

# Polar Capital Funds plc Global Technology Fund



### EUR Class | Dist Hdg | ISIN: IE00BZ4D7085

### **NAV** per Share

EUR Class I Dist Hedged

€35.00

#### **Fund Details**

Fund Size €6,526.5 m

Base Currency USD

Denominations USD/GBP/EUR

Fund Structure UCITS

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Launch Date 19 October 2001
Investment Manager Polar Capital LLP
SFDR Classification 1 Article 8

### **Fund Managers**



# Nick Evans

Partner
Nick has worked on the fund since he joined Polar Capital in 2007 and has 27 years of industry experience.



### **Ben Rogoff**

Partner

Ben has worked on the fund since he joined Polar Capital in 2003 and has 30 years of industry experience.



Xuesong Zhao

Partner

Xuesong has worked on the fund since he joined Polar Capital in 2012 and has 18 years of industry experience.



Fatima lu Partner

Fatima has worked on the fund since she joined Polar Capital in 2006 and has 21 years of industry experience.

### **Fund Profile**

#### **Investment Objective**

The objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital appreciation by way of investing in a globally diversified portfolio of technology companies.

#### **Key Facts**

- Team of 11 sector specialists
- The team has 145+ years of combined industry experience
- Typically 60-85 positions
- No benchmark or tracking error constraints
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection

#### **Fund Awards**



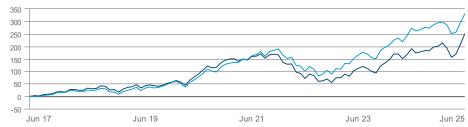




### **Share Class Performance**

#### Performance Since Launch (%)

■ EUR Class I Dist Hedged ■ Index: Dow Jones Global Technology Net Total Return Index



							Since Launch		
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Cum.	Ann.	
EUR Class I Dist Hdg	13.75	36.40	16.28	20.32	103.84	84.40	250.00	16.67	
Index	9.28	22.64	9.16	15.60	114.89	141.53	341.88	20.06	

#### **Discrete Annual Performance (%)**

12 months to	30.06.25	28.06.24	30.06.23	30.06.22	30.06.21
EUR Class I Dist Hdg	20.32	37.02	23.65	-33.89	36.83
Index	15.60	40.45	32.36	-23.63	47.16

#### **Calendar Year Performance** (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
EUR Class I Dist Hdg	29.02	50.13	-41.64	8.87	55.60	34.82	-0.34	-	-	-
Index	33.26	56.78	-34.75	26.89	45.91	44.18	-6.28	-	-	-

Performance relates to past returns and is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

Performance for the EUR Class I Dist Hedged. The class launched on 17 May 2017. Performance data is shown in EUR with income (dividends) reinvested. Source: Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd. Benchmark performance shown in USD. Source: Bloomberg. If this is not your local currency, exchange rate fluctuations may cause performance to increase or decrease when converted into your local currency. Performance data takes account of fees paid by the Fund but does not take account of any commissions or costs you may pay to third parties when subscribing for or redeeming shares or any taxes or securities account charges that you may pay on your investment in the Fund. Such charges will reduce the performance of your investment. A 5% subscription fee can be charged at the Investment Managers discretion.

1. Refers to the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation

### **Fund Ratings**











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## Portfolio Exposure & Attribution

As at 30 June 2025

### **Top 10 Positions** (%)

NVIDIA	9.7
Meta Platforms	7.2
Broadcom	6.2
Microsoft^	5.3
TSMC	4.1
Advanced Micro Devices	3.5
Robinhood Markets	2.9
Cloudflare	2.9
Oracle	2.5
Vertiv Holdings	2.2
Total	46.2

<b>Total Number</b>	of Pos	itions	67
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### Active Share 61.23%

#### **Market Capitalisation Exposure** (%)

Mega Cap (>US\$50 bn)	74.7
Large Cap (US\$10 bn - 50 bn)	21.8
Mid Cap (US\$1 bn - 10 bn)	3.1
Small Cap ( <us\$1 bn)<="" td=""><td>0.5</td></us\$1>	0.5

### Options (%)^

P	remium	Delta Adj. Exp.
Index Put	0.54	-6.48
Single Stock Call	0.28	5.48

^The Fund may hold call and/or put options for Efficient Portfolio Management. When applicable all exposures are calculated using delta adjusted weights.

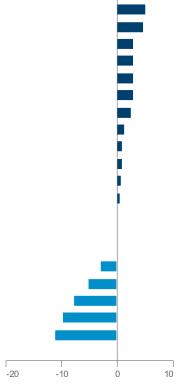
### Performance Attribution - 1 Month (%)

Top Contributors		
0.80	NASDAQ Index Put Options	-0.44
0.75	NVIDIA	-0.34
0.44	Tesla	-0.16
0.42	MercadoLibre	-0.14
0.39	Astera Labs	-0.14
	0.75 0.44 0.42	0.75         NVIDIA           0.44         Tesla           0.42         MercadoLibre

Performance attribution is calculated in USD on a relative basis over the month. Attribution effect is shown gross of fees.

#### **Sector Exposure** - Top Overweights & Underweights Relative to Index (%)

	Fund	Relative
Electronic Components	5.9	5.9
Electronic Manufacturing Services	5.2	5.2
Internet Services & Infrastructure	6.5	4.9
Electrical Components & Equipment	3.1	3.1
Movies & Entertainment	3.4	3.0
Heavy Electrical Equipment	2.9	2.9
Investment Banking & Brokerage	2.9	2.9
Broadline Retail	2.7	2.7
Restaurants	1.4	1.4
Communications Equipment	3.3	1.0
Passenger Ground Transportation	1.0	1.0
Semiconductor Materials & Equipment	4.9	0.8
Semiconductors	30.4	0.6
Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines	0.0	-0.1
Industrial Conglomerates	0.0	-0.2
Technology Distributors	0.0	-0.2
IT Consulting & Other Services	0.0	-3.1
Interactive Media & Services	10.1	-5.3
Application Software	1.3	-7.8
Tech. Hardware, Storage & Periph.	5.2	-9.7
Systems Software	7.0	-11.2
Cash	0.2	0.2

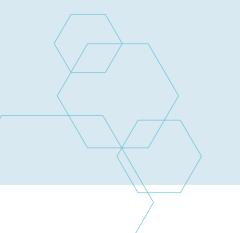


### **Geographic Exposure** (%)

US & Canada	73.7					
Asia Pac (ex-Japan)	13.7		ı			
Europe	6.9					
Japan	2.6					
Middle East & Africa	1.6					
Latin America	1.3					
Cash	0.2					
		0	25	50	75	100

The column headed "Fund" refers to the percentage of the Fund's assets invested in each sector. The column headed "Relative" refers to the extent to which the Fund is overweight or underweight in each sector compared (relative) to the index.

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding. It should not be assumed that recommendations made in future will be profitable or will equal performance of the securities in this document. A list of all recommendations made within the immediately preceding 12 months is available upon request.





### **Fund Managers' Comments**

#### **Market review**

Equity markets rallied in June, the MSCI All Country World Net Total Return Index gaining +4.5%. The S&P 500 Index hit new highs, rising +5.1%, while the DJ Euro Stoxx 600 Index returned +2.4% (all returns in dollar terms) despite concerns about rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, the looming expiry of the tariff pause and concerns over the federal deficit and the trajectory of public debt due to the impending passage of President Trump's "Big, Beautiful Bill." The dollar continued to fade, culminating in its worst first-half return since 1973.

Israel attacked Iranian military and nuclear sites; Iran retaliated with missile strikes on Israel. The US entered the conflict, conducting airstrikes on three of Iran's key nuclear facilities. Earlier fears of Iranian reprisals were misplaced as retaliatory strikes on the US Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar were little more than a face-saving exercise with no casualties reported. Equity markets rallied after the US-brokered ceasefire ended the 12-day conflict with Iranian nuclear ambitions said to have been set back by around two years.

Tariffs remain a concern for investors in advance of the end of the Trump administration's pause now scheduled for 1 August. Since Liberation Day, the US has signed a trade deal with the UK and there has been a notable de-escalation in the trade war between the US and China. However, many countries appear to be struggling to finalise deals. The US administration has taken a pragmatic approach thus far, although it continues to use tariffs to force trade concessions: Canada cancelled its digital services tax on US technology companies just hours before it was due to start, after Trump threatened to end trade talks and set a new tariff rate.

While it is too early to see the full impact of trade and fiscal policy changes, so far data suggests the US economy remains relatively resilient. Private payrolls increased by 139,000 in May, a small slowdown from April's 147,000, but above forecasts of 130,000, consistent with a slowing yet still robust labour market. Inflation remains relatively benign: the Consumer Price Index increased +0.1% month-on-month (m/m) in May, decelerating from +0.2% in April, below forecasts of +0.2%, which also helped lower US government bond yields.

Another concern for equity markets has been rising public debt, reflected in increasing long-term government bond yields. Having temporarily closed above 5% in May – for the first time since late October 2023 – the 30-year US Treasury bond yield declined to 4.77% in June, benefiting from a 14% plunge in the price of Brent crude oil from mid-month highs, due to the de-escalation of tensions in the Middle East.

The Federal Reserve left the federal funds rate unchanged at 4.25-4.50%, for a fourth consecutive meeting, in line with expectations, as policymakers await the full economic impact of Trump's policies. Officials also noted that uncertainty about the economic outlook has diminished but remains elevated. The Fed continues to project two rate cuts later this year, though it anticipates only one quarter percentage point in 2026 and 2027.

#### **Technology review**

The Fund (USD Share Class) had a strong month, gaining +14.1% compared to the Dow Jones Global Technology Net Total Return Index (W1TECN) which returned +9.3%. Technology outperformed broader markets too, albeit hindered by the so-called Magnificent 7's (Mag 7) gains of only +6.1%. Returns for the six months to the end of June paint a similar picture, with the Fund up +17.4% versus +9.2% for the W1TECN and only +1.5% for the Mag 7.

Given US dollar weakness, returns in other currency share classes including sterling and the euro have been more muted, but our hedged

share classes designed to broadly track dollar Fund performance (minus hedging costs) have provided an attractive option for those concerned about further dollar weakness.

During the month, large-cap technology stocks narrowly underperformed their small and mid-cap peers; the Russell 1000 Technology Index (large cap) and Russell 2000 Technology Index (small cap) returning +9.4% and +9.6% respectively. The Philadelphia Semiconductor Index (SOX) returned +16.7% while the NASDAQ Internet Index (QNET) and iShares Software (IGV) returned +7.0% and +5.6% respectively.

Year to date, the picture changes slightly with the NASDAQ Internet Index (QNET) +12.4% and Philadelphia Semiconductor Index (SOX) +11.9% while iShares Software (IGV) remained the laggard, up only +9.5% (significantly helped by Microsoft). This broadly aligns with our non-consensus view that today's software companies are unlikely to prove good conduits for AI progress as the industry is reimagined by AI-native tools and agents.

Al data points remain very strong, especially around usage (token generation), which drives Al infrastructure spend for the rapidly developing inference market. JP Morgan raised its top four hyperscaler capex expectations again to +20% year-on-year (y/y) growth in 2026. We noted last month that in Q1 Microsoft saw 100 trillion tokens consumed, of which 50 trillion occurred in March alone. That accelerating consumption trend has clearly continued, with Google's CEO highlighting a 50-fold increase of tokens per month in the past 12 months to 480 trillion, while OpenAl's Head of Product talked about 600 trillion tokens generated through its API platform this year. The Al talent war has also heated up with Meta Platform (Meta)'s investment in ScaleAl resulting in founder Alexandr Wang joining to run its Superintelligence lab. At the same time, OpenAl CEO Sam Altman accused Meta of offering \$100m sign-on bonuses to poach top Al talent.

In the semiconductor sector, Broadcom posted a 'beat and raise' supported by robust growth in Al semis at +46% y/y. Custom ASICs grew double-digits and networking was up 170% y/y as the company sees 5-10x higher switch density in scale-up topologies alongside rising ethernet adoption. This is driving strong customer interest in nextgeneration Tomahawk 6 switching silicon for scale-up and scale-out of Al clusters. Al semis' revenue is tracking at 60% y/y for Broadcom and management expects that growth rate to sustain into FY26 due to burgeoning inference demand – one of the first indications we have had of sustained Al spend growth into 2H26. Broadcom is set to ramp its next-generation custom ASIC projects for Google (TPU) and Meta (MTIA) rapidly over the next few quarters.

Al networking company Credo Technology Group Holding (Credo) grew quarterly revenues +180% y/y amid continued strong demand for its AEC networking solutions and a growing list of customers with two new hyperscalers ramping. Credo also announced an 800G DSP (digital signal processor) win with a US hyperscaler while the company is confident it can drive growth with its PCIe (peripheral component interconnect express)-based product portfolio. Networking peer Ciena delivered revenues and guidance ahead of expectations but saw some gross margin headwinds from mix and tariff impacts. The company signed its first deal with a hyperscaler to create regional GPU clusters for both training and inference and talked to a 'step function change' in cloud demand from the top four players and others that have built out GPU clusters.

Further AI strength was evident at Micron Technology who, against elevated expectations, beat street numbers. High-bandwidth memory

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(HBM) revenues for AI accelerators grew +50% quarter on quarter and the company is now shipping samples of next-generation HBM4 to several customers. This AI memory strength helped the company guide to above expectation gross margins, with data centre revenue now >55% of Micron's total sales, more than doubling y/y.

Oracle delivered a solid quarter with strong hardware and licence revenue driving the beat, but FY26 and indicative FY27 guidance were ahead of expectations due to Al demand. Oracle expects the total cloud infrastructure growth rate to increase from +50% in FY25 to >70% in FY26. Most pertinently, the company expects bookings to grow more than 100% in FY26, implying bookings of more than \$276bn against street expectations of \$165bn, with potential further upside if OpenAl's Stargate project ramps. Against such strong demand, Oracle also guided up capex to >\$25bn versus expectations for >\$20bn.

In cybersecurity, CrowdStrike Holdings delivered a strong set of results, with total AAR growing +22% y/y, and the company citing increased confidence in acceleration in the second half of the year. Operating and cashflow margins were both above street expectations and a headcount reduction should lead to further operating margin expansion. In addition, management spoke in more detail about the role of identity security in the world of agentic AI which is beginning to ramp.

The top contributors to relative performance during the month were Apple (u/w) given investor concerns around the company's AI strategy, or lack thereof. Robinhood Markets outperformed on robust volumes and excitement around new product releases, while Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) enjoyed stronger relative performance following its AI day. Electronics manufacturing services company Celestica was also strong due to the improving AI growth outlook. Credo was a positive contributor after reporting good results.

The biggest detractors to performance during the month were NVIDIA (structurally underweight due to the UCITS 10% single stock limits), Tesla which suffered due to the deterioration of Elon Musk's relationship with Trump and MercadoLibre which underperformed due to the expansion of free shipping to some lower-cost items that could limit margin progress near term. Astera Labs was also a relative detractor amid concerns around the cadence of its new product ramp. First Solar struggled with a highly uncertain subsidy backdrop as the reconciliation bill was debated between House and Senate.

#### Outlook

Markets continued to climb the proverbial 'wall of worry' with another strong month, allowing equities to reach new all-time highs as macro and geopolitical concerns receded. Trade talks made progress ahead of the expiry of the reciprocal tariff extension, now extended to 1 August. Interest rate expectations provided support as Fed officials sounded incrementally dovish amid supportive inflation data: US 10-year Treasury yields fell to 4.22% by month end while credit spreads tightened.

Events in the Middle East were dramatic, and challenged the narrative of isolationist US foreign policy, but failed to presage a broader regional conflagration. Trump's fiscally stimulative "Big Beautiful Bill" is progressing through the reconciliation process, and the proposed section 889 'revenge tax clause' – which would have empowered the US Treasury to impose additional taxes on foreign investors and companies if their home country's tax systems were deemed discriminatory – was thankfully removed.

There are still risks to the market-friendly direction of travel along these, and other, macro and geopolitical vectors, although our base case remains that the current environment is best seen as a period of recalibration rather than a full reset. In our view, it is not in policymakers' interests to provoke a deep global recession and, for now, it is still within their capacity to prevent it. Soft data and company commentary still

indicate caution and concern, consistent with the expectation that tariffs will have a visible effect in the form of a one-time inflation rebound, slower hiring and tempered investment in many exposed sectors – proving a headwind to growth but likely not prompting a recession.

Bouts of macro and market volatility are, however, still likely to occur as well as others inherent to the development and adoption of new general-purpose technologies. The Fund has enjoyed a very strong recovery following DeepSeek and tariff-related volatility earlier in the year. We have retained our pro-Al positioning but added another line of OTM NASDAQ puts to help soften the Fund's beta in the event of a sharp drawdown.

The technology market continues to be led by Al. News flow has continued to point to rapid Al progress, investment and adoption which should provide a supportive backdrop for the Fund. Those with the best vantage point are deploying their resources increasingly aggressively: the four largest US hyperscalers spent \$447bn on capex in the period 2022-24, which Goldman Sachs expects to reach an astonishing \$1.15trn between 2025-27.

Al demand is also strengthening, with hyperscalers and neo-clouds reporting capacity constraints even at a time when agentic Al (which can perform tasks on behalf of users rather than merely helping the user perform tasks) is still nascent. Amazon CEO Andy Jassy wrote in a letter this month: "Technologies like Generative Al are rare; they come about once-in-a-lifetime, and completely change what's possible for customers and businesses... we have strong conviction that Al agents will change how we all work and live." Google founder Sergey Brin was more succinct, saying: "The final race to AGI is afoot". Further commentary indicates an expectation for significant Al-driven operating leverage still to come. Jassy continued: "As we roll out more Generative Al and agents...in the next few years, we expect that this will reduce our total corporate workforce as we get efficiency gains from using Al".

Al adoption/usage also continues to ramp; 61% of US adults have used Al in the past six months and 19% interact with Al each day, according to Menlo Ventures. At the enterprise level, 9.2% of US firms currently use Al to produce goods or services, up from 7.4% last quarter, according to the Census Bureau. Ramp – a US-based corporate card and bill payment provider – releases an Al Index each month to measure the adoption of Al products across 30,000 businesses on its platform. In January 2024, 17% of businesses had paid subscriptions to Al models, platforms and tools, rising to 26% of businesses by the end of the year. Ramp has observed a significant inflection in Al adoption this year with 42% of businesses paying for Al in May 2025. Within the tech sector, Al-related job openings now account for 24% of all IT job openings.

The Fund's pro-Al positioning has resulted in strong performance in absolute and relative terms, as well as top-decile/quartile performance versus the Lipper peer group year-to-date and over the past three years. Significant exposure to Al enablers across the new Al stack encompasses compute, storage, memory, networking, components, assembly and power, with significant scope for our active approach and experienced team to add value as the new Al architecture takes shape and scales up. Conversely, the Fund's structural underweight in application software companies – well represented in benchmarks – reflects a view that the value of incumbency may be challenged by Al adoption, model transition (away from seat-based models) and the commoditisation of code itself.

Year-to-date there is a clear divergence emerging within tech with prior leaders, NVIDIA (the Fund's largest absolute position, capped at <10% per UCITS rules) has made new all-time highs and added \$1.7trn in market cap over the course of the past 10 weeks, while Apple (the Fund's largest u/w position) is down -18% year-to-date. Beneath the surface, the disparity continues with strong year-to-date performance from

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Netflix, Meta, Broadcom, Microsoft (u/w) and AMD while many other prior winners (many of which remain widely held) are struggling, with Amazon and ServiceNow broadly flat (+/-2%), Alphabet, Salesforce. com and Tesla all down in a strong market. Thankfully the Fund remains strongly tilted towards the former group, with significantly reduced (and mostly underweight) exposure to the latter.

We remain surprised investors are still not more exposed to the Al theme and remain overly reliant on the Mag 7 or passive vehicles for technology exposure. As we mentioned last month, there has been a wide dispersion of technology fund returns year-to-date but particularly since Liberation Day's lows three months or so ago. In some cases, this may also be as much to do with what to avoid as capturing good Al conduits. The divergence between Al winners and losers (as measured by Goldman Sachs' long Al beneficiaries versus short Al atrisk companies) broke out to new highs this month. Market breadth has narrowed while single-stock volatility and dispersion has picked up as the market attempts to sort between Al 'haves' and 'have-nots' – a trend we expect to continue.

We see a similar effect within the global equity peer group for our Al Fund (more focused on beneficiaries, with less direct technology exposure). Goldman Sachs prime brokerage data also indicates hedge fund net exposure is only in the 44<sup>th</sup> percentile on a three-year lookback, while BoA's June Fund Manager Survey shows sentiment having recovered to pre-Liberation Day levels, but investor positioning is still modestly net underweight tech in absolute terms and significantly so relative to history (1.3 standard deviations below long-term average).

While the recent trajectory of AI-led outperformance may moderate in the near term, we see continued AI fundamental strength as AI adoption/usage and infrastructure demand accelerates and supply constraints ease in H2 2025. The Fund therefore remains fully invested, in the expectation that positive estimate revisions will support stock price performance over the rest of the year.

Obviously, after such a strong run heading into the second-quarter earnings season there is a risk companies strike a conservative tone, especially given macro and geopolitical uncertainties persist, but we expect any associated volatility or period of consolidation over coming weeks to be short-lived as the impact of AI becomes increasingly apparent. CEOs are certainly alive to the pressure to adopt AI and transform their businesses, with 74% of respondents to a Harris Poll survey of 500 CEOs worldwide reporting they could be out of a job within two years should they fail to deliver AI business gains. Fully 92% believe their company would benefit from replacing a Board member with an AI subject matter expert. Our own experience of AI use within the team supports this view which we also expect to benefit the Fund's performance over the longer term.

Nick Evans & Ben Rogoff

9 July 2025

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### **Share Class Information**

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USD R Dist	POLGTRU ID	IE00B433M743	B433M74	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
GBP R Dist	<b>POLGTRS ID</b>	IE00B42N8Z54	B42N8Z5	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
EUR R Dist	<b>POLGTRE ID</b>	IE00B4468526	B446852	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
USD I Dist	POLGTIU ID	IE00B42NVC37	B42NVC3	-	1.11%	1.00%	N/A
GBP I Dist	POLGTIS ID	IE00B42W4J83	B42W4J8	-	1.11%	1.00%	N/A
EUR I Dist	POLGTIE ID	IE00B42N9S52	B42N9S5	-	1.11%	1.00%	N/A
USD Dist*	POCFGTU ID	IE0030772275	3077227	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
GBP Dist*	POCFGTS ID	IE0030772382	3077238	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
EUR Dist*	POCFGTE ID	IE00B18TKG14	B18TKG1	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
EURIAcc	POCGTIE ID	IE00BM95B514	BM95B51	-	1.11%	1.00%	N/A
EUR R Acc	POCGTRE ID	IE00BM95B621	BM95B62	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
*These share classe	s are closed to ne	w investors.					
<b>Currency Hedged</b>	d <sup>1</sup>						
EUR R Dist Hdg	POLRHEU ID	IE00BTN23623	BTN2362	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
EUR R Acc Hdg	POLGRHE ID	IE00BZ4D7648	BZ4D764	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
CHF R Dist Hdg	POLRHCH ID	IE00BTN23516	BTN2351	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
GBP I Dist Hdg	POLGIGH ID	IE00BW9HD621	BW9HD62	-	1.11%	1.00%	N/A
EUR I Dist Hdg	POLGIHE ID	IE00BZ4D7085	BZ4D708	-	1.11%	1.00%	N/A

\*Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the latest available, as per the date of this factsheet. The Ongoing Charges Figure is based upon the expenses incurred by the Fund for the previous 12 month period. The OCF incorporates the Annual Fee charged by the Fund.

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 Capital is at risk and there is no guarantee the Fund will achieve its objective. Investors should make sure their attitude towards risk is aligned with the risk profile of the Fund before investing.

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- Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and you might get back less than you originally invested as there is no guarantee in place.
- The value of a fund's assets may be affected by uncertainties such as international political developments, market sentiment, economic conditions, changes in government policies, restrictions on foreign investment and currency repatriation, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and

regulations of countries in which investment may be made. Please see the Fund's Prospectus for details of all risks.

Minimum

Ann.

1.11% 1.00% N/A

Perf.

- The Fund invests in the shares of companies and share prices can rise or fall due to several factors affecting global stock markets.
- The Fund uses derivatives which carry the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss, and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as failure amongst market participants.
- The Fund invests in assets denominated in currencies other than the Fund's base currency. Changes in exchange rates may have a negative impact on the Fund's investments. If the share class currency is different from the currency of the country in which you reside, exchange rate fluctuations may affect your returns when converted into

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- your local currency. Hedged share classes may have associated costs which may impact the performance of your investment.
- The Fund invests in emerging markets where there is a greater risk of volatility due to political and economic uncertainties, restrictions on foreign investment, currency repatriation and currency fluctuations. Developing markets are typically less liquid which may result in large price movements to the Fund
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The Fund promotes, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics and is classified as an Article 8 fund under the EU's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup>**Performance Fee** Performance fees no longer applied from 2 January 2025.

<sup>1.</sup> Currency exposures hedged at the share class level to the extent it's practicable. Gives substantially similar currency exposures as a US\$ investor investing in the unhedged base currency (US\$) share class.



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