



EUR Class I Acc | ISIN: IE00B55MWC15

### NAV per Share

EUR Class I Acc €15.52

### Fund Details

Fund Size	€2,917.7 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 <sup>1</sup>	Article 8

**Historic Yield (%)<sup>3</sup>** **2.31**

### 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 27 years of industry experience.



#### Dominic Evans

##### Fund Manager

Dominic has managed the fund since 2022, he joined Polar Capital in 2012 and has 17 years of industry experience.

### Fund Ratings



Ratings are not a recommendation.

## Fund Profile

### Investment Objective

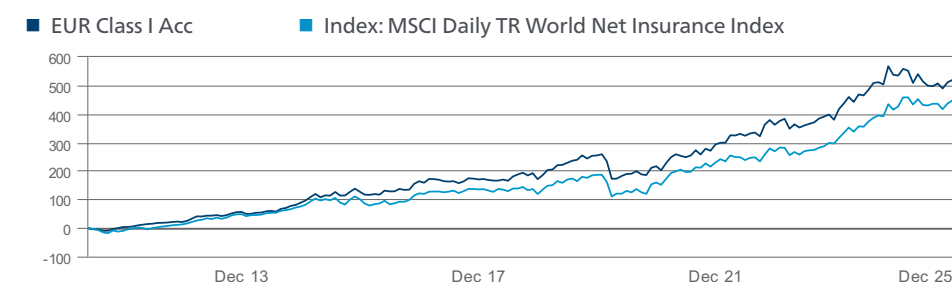
The Fund aims to provide an attractive total return, irrespective of broader economic and financial market conditions, by investing in companies operating within the international insurance sector.

### 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 (%)<sup>2</sup>



### Discrete Annual Performance (%)

12 months to	31.12.25	31.12.24	29.12.23	30.12.22	30.12.21
EUR Class I Acc	-2.80	32.86	3.81	17.53	23.97
Index	6.28	29.91	7.29	12.01	26.86

### Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
EUR Class I Acc	-2.80	32.86	3.81	17.53	23.97	-10.62	30.57	0.36	2.39	16.28
Index	6.28	29.91	7.29	12.01	26.86	-9.34	30.60	-6.87	6.31	10.12

### 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 27 May 2011. Performance data is shown in EUR. 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 Investment Managers discretion.

1. Refers to the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation

2. 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.

3. Historic yield is based on a NAV per share of €10.92 and income of €0.2525 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 31 December 2025

### Top 10 Positions (%)

RenaissanceRe Holdings	9.7
Arch Capital	9.3
Chubb	6.5
Marsh McLennan	5.2
WR Berkley	5.0
Markel	4.8
Essent Group	4.6
Beazley	4.2
The Travelers Cos	4.1
Lancashire Holdings	4.1

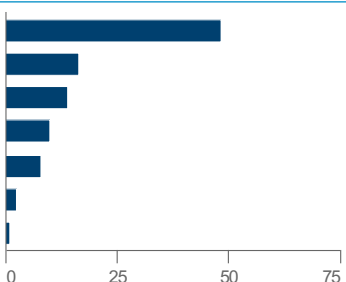
**Total** **57.7**
**Total Number of Positions** **30**
**Active Share** **72.34%**

### Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

Large Cap (>\$20bn)	55.8
Mid Cap (\$5bn - \$20bn)	34.2
Small Cap (<\$5bn)	10.0

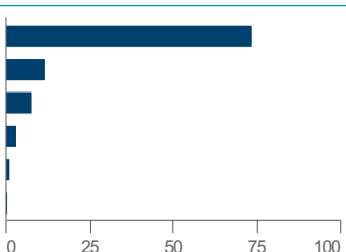
### Sector Exposure (%)

Commercial	48.4
Retail	16.5
Reinsurance	13.8
Insurance Brokers	10.1
Life and Health	7.9
Multi-line Insurance	2.4
Cash	1.0



### Geographic Exposure by Listing (%)

US	74.3
UK	12.3
Canada	8.1
Asia	3.2
Europe	1.2
Cash	1.0



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

Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Minimum Investment	OCF <sup>†</sup>	Ann. Fee	Perf. Fee <sup>††</sup>
USD R Acc	PCFIRUA ID	IE00B5164B09	B5164B0	-	1.32%	1.25%	10%
USD R Dist	PCFIRUD ID	IE00B4X9QT28	B4X9QT2	-	1.32%	1.25%	10%
GBP R Acc	PCFIRGA ID	IE00B4X2MP98	B4X2MP9	-	1.32%	1.25%	10%
GBP R Dist	PCFIRGD ID	IE00B51X0H96	B51X0H9	-	1.32%	1.25%	10%
EUR R Acc	PCFIREA ID	IE00B52VLZ70	B52VLZ7	-	1.32%	1.25%	10%
EUR R Dist	PCFIRED ID	IE00B547TM68	B547TM6	-	1.32%	1.25%	10%
USD I Acc	PCFIUA ID	IE00B4Y53217	B4Y5321	-	0.82%	0.75%	10%
USD I Dist	PCFIUD ID	IE00B503VV16	B503VV1	-	0.82%	0.75%	10%
GBP I Acc	PCFIIGA ID	IE00B5339C57	B5339C5	-	0.82%	0.75%	10%
GBP I Dist	PCFIIGD ID	IE00B530JS22	B530JS2	-	0.82%	0.75%	10%
EUR I Acc	PCFIEA ID	IE00B55MWC15	B55MWC1	-	0.82%	0.75%	10%
EUR I Dist	PCFIED ID	IE00B4V4LB63	B4V4LB6	-	0.82%	0.75%	10%
USD I Acc Hdg	PCGIHU ID	IE00BD3BW042	BD3BW04	-	0.82%	0.75%	10%
EUR I Acc Hdg	PCGIHE ID	IE00BD3BW158	BD3BW15	-	0.82%	0.75%	10%
Port Hdg GBP I Dist	POLRCPU ID	IE000E6SKV30	BPOVMM3	-	0.82%	0.75%	10%
Port Hdg EUR I Acc	PLRGIER ID	IE0001HWFG02	BPCJJ24	-	0.82%	0.75%	10%
Port Hdg CHF I Acc	PLRCAPT ID	IE0000B2CIJ5	BPOVML2	-	0.82%	0.75%	10%
GBP RA Dist*	SNGIHPI ID	IE00B5NH4W20	B5NH4W2	-	1.32%	1.25%	N/A
GBP RB Acc*	SNGIHPA ID	IE00B63V4760	B63V476	-	1.32%	1.25%	N/A
GBP I Dist (E)*	HISIPFI ID	IE00B4XZ9Q84	B4XZ9Q8	USD 1m	0.82%	0.75%	N/A
GBP I Acc (F)*	HISIPFA ID	IE00B61MW553	B61MW55	USD 1m	0.82%	0.75%	N/A

\*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>Performance Fee 10% of outperformance of MSCI Daily Net TR World Insurance Index.

## Fund Managers' Comments

In December, the Fund (GBP R Acc Share Class) returned 1.1% versus 1.7% for the MSCI World Insurance Daily Net Total Return Index benchmark, -0.8% for the MSCI World Daily Net Total Return Index, 2.2% for the FTSE All Share Total Return Index and -1.5% for the S&P 500 Total Return Index (all figures in sterling terms).

For 2025, the Fund (GBP R Acc Share Class) returned 2.1% versus 12.2% for the MSCI World Insurance Daily Net Total Return Index benchmark, 12.7% for the MSCI World Daily Net Total Return Index, 24.0% for the FTSE All Share Total Return Index and 9.7% for the S&P 500 Total Return Index (all figures in sterling terms).

### 2025 performance

On the back of two years of good results, with book value growth averaging 20%, we went into 2025 expecting a third year of strong returns. This follows the revision to our annual book value growth expectation from the historic 10-11% to 16%+ in November 2022, given the significant rise in short-term bond yields boosting investment returns at a time of excellent underwriting profitability. Going into 2025 we maintained the 16%+ outlook. While book value growth would likely continue to be the primary driver of the Fund's performance, we also thought valuations remained attractive and below the levels justified by current earnings power. Valuation multiples did move higher in 2024 but did not fully recover what we think was unjustifiably lost in 2023 when the sector suffered what we believe was a macro-driven derating. As a result, we were optimistic that the Fund's returns in 2025 might benefit from some multiple expansion as well.

We have always firmly believed that the long-term performance of the Fund will be driven by the value created by our portfolio companies which is best measured by growth in book value per share (including dividends) over time. When we think about our internal scorecard in assessing our own performance as managers, we focus on this metric above all others which is why we regularly communicate our best estimate for the next 12 months of book value growth for our companies to our investors. On this basis, we believe we have had another excellent year, with expected book value growth of 20% for the period. This means Fund companies have averaged 20% annual book value growth in the past three years since the 2022 step-up in earnings power.

Against this backdrop, performance in 2025 has been steady, with the Fund's price close to an all-time high, but it still feels somewhat disappointing. The Fund's return of 2% has suffered from a 6% headwind from foreign exchange currency movements given the weakness of the US dollar versus sterling. We have lagged our benchmark in large part because of our heavy US-listed bias exacerbated by currency effects, particularly given the strength of the euro. Macroeconomic noise has led to a rotation away from US stocks into other markets, notably Europe where we are significantly underweight due to our structural preference for specialty underwriters rather than more financial market-sensitive insurance conglomerates.

The two key drivers of book value growth are underwriting profits and investment returns. We expect strong underwriting returns in 2025 helped by a lighter year of catastrophe losses compared to the past five years. We estimate underwriting profits to have contributed c10% to 2025 book value growth.

Turning to investment returns, while our companies have defensive investment portfolios dominated by short-dated bonds, significant movements in bond yields impact the reported book values of our companies. We saw this in 2022 when, for example, the US two-year Treasury bond yield rose from 0.7% to 4.4% over the year, which resulted

in our companies enduring marked-to-market investment losses despite their 2-3 year duration and low investment leverage. There was some reversal of these investment losses in 2023 with the US two-year Treasury dropping modestly to 4.25% by year end. In 2024 bond yields were little changed resulting in a minimal marked-to-market impact for the year. However, during 2025 we saw the US two-year Treasury yield fall to 3.5% which will result in some marked-to-market gains. Some of these gains have been offset by the impact of strong levels of share repurchases.

If repurchases are made at a premium to book value they are a modest drag on book value in the short term but highly accretive to longer-term returns (assuming they are executed at reasonable valuations and at a meaningful discount to intrinsic values which we believe is the case at current multiples). Hence, we estimate a 2025 investment return of 4.75% pre-tax. Given invested asset leverage of 2.5x to shareholders' equity investment, this increases book values by 10% after tax, all else equal. To this investment return we add the 10% from underwriting profits discussed earlier giving the estimated total book value growth of 20% for the year.

With an 8% constant FX Fund return and 20% book value, growth performance has been impacted by 12% from price-to-book multiple contraction. We estimate the Fund's price to book to be 160% at 31 December 2025 which is a modest premium to the long-term US industry average. Valuations have significantly contracted this year and are now meaningfully below the Fund's price to book of 190% at the end of 2022. This is despite little change in our expected mid-teens earnings power which remains 50% better than our historical average that has driven the 11% compounded annual growth rate in book value per share over the 27+ years of the Fund.

### Rate softening at 1 January 2026 reinsurance renewals but expected reinsurer returns remain strong

Catastrophe reinsurers' returns have materially increased since the hard reset of the reinsurance market on 1 January 2023. Cat pricing rose 40% across the 2023-24 renewals and importantly reinsurers increased retentions, moving themselves away from the risk. 1 January is a key date in the reinsurance calendar when around 50-60% of property catastrophe business are placed with a bias to European and global accounts.

2025 is expected to be the third consecutive year of excellent profitability for the reinsurance industry as companies have continued to benefit from the step change in pricing since 2023 as well as a kinder year for catastrophe losses. We had an active start to 2025 with the California wildfires but that was largely offset by a benign Atlantic hurricane season. While there were thirteen named storms, five hurricanes and four major hurricanes, none made landfall in the US, the first time that has happened in a decade. Hurricane formation came in below the scientific community's general expectation, but we do not expect any complacency from the (re)insurance industry in 2026. There were three Category 5 hurricanes and many examples of storms showing rapid intensification. Reinsurance broker Guy Carpenter has estimated 2025 insured catastrophe losses of \$121bn, 18% below the five-year inflation-adjusted average.

Given the excellent reinsurer results there has been pressure on catastrophe reinsurance rates at the 1 January 2026 renewals. Guy Carpenter, Howden Re and Gallagher Re estimated overall risk-adjusted property-catastrophe pricing was down in a range of 12-15% on average. While lower than the 2024 peak, catastrophe pricing remains at attractive levels, particularly in a historical context. Reinsurer retentions rose substantially in 2023 moving reinsurers away from

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the risk and thereby returning them to their historical business model of balance sheet protectors. This is in sharp contrast to the earnings protection they were providing during the 2014-21 period of softer pricing. Importantly, these structurally higher retentions have endured in subsequent renewals, including 1 January 2026. The consequence of this is since 1 January 2023, the estimated reinsurer share of insured catastrophe losses has fallen to a new average of 12%, down from 20% (2022 and prior) based on Guy Carpenter estimates. Robust reinsurance structures, almost as much as pricing, underpins strong reinsurer expected profitability.

The Fund has never been a bet on Mother Nature with catastrophe reinsurance representing only 5% of look-through premiums. Commentary on catastrophe pricing generates a disproportionate number of headlines given its correlation to hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires. Despite softening in property catastrophe rates, reinsurance market conditions in the aggregate remain solid (25% of look-through premiums) with attractive pricing dynamics combined with unchanged terms and conditions and attachment points. Guy Carpenter expects healthy reinsurer ROEs of 15-16% for 2026 and 2027 which contemplates the impact of softer pricing at 1 January. We would expect our reinsurance-centric companies to outperform these industry averages.

Importantly, a disciplined reinsurance market helps underpin pricing discipline in the primary insurance markets. Reinsurance buyers will pay a little less for their protection in 2026 which is a net positive to the Fund overall given our bias to primary underwriters (around 60% of Fund look-through premiums).

## 2026 outlook

We live in the 'Age of Risk' and as a result the ability to transfer risk continues to gain in importance among individuals, companies and governments. The risks we face are broad, everchanging and becoming more complex, expanding the opportunity set for specialty underwriters often at the expense of more Main Street insurers. This is exactly where we invest and therefore the long-term growth opportunities for specialty lines are expected to be even higher than industry averages over time.

One area of significant growth is coming from the buildout of data centres. Insurance broker Aon recently commented that the estimated \$5-10trn of investment in data centres by 2030 will require significant insurance capacity with the potential to generate cumulative premiums exceeding \$100bn over the same period. This is a good example of when you have a growing area of economic activity, which investors love, there is almost always associated rising insurance demand, something investors tend to overlook.

In the end, what drives long-term Fund performance is our companies' ability to compound book value per share and dividends at an attractive rate over time. Over the 27+ years of the Fund, we estimate this metric has compounded at 11% per annum which, as you would expect, is close to the Fund's performance over the same period.

Looking ahead, our expectation for book value growth for 2026 is 15%+. This is modestly lower than the 16%+ we have estimated since 2022 reflecting the decline in short-term bond yields in 2025. Our investment return assumption now stands at a conservative 4% (previously 4.25%). We have not revised our underwriting profitability assumptions given the continued strong market conditions. Looking further out we continue to expect mid-teens book value growth for the foreseeable future, based on current market short-term bond yields. The Fund price to book is now 160% which is a modest premium to the long-term US industry average of 140-145% despite materially higher expected earnings power than historical averages. We believe the Fund offers a 'cash on cash' return of more than 10% (defined as expected

book value growth divided by price to book multiple) significantly above the long-term average of 8%.

Given the attractive valuations, it is no surprise we have seen a significant step up in share repurchase activity at our companies in recent quarters and we expect that to continue which will help further underpin future book value growth. With price to book multiples moving lower, we have also seen M&A re-emerge with Guy Carpenter estimating \$40bn of global non-life insurance transactions in 2025, the highest level since 2018. Cross-border interest is rising, particularly from Asia-based acquirers, notably from Japan, who are looking to redeploy rising levels of domestic capital into overseas operations that provide earnings diversification.

Constructing a 30-35 stock diversified portfolio focused on specialty underwriters that can deliver double-digit book value per share growth over time remains core to our investment process. In the past three years our companies have delivered some of their strongest earnings in the Fund's history. The outlook for this excellent earnings power remains undiminished and we expect this will lead to attractive investor returns in the years ahead.

Nick Martin & Dominic Evans

5 January 2026

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