

# Cautious Fund

## Fund Objective

The fund seeks to achieve medium capital growth over the long-term with medium risk by investing in shares and other growth assets including an allocation to bonds. Overall proportion of assets targeted: 35.00% Gilts/Bonds, 32.50% Equities, 32.50% Diversified Growth Funds.

## Fund Features

This fund can be invested in via the FreePlan or LifePlan options. See your member guide, 'Investing to build your pension', for more information.

## Fund Information

**Launch Date** 27/01/2014

**Unit Price** 910.90p

**Yearly Fund Charges** 0.254%

These are the charges that are deducted within the unit price.

## Benchmark

Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts ex-BBB	23.30%
FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked up to 5 Years	11.70%
Bank Of England Base Rate Eurodeposit	10.84%
FTSE 1-Month UK Sterling Eurodeposit	10.83%
FTSE Custom All-World Developed 50% Hedged	10.83%
Solactive L&G ESG Global Markets	10.00%
MSCI World	9.20%
MSCI World Minimum Volatility (GBP)	9.20%
MSCI EMERGING MARKETS	4.10%

## Fund Performance (31/03/2021 - 01/04/2026)



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### Cumulative Performance (to 31/03/2026)

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Fund	0.20%	2.41%	9.56%	24.77%	23.50%
Benchmark*	-0.59%	1.63%	8.38%	25.91%	28.87%

### Annualised Performance (to 31/03/2026)

	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Fund	7.66%	4.31%	5.04%
Benchmark*	7.98%	5.20%	5.31%

### Rolling Year Performance (to 31/03/2026)

	Year to 31/03/2022	Year to 31/03/2023	Year to 31/03/2024	Year to 31/03/2025	Year to 31/03/2026
Fund	2.73%	-3.65%	8.61%	4.85%	9.56%
Benchmark*	4.68%	-2.23%	10.53%	5.10%	8.38%

Source: FE fundinfo as at 31/03/2026. Performance in the chart is shown up to and including the last working day of the current quarter. You shouldn't use past performance as a measure of future performance.

Fund performance data is based on a single price basis, net of fees and expenses deducted from the unit price. Other charges may apply, which are specific to individual plans.

\*This is the benchmark that has been selected to compare the performance of the fund.

### Things you need to know

All funds carry some risk and you should consider these risks before making an investment decision. The value of investments and any income from them can fall as well as rise and will be reduced in real terms by the effects of inflation.

The main factors which may increase the risk of this fund include:

- The amount invested in company shares
- The split between government and corporate bonds
- The extent to which the fund invests in high yield assets
- The amount held in overseas assets
- Any concentration in specific areas or sectors

**All or some of the investments are made through a reinsurance arrangement so if the linked life insurance company(ies) were to fail you may lose some or all of your money and this will not be covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.**

### Contact Details

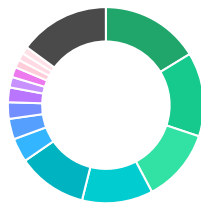
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### Fund Holdings

LGIM AAA-AA-A Corporate Bond All Stocks Index Institutional Daily Middy	23.30%
BlackRock Aquila Connect Up to 5 Yr Index-Linked Gilt Index Pn S2 NAV	11.70%
Baillie Gifford Defensive Growth C Acc	10.84%
LGIM Diversified Middy	10.83%
Mercer Diversified Growth M-2 Hedged GBP	10.83%
LGIM Future World Global Equity Index	10.00%
BlackRock Aquila Connect Global Minimum Volatility S2 NAV	9.20%
BlackRock Aquila Connect MSCI World Pn S2 NAV	9.20%
Allspring (Lux) Worldwide - Emerging Markets Equity I GBP Acc	4.10%

The Scottish Widows fund invests in the underlying funds. Blended funds are routinely rebalanced to target allocations. However, actual proportions may vary from the target at a point in time as a result of differences in performance of the underlying assets.

### Asset Split as at 31/03/2026



US Equities	16.27%
International Equities	13.87%
Global Government Fixed Interest	12.09%
UK Fixed Interest	11.70%
Global Corporate Fixed Interest	11.49%
Global Emerging Market Fixed Interest	3.94%
Asia Pacific ex Japan Equities	3.39%
Global Fixed Interest	2.73%
Japanese Equities	2.43%
Global High Yield Fixed Interest	1.73%
UK Equities	1.68%
Europe ex UK Equities	1.30%
Global Emerging Market Equities	1.24%
Property	1.19%
Other	14.94%

Due to rounding figures may not add up to 100%.

This information is based on available data for the underlying Scottish Widows pension fund(s) and target fund holdings shown. Scottish Widows sources its funds data from FE fundinfo. The timeliness of this data is affected by the speed and regularity of their publication by the fund administrator.

## Further Information

**Yearly Fund Charges** - This figure includes the total charges and expenses that are deducted from the fund and are reflected in the unit price.

**Cumulative Performance** - Cumulative Performance shows the total growth of the fund over a specified period of time, expressed as a percentage of the value at the start of the period.

**Annualised Performance** - Annualised Performance shows the conversion of the growth of the fund over 3, 5 and 10 year periods into an equivalent annual rate, to aid comparison between different investments. The annual return is compounded over the time period being measured.

**Rolling Year Performance** - Rolling Year Performance shows the growth of the fund in percentage terms over each of the last five calendar years. The periods run up to the latest calendar quarter end (March, June, September and December).

**Fund Management** - Funds were managed by Zurich Assurance Ltd until 30 June 2019.

## Annual Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Metrics

Data as at the date of 31/12/2024

ESG Themes	Measurement	Quantity	Percentage of Fund covered by this calculation <sup>4</sup>
Carbon Footprint <sup>1</sup>	Carbon Emissions tonnes per £m invested	46.7 tonnes/£m invested	55%
Waste to Landfill <sup>2</sup>	Waste sent to Landfill tonnes per £m invested	2.7 tonnes/£m invested	59%
Women in Leadership <sup>3</sup>	% of Women Directors expressed as a weighted average of companies within the fund	35%	44%

### Important Information:

<sup>1</sup> **Carbon Footprint** is the principal metric for measuring the fund's financed emissions. The carbon footprint is the tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions 'owned' by the fund and is measured as carbon dioxide equivalents 'owned' per £1 million invested. It includes emissions that a company makes directly from owned or controlled sources, for example while running its boilers and vehicles, (called Scope 1) and those made indirectly, for example when the electricity or energy it buys for heating and cooling buildings is being produced on its behalf (called Scope 2). This calculation relates to reported or estimated scope 1 and 2 emissions only. The carbon footprint is calculated with reference to equity market values and bond nominal values, in line with Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF) methodology.

<sup>2</sup> **Waste to Landfill** - This gives an indication of the fund's resource consumption as defined by waste, and is based on the reported or estimated waste, in tonnes, sent to landfill by the companies held in the fund. This metric is determined by using a similar methodology as financed emissions (see above) but substituting emissions with waste.

<sup>3</sup> **Women in Leadership** - While there are multiple aspects of diversity, currently female representation on company boards is the most widely reported measure of Board diversity. The measurement comprises the percentage of women directors for each company, weighted by the size of each holding within the fund.

<sup>4</sup> This relates to assets within the fund, principally company shares and bonds, with accessible data covering the relevant theme.

Due to the nature of the calculations, we would expect short-term variation. ESG metrics may be impacted by:

- Changes in company reported data, such as emissions;
- Changes in a company's total value; and,
- Our own investment activity.

### How the metrics are calculated

Scottish Widows has calculated this data using company-level data provided, under licence, by S&P Trucost, an ESG data vendor. The calculations are run annually to give a recent view of fund holdings. As such, the calculation point may not match the factsheet reporting date. Company and ESG data used in the calculations are the most recently available at the specified reporting date. Companies may only report emissions, waste to landfill, and women in leadership once a year and data reported by organisations will take time to be reported to our data supplier following publication. Scottish Widows has provided this ESG information in accordance with industry best practice, for example, using PCAF methodology for Carbon Footprint. PCAF is an international industry-led initiative to measure and disclose the GHG emissions financed by loans and investments.

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