

Polar Capital Funds plc Global Insurance Fund



EUR Class I Acc | ISIN: IE00B55MWC15

NAV per Share	
EUR Class I Acc	€13.45
Fund Details	
Fund Size	€2,533.3 m
Base Currency	GBP
Denominations	GBP/USD/EUR
Fund Structure	UCITS
Domicile	Ireland
Launch Date	16 October 1998
Investment Manager	Polar Capital LLP
SFDR Classification	Article 8
Historic Yield (%) ²	1.28

Fund Managers



Nick Martin Lead Fund Manager

Nick joined the team in 2001 and manages the fund. He joined Polar Capital in 2010 and has 25 years of industry experience.



Dominic Evans Fund Manager

Dominic has managed the fund since 2022, he joined Polar Capital in 2012 and has 15 years of industry experience.





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Fund Profile

Investment Objective

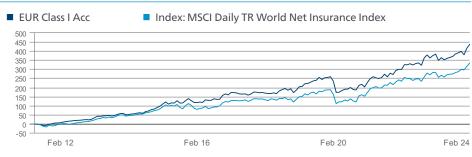
The Fund aims to provide an attractive total return, irrespective of broader economic and financial market conditions, by investing in companies operating within the international insurance sector.

Key Facts

- Managed by industry professionals
- Low correlation to broader equity markets
- 25+ year track record (since launch)
- Typically own 30-35 holdings with low turnover
- No benchmark or tracking error constraints
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection

Share Class Performance

Performance Since Launch (%)¹



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	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10 yrs	Cum.	Ann.
EUR Class I Acc	3.90	7.79	11.94	11.13	63.82	76.80	256.96	437.00	14.08
Index	4.41	8.86	9.55	13.72	59.38	74.67	197.97	334.33	12.20

Discrete Annual Performance (%)

12 months to	29.02.24	28.02.23	28.02.22	26.02.21	28.02.20
EUR Class I Acc	11.13	21.07	21.76	-1.90	10.01
Index	13.72	14.28	22.64	4.14	5.24

Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
EUR Class I Acc	3.81	17.53	23.97	-10.62	30.57	0.36	2.39	16.28	20.15	20.57
Index	7.29	12.01	26.86	-9.34	30.60	-6.87	6.31	10.12	14.56	17.93

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

Performance for the EUR Class I Acc. The class flot a reliable indicator of indire returns. Source: Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd. Benchmark performance shown in EUR. 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 lowestment Managers discretion Investment Managers discretion.

Investment Mañagers discretion. 1. Hiscox Insurance Portfolio Fund launched 16 October 1998, and was merged into the Polar Capital Global Insurance Fund on 27 May 2011. Whilst the investment management team and strategy are identical, not all terms are consistent, including fees. Please refer to the Fund Prospectus for details of the Polar Capital Global Insurance Fund. Prior to the amalgamation of both funds, the benchmark was the Datastream World Insurance Index (£). The benchmark was changed at the launch of the Polar Capital Global Insurance Fund to the MSCI Daily TR World Net Insurance Index which is the benchmark upon which performance fees are calculated. 2. Historic yield is based on a NAV per share of €9.80 and income of €0.1253 per unit paid in the last 12 months, based on EUR Institutional distribution units. WARNING: Investors should note that historic yield does not measure the overall performance of a fund. It is possible for a fund to lose money overall but to have a positive historic yield. Historic yield cannot be considered as being similar to the interest rate an investor would earn on a savings account.

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Portfolio Exposure

As at 29 February 2024

Top 10 Positions (%) Arch Capital 9.5 **RenaissanceRe Holdings** 7.9 Chubb 6.8 Marsh McLennan 6.8 WR Berkley 5.8 Fairfax Financial Holdings 4.9 Essent Group 4.6 Markel 4.3 **Everest Group** 4.3 4.1 **Progressive Corp** Total 59.0 **Total Number of Positions** 34 **Active Share** 70.12% **Market Capitalisation Exposure** (%)

Large Cap (>\$20bn)	53.5
Mid Cap (\$5bn - \$20bn)	33.4
Small Cap (<\$5bn)	13.1

Sector Exposure (%)

Commercial	48.1				
Retail	18.7				
Reinsurance	12.6				
Insurance Brokers	10.8				
Life and Health	7.2				
Multi-line Insurance	2.4				
Cash	0.2				
		0	25	50	75

Geographic Exposure by Listing (%) US 75.1 UK 12.0 Canada 9.0 Asia 2.8 Europe 1.1 Cash 0.2 0 50 100

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.	Pert.
Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Investment	OCF [†]	Fee	Fee ^{††}
USD R Acc	PCFIRUA ID	IE00B5164B09	B5164B0	-	1.33%	1.25%	10%
USD R Dist	PCFIRUD ID	IE00B4X9QT28	B4X9QT2	-	1.33%	1.25%	10%
GBP R Acc	PCFIRGA ID	IE00B4X2MP98	B4X2MP9	-	1.33%	1.25%	10%
GBP R Dist	PCFIRGD ID	IE00B51X0H96	B51X0H9	-	1.33%	1.25%	10%
EUR R Acc	PCFIREA ID	IE00B52VLZ70	B52VLZ7	-	1.33%	1.25%	10%
EUR R Dist	PCFIRED ID	IE00B547TM68	B547TM6	-	1.33%	1.25%	10%
USD I Acc	PCFIIUA ID	IE00B4Y53217	B4Y5321	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	10%
USD I Dist	PCFIIUD ID	IE00B503VV16	B503VV1	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	10%
GBPIAcc	PCFIIGA ID	IE00B5339C57	B5339C5	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	10%
GBP I Dist	PCFIIGD ID	IE00B530JS22	B530JS2	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	10%
EURIAcc	PCFIIEA ID	IE00B55MWC15	B55MWC1	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	10%
EUR I Dist	PCFIIED ID	IE00B4V4LB63	B4V4LB6	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	10%
USD I Acc Hdg	PCGIIHU ID	IE00BD3BW042	BD3BW04	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	10%
EUR I Acc Hdg	PCGIIHE ID	IE00BD3BW158	BD3BW15	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	10%
Port Hdg GBP I Dist	POLRCPU ID	IE000E6SKV30	BP0VMM3	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	10%
Port Hdg EUR I Acc	PLRGIER ID	IE0001HWFGO2	BPCJJ24	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	10%
Port Hdg CHF I Acc	PLRCAPT ID	IE000OB2CIJ5	BP0VML2	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	10%
GBP RA Dist*	SNGIHPI ID	IE00B5NH4W20	B5NH4W2	-	1.33%	1.25%	N/A
GBP RB Acc*	SNGIHPA ID	IE00B63V4760	B63V476	-	1.33%	1.25%	N/A
GBP I Dist (E)*	HISIPEI ID	IE00B4XZ9Q84	B4XZ9Q8	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	N/A
GBP I Acc (F)*	HISIPFA ID	IE00B61MW553	B61MW55	USD 1m	0.83%	0.75%	N/A
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^tOngoing 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.

⁺⁺Performance Fee 10% of outperformance of MSCI Daily Net TR World Insurance Index.

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Fund Managers' Comments

In February, the Fund (GBP R Acc Share Class) returned 4.2% versus 4.7% for the MSCI World Insurance Daily Net Total Return Index benchmark, 5.1% for the MSCI World Daily Net Total Return Index, 0.2% for the FTSE All Share Total Return Index and 6.2% for the S&P 500 Total Return Index (all in sterling terms).

Year to date, the Fund (GBP R Acc Share Class) has returned 10.4% versus 8.2% for the MSCI World Insurance Daily Net Total Return Index benchmark, 6.7% for the MSCI World Daily Net Total Return Index, -1.1% for the FTSE All Share Total Return Index and 8.3% for the S&P 500 Total Return Index (all in sterling terms).

Excellent 4Q23 earnings season shows 2023 de-rating unwarranted

The 4Q23 reporting season has set the tone for a strong start to the year for Fund performance. This comes on the back of what was a frustrating 2023, which saw company valuations materially decline even though our companies reported some of the best earnings in the Fund's 25-year history; in our view, there is no evidence that the current earnings power will abate anytime soon. Our initial estimate going into 4Q23 earnings season was for our weighted-average book value growth to be 21% for 2023. With most results in, we are on track to comfortably beat that estimate meaning book value growth last year was more than double our 25-year average of 10.5%. This exceptional book value growth has come from a combination of excellent top-line growth, strong underwriting margins and significant growth in investment income given both higher short-term bond yields and positive cashflow. It was noteworthy that Warren Buffett called out the performance of Berkshire Hathaway's (re)insurance businesses in his annual letter to shareholders. He noted insurance "carried the day in 2023" given the struggles at some of Berkshire Hathaway's non-insurance operations. Buffett added that "Our insurance business performed exceptionally well last year, setting records in sales, float and underwriting profits". Similar words were likely echoing around many of our companies' boardrooms last year. Encouragingly, all the key earnings drivers that delivered such strong results remain in place for 2024 and the foreseeable future.

While most of our companies had an excellent 2023 many other industry participants struggled. US-based homeowner insurers had a tough year given another challenging period of catastrophes led by the high frequency of severe convective storms. While, individually, these may not appear that costly, in the aggregate, they quickly add up (to an estimated \$60bn in 2023 or around half the global insured catastrophe losses). In contrast to recent years these losses are now typically falling below the levels required for reinsurance protection to kick in following the "hard reset" of the reinsurance market on 1 January 2023. Many "Main Street" primary insurers are having to digest both the impact of higher reinsurance costs and manage the volatility arising from smaller catastrophe losses. Increasingly, these insurers are concluding that these risks have become too challenging to underwrite and consequently these accounts are flowing into the specialty excess and surplus lines (E&S) market. Tim Turner, President of Ryan Specialty, a specialty broker owned in the Fund, noted on their 4Q23 earnings call that:

"The flow into the [E&S] channel continues to be double digit. So, we continue to see a lot of business being moved into the nonadmitted market. And we're seeing double-digit rate increases on cat property, whether it is coastal wind, flood, convective storm business, predominantly what we see, there's double-digit rate increase continuing."

In addition, some companies that had outsized growth in US casualty risk during the more challenging underwriting years of 2016-2019 have been taking reserve charges because of higher-than-anticipated claims severity. This is pressuring current results at an industry level but stands

against the cautious approach of many Fund companies to US casualty risk over this period. Several European reinsurers (none of which are owned in the Fund) continue to strengthen their reserve buffers and it will be some time before we know whether these actions have been sufficient. When companies are having to deal with prior year reserving issues not only does it underpin current underwriting discipline in those markets, but it also often leads to those companies reducing risk appetite as they try and fix the problems of the past and reflect on what went wrong. During this process they inevitably take one eye off the ball, leaving more opportunity for those prudent companies who navigated those challenging years more successfully. The CEO of Fund holding Arch Capital explained this well on their 4Q23 earnings call:

"I thought I'd borrow a soccer analogy to help explain the current casualty market. In soccer, players who commit a deliberate foul are often given a yellow card. Two yellow cards mean the player is ejected from the remainder of the match and their team continues with a oneplayer disadvantage. Today's casualty market feels as though some market participants took to the field with a yellow card from a prior game. They're playing in-match but cautiously not wanting to make an error that will put their entire team at a disadvantage. So, while Arch sometimes plays aggressively, we remain disciplined and avoided drawing a yellow card. At a high level, we must remember that casualty lines take longer to remediate than property. So, if insurers are being cautious and adding to their margin of safety, we could experience profitable underwriting opportunities in an improving casualty market for the next several years."

Our companies continue to see an abundance of underwriting opportunities at very attractive prospective margins.

M&A returns highlighting continued value in the sector

Given the value we believe continues to exist across the sector it was unsurprising to see M&A activity return. In late February, Fund holding Direct Line Insurance Group rejected a preliminary £3.1bn takeover offer from Belgian insurer Ageas. The offer was a mixture of cash and stock which had an implied value at a 43% premium to Direct Line's previous share price. Direct Line commented: "The Board considered the Proposal with its advisers and considered it to be uncertain, unattractive and that it significantly undervalued Direct Line and its future prospects while also being highly opportunistic in nature." We would not be surprised to see a higher offer emerge or other bidders enter the fray. The Direct Line brand has a strong franchise in direct distribution and with other brands including Green Flag, Churchill and Privilege, we believe they have an attractive collection of assets.

Exciting times ahead

Our already strong conviction that book values should continue to compound in the mid/high teens (16%+) for the foreseeable future has been further reinforced following recent results and it is encouraging that investors are starting to agree. We estimate that less than half of the de-rating Fund companies suffered in 2023 has been reversed this year with higher-than-expected 4Q23 book value growth driving much of the better Fund performance. We believe the Fund continues to offer a "cash on cash" return of c10% (defined as expected book value growth divided by price-to-book multiple) significantly above the long-term average of c8%.

Nick Martin & Dominic Evans

4 March 2024

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