxford Instruments Plc	2.7%
Informa Placing 16apr20	2.7%
Unite Group Plc/the	2.6%
NATIONAL GRID PLC	2.5%
Total	33.6%

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.

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.

Investment restrictions - this fund is restricted in what it can invest in either to one country e.g. UK or to a certain type of company e.g. ethical/socially responsible, smaller or technology-based, which increases the risk to the fund if market conditions don't favour that country or type of company.

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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