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# Aon Managed Retirement Pathway to Cash 2025-2027

#### **Defined contributions**

## **Fund information**

Issuing company	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Inception date	28 Jun 2019
Benchmark	Composite for AON TDF Cash 2025-27
Entry Fees	No
Exit Fees	No
Performance Fee	No
Additional Expenses	0.01%
Fund size	£1,741.45m
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00BJ34HX31
SEDOL	BJ34HX3
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 0.01%. An annual management charge will also be incurred in addition to the additional expenses shown.

## **Relative Risk Profile**

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Very Low	Medium	Very High

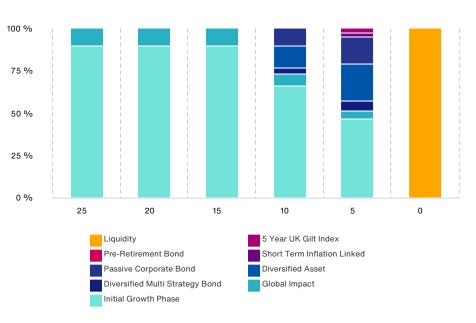
Each Aon Managed Retirement Pathway to Cash fund automatically changes its investment mix over time from higher-risk to lower-risk investments and therefore the risk rating of each fund will vary over time from 6 (High) at the beginning of the investment cycle to 1 (Very Low) at the maturity date of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

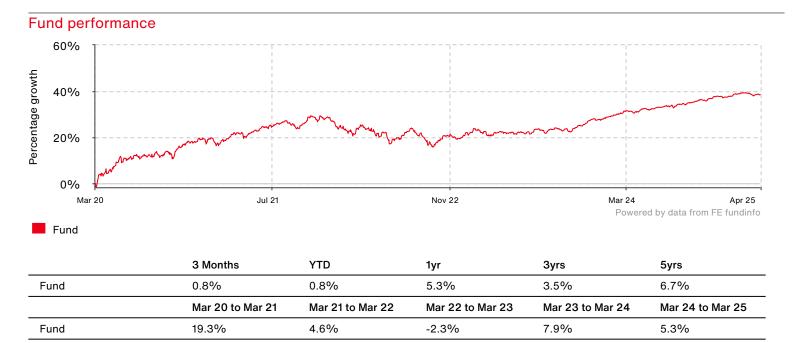
The Funds are part of a series of dynamic investment strategies. This Fund is intended for use by investors planning to take their fund as one lump sum at retirement. The Aon Managed Retirement Pathway to Cash Funds will provide members of a company's pension scheme (investors) with a choice to invest 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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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 March 2025 the Fund returned 0.8%, against a backdrop of negative equity and positive bond market returns.

Global equity markets fell over the quarter, primarily driven by US equities. A flurry of tariff announcements by US President Donald Trump created significant market uncertainty and led to falls in US equities. The US dollar depreciated against the pound, resulting in lower returns in sterling terms. Returns across other markets were mixed; both UK and European markets rose over the quarter, while Japanese markets fell.

Government bonds rose in value over the quarter. Positive returns from regular income offset rising bond yields. The Bank of England cut interest rates by 0.25% p.a. to 4.5% p.a., while the Federal Reserve maintained interest rates over the quarter between a range of 4.25% to 4.50% p.a. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank also cut its interest rate twice over the quarter by 0.25% p.a. each, to 2.50% p.a.

Investment-grade corporate bonds also increased in value over the quarter. The return from regular income more than offset an increase in credit spreads (the difference between government and corporate bond yields).

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, the constituent Aon Managed Funds delivered mixed returns. The Aon Managed Initial Growth Phase Fund (90% equities and 10% property and infrastructure) returned -2.4%, outperforming its benchmark as equity markets fell. The allocation to emerging Market equities was the best performing strategy, while listed infrastructure and UK property also provided position returns. The multi-factor equity strategy was broadly flat and significantly outperformed the benchmark due to its underweight to technology, particularly, large cap technology stocks. The Aon Managed Global Impact Fund (100% equities) returned -5.0%, reflecting falling equity markets, although performance was partly offset by an underweight allocation to technology which fell sharply.

The Aon Managed Diversified Asset Fund returned 1.7%. Gains from its allocations to emerging market and multi-factor equities, absolute return bonds, asset-backed securities, gold and cash more than offset exposure to climate transition equities, which fell in value. The Aon Managed Diversified Multi-Strategy Bond Fund returned 1.6%, with the allocations to asset-backed securities and absolute return bonds performing particularly well.

The Aon Managed Up to 5 Year Gilt Index Fund and the Aon Managed Short Term Inflation Linked Fund returned 1.4% and 1.2% respectively, as short maturity government bonds rose in value. The Aon Managed Liquidity Fund returned 1.1%, reflecting the current level of interest rates.



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#### Fund Split as at 31 Mar 2025

AM LIQUIDITY O Prvt	74.2%
AM INITIAL GROWTH O Prvt	11.2%
AM DIVERSIFIED ASSET O Prvt	6.1%
AM PASSIVE CORPORATE BOND O Prvt	4.4%
AM DIVERSIFIED MULTISTRAT BOND O Prvt	1.7%
AM GLOBAL IMPACT O	1.2%
AM SHORT TERM INFLATION O Prvt	1.1%
AM UP TO 5 YR UK GILT IDX AH Prvt	1.1%
GBP CASH(Committed)	-1.1%
Total	99.9%

Source of fund breakdown and holdings: Fund mgmt group

This Fund is 1 year 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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