



USD Class I Acc | ISIN: IE00BDTYJB74

### NAV per Share

USD Class I Acc      US\$171.89

### Fund Details

Fund Size	US\$261.2 m
Base Currency	USD
Denominations	USD/GBP/EUR
Fund Structure	UCITS
Domicile	Ireland
Launch Date	31 December 2018
Investment Manager	Polar Capital LLP
SFDR Classification <sup>1</sup>	Article 8

**Historic Yield (%)<sup>2</sup>**      **4.64**

### Fund Managers


**David Keetley**  
Fund Manager

David has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2010 and has 39 years of industry experience.


**Stephen McCormick**  
Fund Manager

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## Fund Profile

### Investment Objective

The Fund's investment objective is to generate a positive absolute return over rolling 12-month periods, in all market conditions. There is no guarantee the Fund will achieve this objective over any given period.

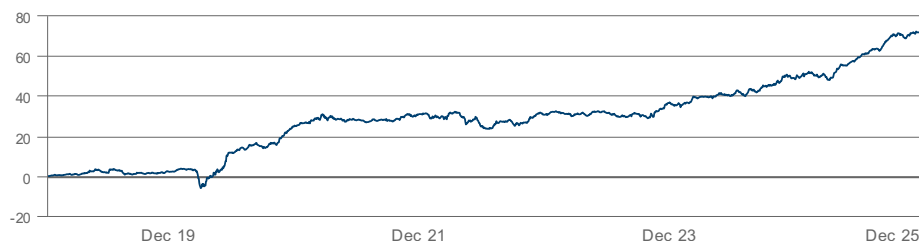
### Key Facts

- Team of four sector specialists based in London and Providence, RI
- The team has 90+ years of combined industry experience
- Typically 50-100 positions (long + short), grouped into five categories
- Ability to hedge credit exposures and interest rates
- Absolute Return seeking fund – no benchmark constraints

## Share Class Performance

### Performance Since Launch (%)

#### ■ USD Class I Acc



	Since Launch							
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Cum.	Ann.
USD Class I Acc	0.67	2.19	15.81	15.81	31.15	37.01	71.89	8.04

### Monthly Returns (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Return
2025	1.74	-0.43	-0.51	1.70	2.06	2.19	1.79	1.33	2.78	1.90	-0.39	0.67	15.81
2024	-0.82	1.28	1.80	0.07	0.70	-0.39	0.68	1.44	1.26	0.40	3.24	-1.23	8.67
2023	0.88	-0.79	-0.02	-0.76	1.76	-0.72	-1.13	0.05	0.78	-1.20	3.10	2.30	4.22
2022	-1.25	0.63	0.94	-1.49	-0.69	-3.47	1.10	1.58	-1.67	1.30	2.60	0.78	0.21
2021	0.88	1.65	0.17	-0.27	-0.50	0.29	-0.67	0.51	-0.26	1.03	1.21	0.16	4.25
2020	1.31	-0.79	-6.61	5.94	3.31	6.53	1.21	2.40	-1.43	1.00	5.14	3.32	22.65
2019	0.52	0.29	-0.22	1.27	0.78	0.64	-0.73	-1.66	0.77	-0.08	0.40	0.30	2.29

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Performance for the USD Class I Acc. The class launched on 31 December 2018. Performance data is shown in USD. Source: Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd.

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1. Refers to the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation

2. Historic yield is based on a NAV per share of US\$117.13 and income of US\$5.4355 per unit paid in the last 12 months, based on USD 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.**

### Fund Ratings



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## Portfolio Exposure & Attribution

As at 31 December 2025

### Top 5 Net Equity Exposures (%)

Cytokinetics	1.2
Osi Systems	1.0
Bridgebio Pharma	0.8
Ionis Pharmaceuticals Inc	0.8
Helios Towers	0.8

### Top 5 Positions (Net Exposure by LMV, %)

Helios Towers 2.875% 03/2027	5.5
Basic-fit 1.5% 06/2028	3.1
Cma Cgm Sa 0% 12/2028	2.8
Bridgebio Pharma 2.25% 02/2029	2.6
Cytokinetics 1.75% 10/2031	2.6

**Total** **16.6**

### Total Number of Positions

Long	71
Short	60

### Net Equity Exposure (%)

**9.0**

### Market Cap Underlying Stocks (%)

Mega (> US\$ 20bn)	19.4
Large (US\$ 5bn to 20bn)	45.1
Medium (US\$500m to 5bn)	35.5
Small (<US\$500m)	0.0

### Capital Structure (%)

Long (LMV)	106.8
Short (Equity)	-55.2
Gross	162.0

### Effective Duration

**1.57**

### Risk / Return Since Inception

Best Month (%)	6.53
Worst Month (%)	-6.61
Positive Months (%)	66.67
Volatility of Returns (%)	4.66
Sharpe Ratio	1.18
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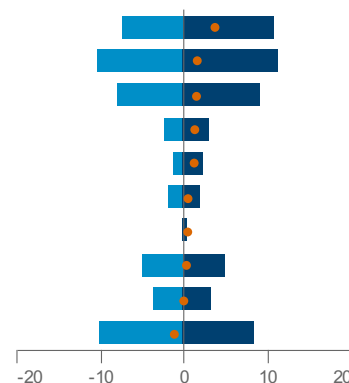
### Performance Attribution - 1 Month (bp)

Long Positions	98
Short Positions	-31

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

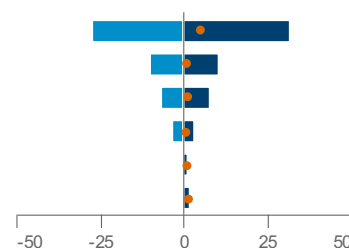
### Sector Equity Exposure (%)

	Long	Short	Net
Healthcare	10.9	-7.3	3.7
IT	11.6	-10.0	1.5
Industrial	9.3	-7.8	1.5
Materials	3.3	-2.0	1.3
Telecom	2.3	-1.1	1.2
Transportation	2.0	-1.6	0.4
Real Estate	0.4	0.0	0.4
Energy	5.1	-4.8	0.3
Financial	3.5	-3.6	-0.1
Consumer Discretionary	8.6	-9.8	-1.2



### Geographic Equity Exposure (%)

	Long	Short	Net
US	32.1	-27.3	4.8
Europe	10.5	-9.8	0.7
Japan	7.7	-6.8	1.0
Asia ex Japan	3.5	-3.0	0.5
Other Markets	1.0	-0.2	0.8
Canada	2.2	-0.9	1.2



### Credit Quality (%)

A-AAA	13.5
BBB	10.3
BB	49.1
B	27.0

Source: Polar Capital

### Maturity Distribution by LMV (%)

0 to 3 Years	23.6
3 to 5 Years	35.3
5 to 7 Years	33.2
7 to 10 Years	6.9
10 to 20 Years	1.0

### Weighted Avg Credit Quality

BB

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## Share Class Information

Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Minimum Investment	OCF <sup>†</sup>	Ann. Fee	Perf. Fee <sup>††</sup>
USD I Acc	PCGARIU ID	IE00BDTYJB74	BDTYJB7	-	1.10%	1.00%	15%
<b>Currency Hedged<sup>1</sup></b>							
Curr Hdg GBP I Acc	PCGAIHG ID	IE00BDTYJD98	BDTYJD9	-	1.10%	1.00%	15%
Curr Hdg GBP I Dist	POGARIP ID	IE0009FY2ZG6	BNHSZ02	-	1.10%	1.00%	15%
Curr Hdg EUR I Acc	PCGAIHE ID	IE00BDTYJC81	BDTYJC8	-	1.10%	1.00%	15%

<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 15% of any returns the Fund achieves above the high water mark.

1. Currency exposures hedged to the extent it is practicable.

## Fund Managers' Comments

The Fund (USD I Acc Share Class) returned 0.67% in December, taking its one-year return to 15.81%.

### Market review

December saw a modest advance in global risk markets (MXWO 0.7%), although performance diverged meaningfully by region and style. In the US, equities were broadly flat, with the S&P 500 edging down marginally (-0.1%) and both the technology-heavy NASDAQ (-0.7%) and small-cap Russell 2000 (-0.7%) lagging.

The December Federal Reserve (Fed) meeting, which had been expected to deliver a hawkish cut, instead surprised to the dovish side. However, long-dated yields moved higher over the month (US 10-year +15bp) as term premia rose, reflecting increased inflation expectations over time and potential political influence on future monetary policy, including expectations of a more dovish Fed Chair appointment in 2026. Equity leadership reflected this shift, with Financials and Industrials outperforming (S&P 500 Financials 2.9%, Industrials 1.1%), while rate-sensitive defensives lagged (Utilities -5.3%, Staples -2.0%).

In Europe, equities delivered strong gains (SXXP +2.7%) as inflation data came in cooler than expected, reinforcing the disinflation narrative and supporting a rotation away from US growth and AI infrastructure-linked trades. Chinese equities were mixed, with onshore A-shares rallying (Shanghai Composite 2.1%) on domestic liquidity support and policy reassurance, while Hong Kong-listed equities lagged (Hang Seng -0.9%) amid continued property sector weakness, foreign investor caution and sensitivity to higher US rates. In Japan, equities advanced (Topix 0.9%) as growing confidence in 'Sanaeconomics' – characterised by a continued reflationary policy stance, tolerance for yen weakness and sustained emphasis on industrial policy and corporate governance reform – supported investor sentiment.

Volatility continued to decline (VIX -12%), credit spreads to tighten (US HY 5yr CDX -8bps to 315bp), and the US currency to weaken (DXY -1.2%) alongside gains in precious metals (gold 1.9%, silver 26.8%). Notably, bitcoin did not participate in the 'debasement trade' in the month (XBTUSD -3.9%).

While volatility of the broader indices appears to be falling, as judged by the VIX index, we note the Fund continues to benefit from the broad dispersion of underlying positions across multiple themes.

### Fund activity

The largest contributors to performance were **Air France**, **AST SpaceMobile** and **Endeavour Silver**.

**Air France** is France's national flag carrier. In December, CMA CGM, a BB+ rated global logistics business and significant long-term shareholder of the company, issued a bond which can be exchanged into shares of Air France. After engaging in pre-launch pricing feedback with the bankers, we participated in the offering which subsequently traded well in the secondary market. As of month-end, the exchangeable bond was priced at approximately 108.3% with a 30% conversion premium, 50% equity sensitivity and three years tenor. We are substantially equity-hedged.

**AST SpaceMobile**, the leader in satellite-to-device connectivity, contributed as the Fund was able to monetise significant volatility of the underlying stock in December related to space economy news flow. Moreover, the convertible bond valuation appreciated, further contributing to returns. As of month-end, the convertible was priced at approximately 99.5% with a 32% conversion premium.

**Endeavour Silver** is a mid-cap silver mining company headquartered in Canada with assets primarily focusing on Mexico, where the company operates multiple high-grade silver-gold mines as well as owning undeveloped, large-scale silver resources. The company issued a new

convertible bond in December to repay existing debt and also fund the advancement of its Pitarrilla project. We participated in the convertible offering and maintained a partially equity-hedged position, benefiting both from appreciation of the convertible valuation as well as rising underlying share price as silver prices continued to move higher.

The largest detractors were **Galaxy Digital Holdings**, **Bitdeer Technologies Group** and **Rivian Automotive**.

**Galaxy Digital Holdings**, a leading digital asset financial institution and AI infrastructure company, detracted as both equity and bond valuations declined against a backdrop of falling crypto prices and market scrutiny on AI infrastructure. We closed the month fully equity-hedged as we believe volatility will remain elevated.

**Bitdeer Technologies Group** is a bitcoin mining equipment company and GPU-enabled neo-cloud services provider. The convertible declined alongside the underlying equity in December against a backdrop of lower crypto prices and market rotation away from AI infrastructure and cloud services companies. As of month-end, the convertible was priced at 104.5% with a 4% yield to maturity, 48% conversion premium and over five years of life remaining. We closed the month fully equity-hedged.

**Rivian Automotive** is a US-based electric vehicle manufacturer. We own the convertible within our put profile investment category, benefiting as the equity price falls. The position detracted from performance in December as the underlying equity appreciated on improved investor sentiment from November earnings and the company's 'Autonomy and AI Day' in December. This was partially offset by an increase in bond valuation.

### Outlook

Looking back on 2025, we believe the Fund delivered a strong outcome for investors, supported by a favourable combination of macro and market tailwinds. Falling interest rates, rising equity markets and tighter credit spreads all provided a constructive backdrop for convertible bonds, while robust new issuance of approximately \$167bn materially broadened the opportunity set. At the same time, elevated underlying equity volatility – driven by significant macroeconomic and geopolitical crosscurrents – enhanced the value of convertible optionality. These themes spanned multiple areas of structural investment focus, including aerospace and defence, renewable energy and nuclear power, rare earths and critical minerals, AI-infrastructure spending, and healthcare drug discovery, creating a rich environment for security selection.

Looking ahead to 2026, we remain optimistic about the outlook for the Fund. While credit spreads are historically tight, we expect them to stay near the lower end of their range, supported by strong corporate balance sheets and healthy cashflow generation. We also anticipate interest rates will be broadly range-bound as central banks continue easing: the Fed is expected to deliver further cuts alongside the appointment of a more dovish Chair, the UK is likely to cut further and, while the ECB remains on hold, we believe another cut is more likely than a hike. Equity markets are likely to be volatile as many of the macro, geopolitical and policy crosscurrents persist – and in some cases intensify – particularly around foreign policy uncertainty and potential Supreme Court rulings on tariff legality. Against this backdrop, we expect solid new convertible issuance of \$100bn or more in 2026 as companies refinance Covid-era debt and increasingly turn to the convertible market to reduce cash coupon costs and monetise elevated equity volatility.

Taken together, we believe 2026 should be another positive year for convertibles, albeit with periodic drawdowns along the way, which we

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hope to continue to use opportunistically – as we did in 2025 – to deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns.

*Please note the Institutional USD Distribution Share Class goes ex its semi-annual dividend on 2 January, paying out \$2.9283.*

David Keetley and Stephen McCormick

8 January 2026

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