

Aon Managed Retirement Pathway to Cash 2028-2030

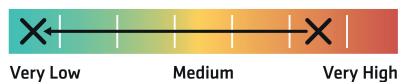
Defined contributions

Fund information

Issuing company	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Inception date	30 Jun 2022
Benchmark	Composite for AON TDF Cash 2028-30
Entry Fees	No
Exit Fees	No
Performance Fee	No
Additional Expenses	0.03%
Fund size	£1,708.21m
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00BPNLNF27
SEDOL	BPNLNF2
Domicile	United Kingdom
Use of Income	Accumulation
Base Currency	GBP

Additional expenses within the Aon Managed Retirement Pathway to Cash Funds vary as the fund approaches its maturity date and the mix of underlying investments changes. An estimate of the maximum additional expenses incurred in any one year is 0.03%. An annual management charge will also be incurred in addition to the additional expenses shown.

Relative Risk Profile



Each Aon Managed Retirement Pathway to Cash fund automatically changes its investment mix over time from higher-risk to lower-risk investments and therefore the risk rating of each fund will vary over time from 6 (High) at the beginning of the investment cycle to 1 (Very Low) at the maturity date of the fund.

These risk ratings are only applicable to funds available via TargetPlan. Other risk ratings apply across the rest of our fund range and they, or ratings from other providers, are not comparable. Be aware that even lower risk investments can fall in value.

Fund objective

The Funds are part of a series of dynamic investment strategies. This Fund is intended for use by investors planning to take their fund as one lump sum at retirement. The Aon Managed Retirement Pathway to Cash Funds will provide members of a company's pension scheme (investors) with a choice to invest in a single fund, from entry, through to retirement. Each Fund will automatically adjust its investment strategy as it progresses towards a target date, normally the mid-point of each of the Funds (which is assumed to be the retirement date of the members). The Funds will invest in a portfolio of assets which can include actively and passively managed funds.

This chart shows how an investor's investment mix will change gradually as they get nearer retirement. For some funds, the investment mix continues to change after retirement - where this applies, this is shown in columns after year zero.



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Fund performance



	3 Months	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs
Fund	2.4%	10.1%	10.1%	-	-
Benchmark	3.0%	10.9%	10.9%	-	-
	Dec 19 to Dec 20	Dec 20 to Dec 21	Dec 21 to Dec 22	Dec 22 to Dec 23	Dec 23 to Dec 24
Fund	-	-	-	9.0%	10.1%
Benchmark	-	-	-	10.4%	10.9%

Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them can fluctuate and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.

Source FE fundinfo. Performance shown is gross of the annual management charge but is net of additional expenses (if any) incurred within the fund. The annual management charge will reduce the performance figures shown. Performance for periods over a year is annualised (% per year).

Performance Commentary

Over the three-month period to 31 December 2024, the Fund returned 2.4% against a backdrop of positive equity and mixed bond market returns.

Global equity markets rose during the fourth quarter of 2024, largely driven by US equities, despite an increase in volatility following the US Federal Reserve's interest rate meeting in December. US equities benefited from better-than-expected economic growth and the depreciation of the pound against the US dollar, which resulted in higher returns in sterling terms. In contrast, returns were mixed in other markets; both UK and European equities fell, while Japanese equities performed well.

Government bonds fell in value over the quarter due to rising yields, driven by a gradual increase in global inflation and the expectation of fewer interest rate cuts in 2025 across most major economies. The Bank of England cut interest rates by 0.25% to 4.75% p.a., while the Federal Reserve reduced its rate twice by 0.25%, bringing interest rates down to a range of 4.25% to 4.50% p.a. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank also cut its interest rate by 0.25%, to 3.50% p.a.

Investment-grade corporate bonds also fell in value over the quarter, as rising bond yields more than offset the benefits of falling credit spreads (the difference between government and corporate bond yields) and the income return.

As the Fund approaches its target date, assets are switched into the Aon Managed Liquidity Fund, which contributes an increasing proportion to the overall Fund returns.

During the quarter, most of the constituent Aon Managed Funds generated positive returns. The Aon Managed Initial Growth Phase Fund (90% equities and 10% property and infrastructure) returned 3.8%, with most of the underlying funds providing positive returns. Performance was driven by positive returns from climate transition equities and multi-factor equities, although this was partially offset by the exposure to listed property and emerging market equities. The Aon Managed Global Impact Fund (100% equities) returned 2.6%, reflecting rising equity markets, although performance was partly offset by an underweight allocation to technology and exposure to industrials.

The Aon Managed Diversified Asset Fund returned 1.6%. Gains from its allocations to climate transition and multi-factor equities, absolute return bonds, asset-backed securities and cash more than offset exposure to government bonds, which fell in value. The Aon Managed Diversified Multi-Strategy Bond Fund returned 1.3%, with the allocations to asset-backed securities and absolute return bonds performing particularly well. The Aon Managed Passive Corporate Bond Fund (100% corporate bonds) fell slightly over the quarter.

The Aon Managed Up to 5 Year Gilt Index Fund and the Aon Managed Short Term Inflation Linked Fund returned 0.1% and 0.2% respectively, as short maturity government bonds rose in value. The Aon Managed Liquidity Fund returned 1.2%, reflecting the current level of interest rates.

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Fund Split as at 31 Dec 2024

AM INITIAL GROWTH O Prvt	42.6%
AM DIVERSIFIED ASSET O Prvt	21.9%
AM SHORT TERM INFLATION O Prvt	16.3%
AM DIVERSIFIED MULTISTRAT BOND O Prvt	11.0%
AM GLOBAL IMPACT O	4.8%
AM UP TO 5 YR UK GILT IDX AH Prvt	3.3%
Total	99.9%

Source of fund breakdown and holdings: Fund mgmt group

This Fund is 5 years away from its target date and its investment mix at the end of the quarter is provided in the chart above.

Differences in performance reporting between fund and benchmark may arise due to the impact of timing, charges, cashflows, and the pricing basis of the underlying fund. Fund returns are calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested.

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