Since Launch



# **Polar Capital Funds plc Healthcare Opportunities Fund**



### EUR Class I Acc | ISIN: IE00BF12WY77

### **NAV** per Share

**EUR Class I Acc** €16.49

#### **Fund Details**

**Fund Size** €1,474.9 m

**Base Currency** USD

Denominations USD/GBP/EUR

**Fund Structure UCITS** Domicile Ireland

Launch Date 30 November 2007 Investment Manager Polar Capital LLP

SFDR Classification 1 Article 8

### **Fund Managers**



**Gareth Powell** Head of Healthcare Gareth has worked on the fund since he joined Polar Capital in 2007 and has 26 years of industry experience.

### **Fund Profile**

#### **Investment Objective**

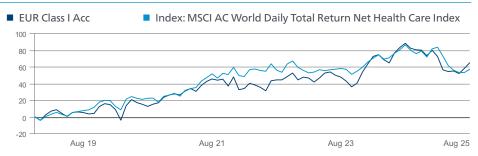
The Fund aims to preserve capital and achieve long-term growth by investing in a globallydiversified portfolio of companies within the healthcare industry.

### **Key Facts**

- Team of eight sector specialists
- The team has 145+ years of combined industry experience
- Typically 30-45 positions
- No benchmark or tracking error constraints
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection

### **Share Class Performance**

### **Performance Since Launch (%)**



		3m	YTD		3yrs	5yrs	Since Eddiren		
	1m			1yr			Cum.	Ann.	
EUR Class I Acc	4.30	6.39	-4.90	-12.38	14.28	46.71	64.90	7.71	
Index	2.53	0.71	-8.55	-15.71	0.71	28.65	57.20	6.95	

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

12 months to	29.08.25	30.08.24	31.08.23	31.08.22	31.08.21
EUR Class I Acc	-12.38	27.51	2.29	-0.76	29.36
Index	-15.71	17.87	1.36	2.99	24.04

### Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
EUR Class I Acc	12.96	6.38	-2.37	17.21	8.99	20.90	-	-	-	-
Index	7.80	0.08	0.00	26.44	5.35	24.93	_	_	_	_

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

Performance for the EUR Class I Acc. The class launched on 7 December 2018. Performance data is shown in EUR. Source: Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd. Benchmark performance shown in EUR. Source: Bloomberg.

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1. Refers to the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation

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# Portfolio Exposure & Attribution

As at 29 August 2025

### Top 10 Positions (%)

Innovent Biologics Ascendis Pharma A/S	3.5
Uniphar	3.6 3.5
Merus NV	3.6
H Lundbeck A/S	3.8
Fresenius SE & Co NPV	5.0
Zealand Pharma A/S	5.2
Argenx	6.0
Swedish Orphan Biovitrum	7.0
UCB	8.4

### **Total Number of Positions**

Active Share	97.39%
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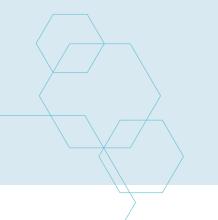
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### **Geographic Exposure** (%)

United States	25.4
Denmark	12.1
Netherlands	9.6
India	9.4
Sweden	8.6
Belgium	8.4
Ireland	6.7
Germany	5.0
Japan	4.1
China	3.5
Switzerland	3.2
United Kingdom	2.6
France	1.6
Canada	1.5
Cash & Cash Equivalents	-1.6

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

Large Cap (>US\$10 bn)	46.8
Mid Cap (US\$1 bn - 10 bn)	50.0
Small Cap ( <us\$1 bn)<="" td=""><td>4.8</td></us\$1>	4.8
Cash & Cash Equivalents	-16



### **Performance Attribution** - 1 Month (%)

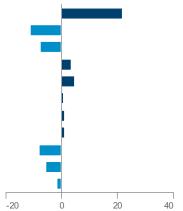
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	Active Weight	Attrib. Effect		Active Weight	Attrib. Effect
Zealand Pharma A/S	4.46	1.07	UnitedHealth Group	-3.38	-0.61
Avadel Pharmaceuticals	2.93	0.86	Medley	2.32	-0.58
H Lundbeck A/S	3.56	0.50	Alivus Life Sciences	2.26	-0.35
Avidity Biosciences	2.59	0.49	Torrent Pharmaceuticals	2.95	-0.33
Eli Lilly & Co	-7.61	0.46	Hikma Pharmaceuticals	2.69	-0.31

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
Biotechnology	38.1	22.1
Pharmaceuticals	30.4	-11.2
Healthcare Equipment	10.1	-7.5
Healthcare Services	7.3	3.8
Healthcare Facilities	6.6	4.9
Healthcare Supplies	3.6	0.6
Healthcare Distributors	3.6	1.1
Healthcare Technology	1.9	1.1
Life Sciences Tools & Services	0.0	-7.8
Managed Healthcare	0.0	-5.4
Cash & Cash Equivalents	-1.6	-1.6



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.

### **Share Class Information**

				Minimum		Ann.	Perf.
Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Investment	OCF <sup>†</sup>	Fee	Fee <sup>††</sup>
USD R Dist	PCHCORU ID	IE00B3NLTK32	B3NLTK3	-	1.60%	1.50%	10%
USD R Acc	POHORUA ID	IE00BKSBD942	BKSBD94	-	1.60%	1.50%	10%
GBP R Dist	PCHCORS ID	IE00B3NM2Q33	B3NM2Q3	-	1.60%	1.50%	10%
EUR R Dist	PCHCORE ID	IE00B3NLSS43	B3NLSS4	-	1.60%	1.50%	10%
USD I Dist	PCHCOIU ID	IE00B3K93X10	B3K93X1	-	1.10%	1.00%	10%
GBP I Dist	PCHCOIS ID	IE00B3NLDF60	B3NLDF6	-	1.10%	1.00%	10%
EUR I Dist	PCHCOIE ID	IE00B3K83P04	B3K83P0	-	1.10%	1.00%	10%
EUR I Acc	PCHOIED ID	IE00BF12WY77	BF12WY7	-	1.10%	1.00%	10%
EUR I Acc Hdg	POHOIEH ID	IE00BKSBD835	BKSBD83	-	1.10%	1.00%	10%
USD Dist*	PCHSOPPU ID	IE00B28YJN35	B28YJN3	-	1.60%	1.50%	10%
GBP Dist*	PCHSOPPG ID	IE00B28YJP58	B28YJP5	-	1.60%	1.50%	10%
EUR Dist*	PCHSOPPE ID	IE00B28YJQ65	B28YJQ6	-	1.60%	1.50%	10%
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<sup>\*</sup>These share classes are closed to new investors.

<sup>\*</sup>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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup>**Performance Fee** 10% of outperformance of MSCI World Daily TR Net Health Care Index.



# **Fund Manager's Comments**

### **Market review**

During August, the healthcare sector outperformed broader markets, with strength across the market-cap spectrum. While the sector continues to trade at a significant discount to the market, these valuations are starting to attract investors. Therefore, there has been a small improvement in sentiment towards healthcare but for this to persist, US policy overhangs still need to be cleared to alleviate remaining concerns and enable further progress. Clarity on these is likely to come in the short term.

### **Fund performance and activity**

At a stock level, Avadel Pharmaceuticals performed well on the back of strong results which comfortably beat consensus expectations and led to a revenue guidance raise for fiscal year 2025. Zealand Pharma bounced ahead of upcoming data catalysts in the months ahead.

Negative performers included Medley and Hikma Pharmaceuticals. The former faced pressure due to a poor Q2 earnings report which included both sales and operating profit below consensus, sparking investor concerns over the company's growth outlook. Hikma Pharmaceuticals performed poorly because of concerns over results for the full year after the company lowered the margin guide for its injectables division.

On the trading front, the Fund initiated new positions in RadNet and iRhythm Technologies. RadNet is a healthcare services provider, operating the largest network of diagnostic imaging centres in the US. It also offers software and AI technology solutions to enhance the efficiency of imaging centres and improve the automation and accuracy of scan reading and reporting. iRhythm Technologies is a medical device company that develops and manufactures portable cardiac monitoring devices. The company has growth opportunities with a potential new product cycle and continued penetration into international markets.

We reduced the position size of Swedish Orphan Biovitrum due to concerns over the longer-term growth outlook. We sold Pacira Biosciences as a reimbursement change is anticipated to be a less positive driver than expected.

#### Outlook

The outlook for the healthcare sector remains attractive, with strong underlying fundamentals despite the US policy issues negatively impacting sentiment. There is potential for clarity around tariffs and pricing within the next three months. With the valuation multiple investors are paying for healthcare stocks having pulled back dramatically, hopefully limiting further downside, clarity should enable focus to revert to fundamental drivers. We continue to see compelling investment opportunities and predict a cyclical uptick in M&A activity once policy overhangs have cleared.

### **Gareth Powell**

3 September 2025

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