

# **Polar Capital Funds plc Biotechnology Fund**



# USD Class I Dist | ISIN: IE00B42Z4531

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### **NAV** per Share

USD Class I Dist US\$47.56

### **Fund Details**

**Fund Size** US\$1,934.1 m **Base Currency** USD

Denominations USD/GBP/EUR

**Fund Structure UCITS Domicile** Ireland

Launch Date 31 October 2013 Investment Manager Polar Capital LLP SFDR Classification <sup>1</sup> Article 8

### **Fund Manager**



**David Pinniger** Lead Fund Manager David has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2013 and has 24 years of industry experience.

# **Fund Profile**

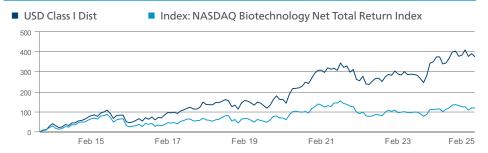
#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to preserve capital and achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing throughout the biotechnology ecosystem, across geographies and market capitalisations.

- Team of eight sector specialists
- The team has 145+ years of combined industry experience
- Typically 40-60 positions
- No benchmark or tracking error constraints
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection

# **Share Class Performance**

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



								Since	Since Launch		
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10 yrs	Cum.	Ann.		
USD Class I Dist	-2.94	-6.54	-0.15	0.44	34.09	81.94	164.96	375.60	14.75		
Index	-0.22	-2.57	4.92	2.61	15.03	29.44	32.77	118.20	7.12		

# **Discrete Annual Performance (%)**

12 months to	28.02.25	29.02.24	28.02.23	28.02.22	26.02.21
USD Class I Dist	0.44	21.94	9.47	-13.00	55.97
Index	2.61	9.30	2.56	-18.64	38.30

#### Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
USD Class I Dist	7.69	15.88	-7.15	4.69	40.85	31.26	-3.85	30.79	-7.55	12.99
Index	-0.81	4.33	-10.36	-0.18	26.20	24.90	-9.00	21.38	-21.69	11.33

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

Performance for the USD class I. The class launched on 31 October 2013. Performance data is shown in USD 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**



Ratings are not a recommendation.

Source & Copyright: CITYWIRE. David Pinniger has been awarded an AA rating by Citywire for his 3 year riskadjusted performance for the period 31/01/2022 - 31/01/2025

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# Portfolio Exposure

As at 28 February 2025

# **Top 10 Positions** (%)

Argenx	7.2
Scholar Rock Holding Corp	4.8
SpringWorks Therapeutics	4.5
Zealand Pharma A/S	4.3
Arcutis Biotherapeutics	4.2
Ascendis Pharma A/S	4.0
AstraZeneca	3.9
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	3.7
Rhythm Pharmaceuticals	3.5
Xenon Pharmaceuticals	3.3
Total	43.6

<b>Total Number of Positions</b>	47
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Active Share	70.98%
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# **Market Capitalisation Exposure** (%)

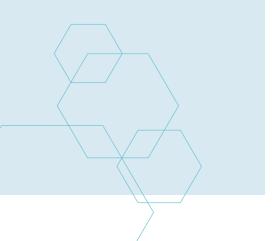
Large Cap (>US\$5 bn)	56.6
Mid Cap (US\$1 - 5bn)	39.5
Small Cap ( <us\$1 bn)<="" td=""><td>2.9</td></us\$1>	2.9
Cash	1.0

# **Sector Exposure** (%)

Biotechnology	82.4				
Pharmaceuticals	16.2				
Healthcare Technology	0.2				
Life Sciences Tools & Services	0.2				
Cash	1.0				
		0	5	n	

# **Geographic Exposure** (%)

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United States	60.9				
Denmark	12.8				
Netherlands	10.2				
United Kingdom	4.1				
Canada	3.3				
Belgium	3.2				
Sweden	2.3				
Switzerland	2.2				
Cash	1.0				
		0	25	50	75



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.



# **Risks**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 your local currency. Hedged share classes may have associated costs which may impact the performance of your investment.
- The Fund invests in a relatively concentrated number of companies and industries based in one sector. This focused strategy can produce high gains but can also lead to significant losses. The Fund may be less diversified than other investment funds.

# Glossary

#### **Active Share**

Active Share is a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a fund that differ from the benchmark index.

#### Alpha

The excess return on an investment in the fund compared to the benchmark.

#### **Annual Fee**

A charge made each year to cover the expenses associated with running the fund. Although it is expressed in annual percentage figures it is usually split into 12 monthly amounts and taken from the fund monthly.

#### **Base Currency**

The currency in which the net asset value of each portfolio is calculated.

#### **Discrete Annual Performance**

Discrete performance is calculated between two fixed specific time and static dates.

#### **Geographic Exposure**

The geographical location in which the holdings of the Fund are listed. Exposure represents the relative risk particular to the percentage of investment in that particular geographic location

#### **Hedged Class**

A share class which is denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the portfolio. The investment manager employs techniques and instruments to protect against fluctuations between the class and the base currency of the portfolio.

#### **Market Capitalisation Exposure**

The percentage of the fund's assets that are invested in companies having market capitalisation of a particular size.

#### **NAV** per Share

Is an expression for net asset value that represents a fund's value per share. It is calculated by dividing the total net asset value of the fund or company by the number of shares outstanding.

#### **Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)**

This is a figure representing all annual charges and other payments taken from the fund.

#### **Share Class**

Share class is a designation applied to a share in a fund. Different share classes within the same fund will confer different rights on their owners.



# **Share Class Information**

Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Investment	OCF <sup>†</sup>	Perf. Fee <sup>††</sup>	
USD R Dist	POLBTRU ID	IE00B3XLHR60	B3XLHR6	-	1.61%	10%	
GBP R Dist	POLBTRS ID	IE00B3XDCF51	B3XDCF5	-	1.61%	10%	
EUR R Dist	POLBTRE ID	IE00B3VXGD32	B3VXGD3	-	1.61%	10%	
USD I Dist	POLBTIU ID	IE00B42Z4531	B42Z453	USD 1m	1.11%	10%	
GBP I Dist	POLBTIS ID	IE00B42P0H75	B42P0H7	USD 1m	1.11%	10%	
GBP I Dist Hdg	PCPBIHG ID	IE00BFX4HX56	BFX4HX5	-	1.11%	10%	
EUR I Dist	POLBTIE ID	IE00B3WVRB16	B3WVRB1	USD 1m	1.11%	10%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the latest available, as per the date of this factsheet.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup>**Performance Fee** 10% of outperformance of NASDAQ Biotechnology Net TR Index.