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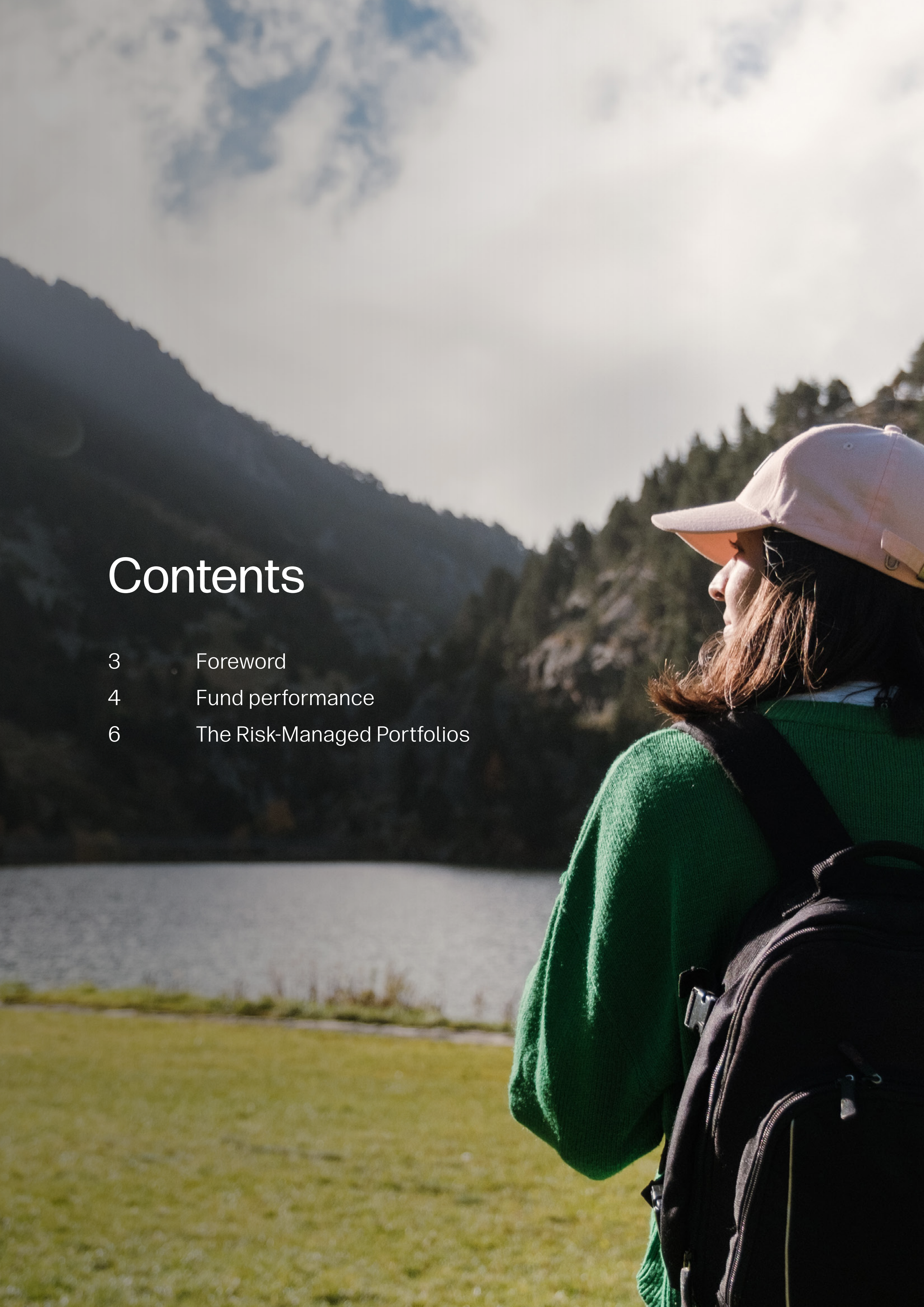
The Aegon Risk-Managed Portfolios

Celebrating five years of our multi-asset OEICs



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A message from

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We're proud to mark the five-year anniversary of our Risk-Managed Portfolios and the strong performance they've delivered for nearly 17,000 investors. From a global pandemic and inflationary shocks to shifting monetary policy, the portfolios have shown resilience and adaptability, belying their price point. That performance is a testament to the strength of our investment process and the expertise of our Portfolio Management team.

When we launched the range in July 2020, we saw a clear opportunity to harness our scale, operational strength, and investment expertise to create multi-asset solutions that spanned the risk spectrum. From the outset our goal was clear, to offer advisers a compelling, cost-effective alternative in a crowded marketplace that combined simplicity with substance. By blending passive building blocks with active asset allocation, we've delivered a proposition that avoids unnecessary complexity while staying true to our valuation-led philosophy.

The funds also help support adviser firms by streamlining processes, particularly valuable for those seeking to serve segments of their target market more efficiently under the enhanced regulatory demands of Consumer Duty. By simplifying investment selection, and providing robust fund governance, the range enables advisers to focus more time on delivering good outcomes and value to clients.

We're proud of what we've achieved, and this milestone is a meaningful proof point for validating our range now an established favourite in many advisers' CIPs, with a five-year track record and over £800 million in assets under management. As Aegon's flagship multi-asset proposition, we believe our Risk-Managed Portfolios are well-positioned for continued growth and evolution. We're excited about what lies ahead and we remain committed to supporting advisers in helping clients achieve their long-term financial goals.

Aegon UK Risk-Managed customer and assets data as at 30 June 2025.

Fund performance

Anthony McDonald
Head of Portfolio Management

Since the launch of the Aegon Risk-Managed Portfolios in July 2020, financial markets have experienced an extraordinary period of disruption and transformation. From a global pandemic and surging inflation to widespread US tariffs and geopolitical tensions, the landscape has been anything but stable.

Throughout this time, we've worked hard to steer the portfolios through these complex and uncertain conditions, while remaining true to our long-term, valuation-based investment philosophy.

As we mark this milestone, it's a timely opportunity to reflect on the key factors that have influenced performance across the Risk-Managed Portfolios.

Over the five years to the end of July 2025, the funds have delivered similar performance to their benchmarks, while demonstrating resilience during the most significant market downturns. The team's philosophy of focusing on reducing exposure to overvalued assets has helped limit losses when inflated valuations corrected.

Bonds in 2022: a valuation view that worked

During the sharp market sell-off in 2022, the portfolios maintained an underweight position in bonds, particularly government bonds, in favour of cash. This reflected our view that low yields were unattractive amid rising inflation risks, driven by expansive fiscal and monetary stimulus.

The approach proved highly effective, as government bonds declined significantly in 2022. As valuations improved, we gradually increased bond exposure, culminating in an overweight duration stance from mid-2023. This remains a high-conviction position aligned with our valuation-led strategy.

US equities: a balancing act

Positioning has been true to the value philosophy and the portfolios have consistently held an underweight in US equities, though the size of this position has varied. This approach added value in 2025 following the market reaction to President Trump's trade, tax and immigration policies, and we feel the fund is well positioned should the significant policy change lead to further underperformance from the expensive US market.

Given the strong performance of the US since launch, the underweight position has been a performance headwind over the longer term, especially in 2023-24, when enthusiasm around Artificial Intelligence drove a sharp rally in US markets.

Regional equity trends

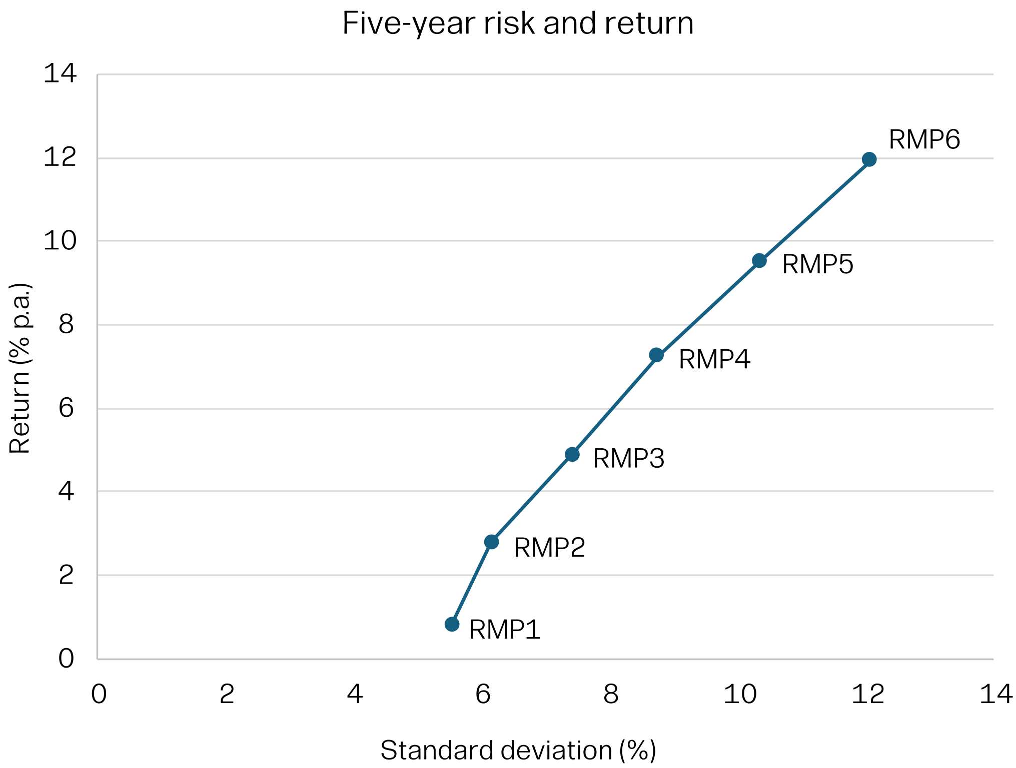
Elsewhere, the portfolios have favoured UK and Japanese equities, reflecting the team's conviction in undervalued opportunities outside the dominant US market. The recent underperformance of US equities can be partly attributed to the broader trend of deglobalisation, which continues to shape market dynamics amid persistent geopolitical tensions. This forms part of a broader backdrop of global policy change that we expect to provide substantial opportunities for our active approach to asset allocation.

Summary

Overall, performance over five years has been consistent with the funds' risk profiles and investment approach. We are delighted to have navigated a period of significant economic and geopolitical turbulence, delivering competitive, positive returns while managing risk closely.

These results highlight the importance of active asset allocation and the benefits of a disciplined, valuation-driven approach in navigating complex market conditions. We believe the fund is differentiated by our focus on cheaper investments with healthy prospects, and that this approach will stand the funds in good stead at a time of considerable policy change to which overpriced markets appear vulnerable.

As we look forward, we believe the Risk-Managed Portfolios remain well-positioned to deliver attractive long term returns for our customers.



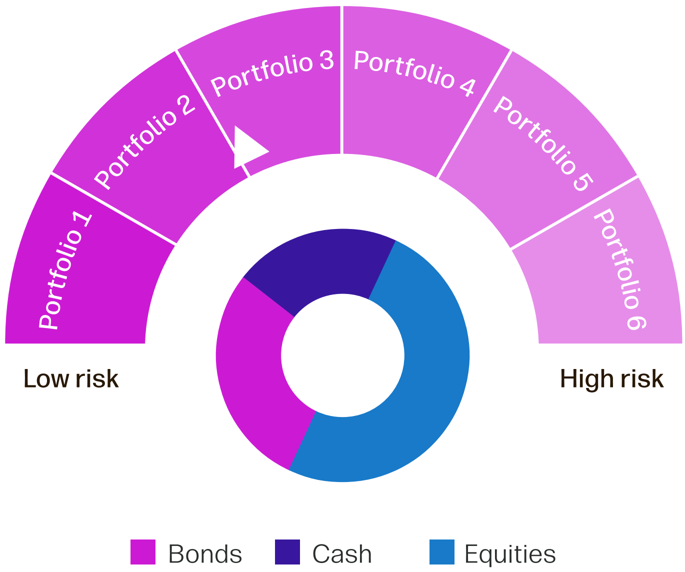
Past performance isn't a reliable guide to future performance. Source: Morningstar Direct, recreated by Aegon. Figures in £. Standard deviation (volatility) is annualised based on daily returns. Performance returns are cumulative, on a bid-to-bid basis net of fund charges with gross income reinvested from 31 July 2020 to 31 July 2025.

The Risk-Managed Portfolios

There are six Risk-Managed Portfolios in the range, each targeting a different risk level to cater for a broad range of risk appetites.

The Risk-Managed Portfolios are designed, built and managed by experts to achieve the best possible outcomes for investors who want a straightforward way to invest. They have everything you need in a multi-asset solution to meet the needs of today's market and are focussed on value for money.

The portfolios are available across pensions, Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs) and General Investment Accounts (GIAs), allowing a consistent investment approach, whichever wrapper is used.



The portfolios adhere to six key design principles:

Customer aligned
Designed to grow long-term savings while aligned to client risk appetite. Mapped to risk ratings from Defaqto, Dynamic Planner, EValue, FinaMetrica and Synaptic.

Independent input and choice
We're not tied to any one asset allocation expert or fund manager. We have the freedom to use any funds and advisers that we feel will help fulfil the fund objectives.

Optimal asset allocation
We work closely with Aon, investment specialists with extensive research capabilities, to create the optimal strategic asset mix for each fund in the range.

Robust risk management
We focus on client outcomes, so risk management is embedded at every stage of the process.

Strong governance
In line with our Funds Promise, we check the Risk-Managed Portfolios regularly with the aim of making sure they're meeting their objectives.

Cost effective
Competitive 0.25% ongoing charges figure (OCF) is fixed, with unnecessary portfolio turnover minimised to help keep transaction costs low.

The Risk-Managed Portfolios are underpinned by our Funds Promise. This is a commitment to our investors that:

- We aim to offer high-quality funds which meet their objectives.
- We monitor funds to check if they perform as expected.
- We take action if funds don't meet expectations.
- We give you the facts you need to make decisions.

For more information on our Risk-Managed Portfolios speak to your usual Aegon contact or visit **aegon.co.uk/adviser/risk-managed**

Important information:

- There's no guarantee the funds will meet their objectives. Their value can fall as well as rise and investors may end up with less than they invest.
- Past performance is not a reliable guide to future returns.
- These portfolios are designed primarily as long-term investments so may not be suitable for those with less than five years to invest.
- Risk-Managed Portfolios risk levels of 1 – 6 shouldn't be compared to other Aegon fund ranges or risk scales, or those of other providers, which may measure risk in different ways.
- Waystone Management (UK) Limited is the authorised corporate director (ACD) of the WS Aegon Risk-Managed Funds (the Risk-Managed Portfolios). This means they're responsible for the operation of the funds in accordance with the regulations.

For more information and the fund-specific risks, see the fund factsheets and Key Investor Information Documents, available at **aegon.co.uk/adviser/risk-managed**

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