

## Aon Managed Core Retirement Pathway 2028-2030

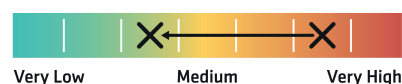
### Defined contributions

#### Fund information

Issuing company	Aegon/Scottish Equitable plc
Inception date	26 May 2015
Benchmark	Composite for AON Core TDF 2028-30
Entry Fees	No
Exit Fees	No
Performance Fee	No
Additional Expenses	0.02%
Fund size	£6,325.77m
Fund type	Pension
ISIN	GB00BWFY7K90
SEDOL	BWFY7K9
Domicile	United Kingdom
Use of Income	Accumulation
Base Currency	GBP

Additional expenses within the Aon Managed Core Retirement Pathway 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 0.02%. An annual management charge will also be incurred in addition to the additional expenses shown.

#### Relative Risk Profile



Each Aon Managed Core Retirement Pathway 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 3 (Medium-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

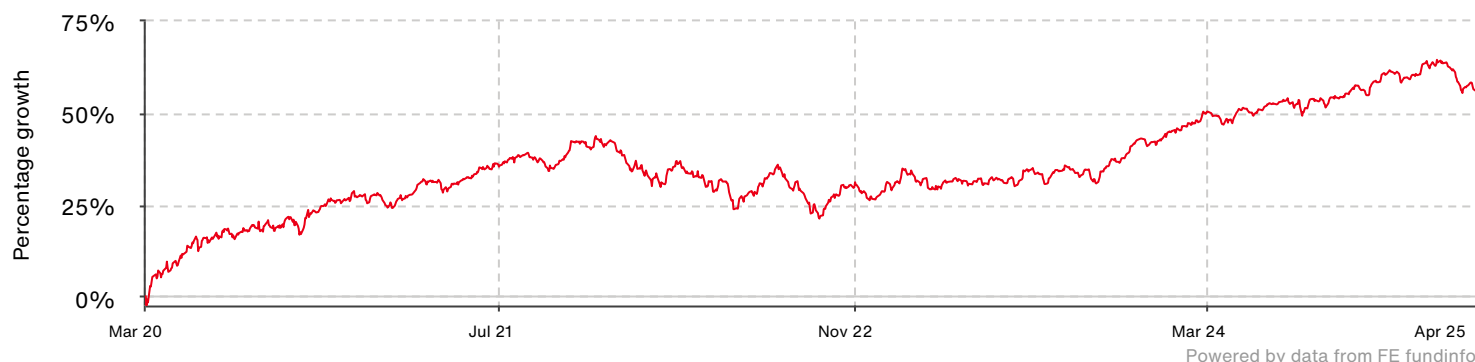
The Funds are part of a series of dynamic investment strategies. This Fund aims to maximise the potential for capital growth, and help manage the investment risks at each stage of an investor's life. The Aon Managed Core Retirement Pathway Funds will provide members of a company's pension scheme (investors) with a choice to invest in a single fund, from entry, through to retirement and beyond. 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) and will continue to be managed for those members that wish to remain invested beyond this point. The Funds will invest in a portfolio of assets which will aim to predominantly include passively managed funds over the lifetime of the strategy but may also include actively 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	-2.0%	-2.0%	3.8%	4.7%	9.3%
Benchmark	-2.1%	-2.1%	4.0%	4.8%	9.5%
	Mar 20 to Mar 21	Mar 21 to Mar 22	Mar 22 to Mar 23	Mar 23 to Mar 24	Mar 24 to Mar 25
Fund	27.7%	6.5%	-3.7%	14.8%	3.8%
Benchmark	26.9%	7.7%	-4.0%	15.3%	4.0%

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 -2.0%, 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).

Following the latest review, the Fund's allocation remained unchanged over the first quarter of 2025. This decision reflected the higher interest rate and inflationary environment experienced over the last three years. Previously, we took the opportunity to bring forward some of the planned de-risking in the first half of 2021 and 2022 to reduce risk further as the Fund approaches its target date, reflecting strong market performance since the Fund's inception. We continue to monitor this regularly going forward.

During the quarter, the constituent Aon Managed Funds generated mixed returns. The Aon Managed Core Initial Growth Phase Fund (100% equities) returned -4.4%, outperforming its benchmark as equity markets fell. The Aon Managed Core Diversified Asset Fund (50% equities, 50% corporate bonds) returned -1.8%, with negative returns from equities partly offset by rising corporate bond values. The Aon Managed Core Bond Phase Fund (100% corporate bonds) returned 0.7%, as corporate bond values rose.

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.

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## Fund Split as at 31 Mar 2025

AM CORE INITIAL GROWTH O Prvt	43.1%
AM CORE DIVERSIFIED ASSET O Prvt	22.2%
AM SHORT TERM INFLATION O Prvt	19.2%
AM CORE BOND PHASE O Prvt	11.5%
AM UP TO 5 YR UK GILT IDX AH Prvt	3.9%
GBP CASH(Committed)	0.1%
Total	100.0%

Source of fund breakdown and holdings: Fund mgmt group

This Fund is 4 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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