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## **Retirement Strategies**

# Target Date 2026 to 2028 Retirement Fund

This Fund is designed for someone who is currently saving and expects to retire in or around the years 2026 to 2028.

It aims to achieve an attractive return (not guaranteed), while taking a suitable level of risk. This risk is determined by the time left to retirement, the returns possible over that period and how easy it will be to make up any potential losses.

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#### **How It Works**

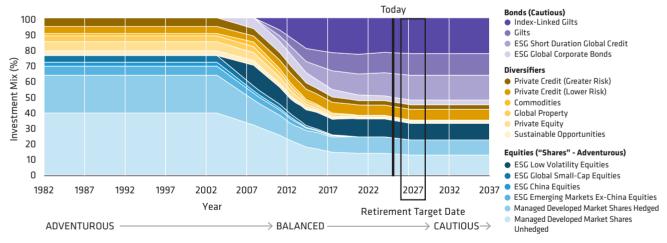
The fund seeks to achieve its aims by gradually moving from more "adventurous" investments, through "balanced" to more "cautious" investments as it gets nearer to the planned retirement date. This is achieved by investing into funds with different risk profiles that hold the company shares, rather than directly investing into underlying securities themselves.

Adventurous investments mean investments, like company shares, which have a greater chance of making bigger returns over the longer term than more cautious investments (and consequently their value can fall and rise significantly in the short term). It is important to be aware that adventurous investments are typically associated with higher risks due to their volatile nature, including loss of capital.

As the saver approaches their planned retirement date, the mix of investments will become more balanced as it moves towards a more cautious approach. The cautious investments will mostly be bonds, a way for governments (UK government bonds are known as "gilts") and businesses to borrow money. They will probably earn less than shares over the long run but may help lower the risk of significant fluctuations in the saver's pension value as they approach retirement.

The Fund's current strategy is shown below, with today's mix of investments (accessed via the Fund) highlighted.

#### INVESTMENTS BECOME MORE CAUTIOUS OVER TIME



The fund's investment approach changes to match the needs of a typical saver over their lifetime

Life Stage	Young/Adventurous	Midlife/Balanced	Pre-Retirement/Cautious
Fund's Focus	Long-term growth	Balance of growth and stability	Short-term stability
Benefits	Long horizon to accumulate investment growth and recover losses. Regular contributions – at higher and lower asset prices - may help smooth returns (pound cost averaging)	Compound returns on built-up savings can be significant	Savings can continue to build while deciding needs in retirement
Risks	High risk of big short-term losses. No guarantee any losses will be recovered	Potential for savings shortfall at retirement, as a result of losses	Uncertainty over how money will be used and hence appropriate investment strategy to pursue. Potential for investment growth is limited

### **Manager Summary**

In order to keep the cost of the fund low, the investment manager seeks to invest mainly in passive funds. These funds aim to replicate the performance of a specific market index, such as the FTSE 100.

#### TOTAL RETURNS

	Year Ending March					Since
(%)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Incep- tion <sup>1</sup>
Retirement Strategies Fund <sup>2</sup>	18.52	5.83	-6.16	9.74	2.96	6.71
Return Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	0.74	7.04	10.08	3.18	2.63	2.81

### ACTUAL UNDERLYING INVESTMENT ALLOCATION<sup>4</sup>

- Managed Developed Market Shares Unhedged 16.1%
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- ESG Emerging Markets Ex-China Equities 1.0%
- ESG China Equities 0.4%
- ESG Global Small Cap Equities 0.7%
- ESG Low Volatility Equities 10.3%
- Sustainable Opportunities 1.5%
- Private Equity 1.2%
- Global property 1.4%
- Commodities 1.0%
- Private Credit (Lower Risk) 3.5%
- Private Credit (Greater Risk) 6.8%
- ESG Global Corporate Bonds 7.4%
- ESG Short Duration Global Credit 5.4%
- Index-Linked Gilts 24.8%

#### As of 31 March 2025.

- 1 The fund's inception date is 1 October 2012. Performance data shown since inception is the average annual return since the inception of the fund.
- <sup>2</sup> Performance is presented annualised and inclusive of scheme-specific management fees (see Charges below) and reinvestment of any income the fund receives.
- <sup>3</sup> Benchmark is inflation measured by the Consumer Prices Index (CPI), annualised.
- <sup>4</sup> Numbers may not sum due to rounding. ESG: Environmental, Social and Governance.

#### **CHARGES**

The Fund management Annual Management Charge 0.23% is per annum (p.a)

The Total Expense Ratio is 0.26% p.a., which is inclusive of the annual management charge, the Mobius Life platform charge, and additional fund expenses.

For a full explanation of the key terms used in this document, please refer to the glossary of terms in your member booklet or contact the Associated British Foods Pension Scheme Administrator, Please note that Alliance Bernstein is the Investment Manager.

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The value of an investment can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the full amount they invested. Capital is at risk. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

#### Some of the principal risks of investing in the Fund include:

Market Risk: the risk that the value of the investments will fall as poor economic news reduces the value placed on them in global stock and bond markets where they are traded.

Interest Rate Risk: the risk that the value of the bond investments will fall if market expectations for future interest rates go up and the locked in fixed annual interest rate on them looks less valuable.

Credit Risk: the risk that the value of the bond investments will fall if the credit rating of the issuer deteriorates and the likelihood that payment of both the future interest payments and loan amount falls.

Allocation Risk: the risk of one of the investment Fund in the portfolio not performing as well as others.

Foreign Risk: the risk of the investments not growing or falling in value because of events relating to the foreign countries that the investment fund has your savings

Exchange rate or Currency Risk: the risk of any of the investments falling in value due to the currency the investments are in decreasing in value versus the pound. Liquidity Risk: the risk of not being able to sell any of the investments on a given day due to there not being a market of investors willing to buy them from you. Reinsurance Risk: the risk of the investments not growing or falling in value in the event of a failure by an insurance provider.

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