

ARC Charity Indices

Performance Estimates For Q1 2025



Performance Summary Tables

ARC Charity Indices provide a unique insight into the actual returns being generated by investment managers for their charity client portfolios. The indices are based on the **real performance numbers** delivered to charity clients by participating investment managers.

There are no pre-set asset allocations; no asset class restrictions; no concentration limits; and no index performances used. Only actual performance numbers are included in the calculation of the indices.

The first table sets out the performance of each ARC Charity Index in discrete years. All figures are percentages. Estimates are shown in green.

ARC Charity Index	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
ARC Cautious Charity Index	3.6	4.2	(8.1)	3.6	4.5
ARC Balanced Asset Charity Index	3.6	9.9	(9.4)	6.1	6.6
ARC Steady Growth Charity Index	3.5	12.3	(9.6)	7.5	8.2
ARC Equity Risk Charity Index	2.3	14.8	(10.5)	8.2	8.9

The second table presents quarterly performance during the current calendar year with estimates being shown in green. All figures are percentages.

ARC Charity Index	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	2025
ARC Cautious Charity Index	1.0				1.0
ARC Balanced Asset Charity Index	(0.5)				(0.5)
ARC Steady Growth Charity Index	(1.1)				(1.1)
ARC Equity Risk Charity Index	(1.5)				(1.5)

The third table presents cumulative performance over one, two, three and five years and annualised performances since inception in December 2003. All figures are percentages. Estimates are shown in green.

ARC Charity Index	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	Annualised Performance (since inception)
ARC Cautious Charity Index	4.4	8.1	2.9	15.1	3.7
ARC Balanced Asset Charity Index	3.2	10.6	5.6	32.0	5.1
ARC Steady Growth Charity Index	3.0	12.7	8.1	42.5	6.0
ARC Equity Risk Charity Index	2.9	13.5	8.7	50.3	6.4

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What's been going on?

March was a volatile month for investors, with markets dominated by concerns over valuations in the large-cap growth sector, economic growth and geopolitical risks related to trade policy. US equities came under pressure, led lower once again by the "Mag7" names. Continuing the recent trend, Europe/UK equities outperformed the US and value stocks outperformed growth. Year to date US equity markets are down almost 5%, while stocks in the UK, Europe and Switzerland have materially outperformed with returns ranging from 6% to 9%. Within the UK equity market, large-caps outperformed small and mid-cap companies by more than 10 percentage points over the quarter, highlighting the importance of being invested in the right part of that market.

The recent US dollar weakness continued, with the greenback losing further ground to both the pound and the euro. Gold was once again the star performer, rising 10% in March, taking year to date gains to 18%.

Returns experienced by investors will have been negative across all currencies and risk profiles in March, with year to date results mixed and largely driven by reporting currency.

The tables below set out the performance of the index over each month from January 2021 to date. All figures are percentages. Estimates are shown in green.

ARC Sterling Cautious ACI (target relative risk of 0-40% of UK equity markets)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	(0.44)	(0.96)	0.71	1.49	0.16	0.85	0.92	0.96	(1.32)	0.67	0.46	0.67	4.23
2022	(2.19)	(1.03)	0.83	(1.32)	(0.77)	(2.80)	2.34	(1.31)	(3.98)	0.77	1.95	(0.77)	(8.14)
2023	1.62	(0.80)	0.34	0.17	(0.82)	(0.40)	0.83	(0.10)	0.24	(0.85)	1.49	1.89	3.61
2024	(0.07)	0.04	1.13	(0.19)	0.54	0.61	0.87	0.39	0.43	(0.09)	0.78	0.00	4.52
2025	1.6	(0.1)	(0.5)										1.0

ARC Sterling Balanced ACI (target relative risk of 40-60% of UK equity markets)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	(0.59)	(0.41)	1.79	2.66	0.00	1.58	0.94	2.00	(1.69)	1.40	0.24	1.69	9.94
2022	(3.72)	(1.48)	1.83	(1.70)	(0.96)	(3.71)	3.80	(1.05)	(4.95)	1.01	3.09	(1.51)	(9.35)
2023	2.71	(0.76)	(0.20)	0.54	(1.08)	0.10	1.10	(0.84)	(0.36)	(1.77)	3.34	3.26	6.05
2024	(0.19)	0.88	2.15	(0.84)	0.87	1.25	0.90	0.39	0.43	(0.41)	1.94	(0.91)	6.60
2025	2.4	(0.5)	(2.3)										(0.5)

ARC Sterling Steady Growth ACI (target relative risk of 60-80% of UK equity markets)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	(0.68)	(0.03)	2.40	3.32	(0.04)	1.71	0.81	2.37	(1.76)	1.54	0.01	2.13	12.30
2022	(4.30)	(1.73)	2.31	(1.93)	(0.95)	(4.15)	4.37	(1.06)	(5.24)	1.06	3.65	(1.58)	(9.61)
2023	3.29	(0.56)	(0.53)	0.74	(1.08)	0.46	1.40	(1.19)	(0.50)	(2.39)	3.94	3.95	7.51
2024	(0.03)	1.41	2.52	(0.99)	1.13	1.49	0.75	0.25	0.39	(0.34)	2.57	(1.12)	8.23
2025	2.9	(0.8)	(3.1)										(1.1)

ARC Sterling Equity Risk ACI (target relative risk of 80-120% of UK equity markets)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	(0.82)	0.44	3.16	3.76	(0.01)	1.76	0.70	2.70	(1.71)	1.78	(0.29)	2.56	14.77
2022	(4.72)	(2.05)	2.47	(2.18)	(1.17)	(4.63)	4.89	(1.17)	(5.56)	1.44	4.04	(1.73)	(10.47)
2023	3.60	(0.42)	(0.90)	0.85	(1.24)	0.69	1.64	(1.46)	(0.50)	(3.00)	4.57	4.44	8.23
2024	(0.21)	1.69	2.66	(1.04)	1.50	1.48	1.04	(0.5)	0.20	(0.39)	2.96	(1.22)	8.87
2025	3.0	(1.1)	(3.3)										(1.5)