

# Polar Capital Funds plc Global Technology Fund



GBP Class I Dist Hdg | ISIN: IE00BW9HD621

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# **NAV per Share**

GBP Class I Dist Hedged £29.61

# **Fund Details**

Fund Size	£4,018.3 m
Base Currency	USD
Denominations	USD/GBP/EUR
Fund Structure	UCITS
Domicile	Ireland
Launch Date	19 October 2001
Investment Manager	Polar Capital LLP
SFDR Classification	Article 8

# **Fund Managers**

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### Nick Evans Partner

Nick has worked on the fund since he joined Polar Capital in 2007 and has 26 years of industry experience.



# Ben Rogoff

Partner Ben has worked on the fund since he joined Polar Capital in 2003 and has 28 years of industry experience.



# Xuesong Zhao

Partner Xuesong has worked on the fund since he joined Polar Capital in 2012 and has 16 years of industry experience.



### Fatima lu Fund Manager

Fatima has worked on the fund since she joined Polar Capital in 2006 and has 19 years of industry experience.

# **Fund Profile**

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital appreciation through investing in a globally-diversified portfolio of technology companies.

# **Key Facts**

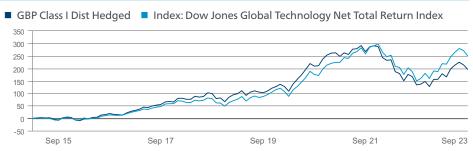
- Team of 10 sector specialists
- The team has 130+ years of combined industry experience
- Typically 60-85 positions
- No benchmark or tracking error constraints
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection

# **Fund Awards**



# **Share Class Performance**

# **Performance Since Launch** (%)



							Since I	aunch
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Cum.	Ann.
GBP Class I Dist Hdg	-5.79	-5.43	30.27	26.65	-4.21	48.57	196.10	13.62
Index	-5.87	-4.07	34.76	40.01	26.87	95.43	249.81	15.86

# Discrete Annual Performance (%)

12 months to	29.09.23	30.09.22	30.09.21	30.09.20	30.09.19
GBP Class I Dist Hdg	26.65	-36.31	18.76	52.64	1.61
Index	40.01	-30.23	29.88	47.43	4.48

# Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
GBP Class I Dist Hdg	-41.25	9.45	55.59	36.21	0.85	45.73	9.77	-	-	-
Index	-34.75	26.89	45.91	44.18	-6.28	40.89	12.59	-	-	-

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

Performance for the GBP Class I Hedged. The class launched on 30 March 2015. Performance data is shown in GBP 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.

# Portfolio Exposure

As at 29 September 2023

# Top 10 Positions (%)

Active Share	53.28%
Total Number of Positions	59
Total	49.4
TSMC	2.1
Amazon	2.1
Samsung Electronics	2.3
ServiceNow	2.5
Meta Platforms (Facebook)	4.4
Advanced Micro Devices	4.7
Apple^	6.6
Alphabet	7.7
NVIDIA	8.3
Microsoft^	8.8

# Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

Mega Cap (>US\$50 bn)	66.8
Large Cap (US\$10 bn - 50 bn)	23.1
Mid Cap (US\$1 bn - 10 bn)	10.1
Small Cap ( <us\$1 bn)<="" td=""><td>0.0</td></us\$1>	0.0

# Options (%)^

Pi	remium	Delta Adj. Exp.
Index Put	0.11	-2.12
Single Stock Call	0.25	3.79

<sup>^</sup>The Fund may hold call and/or put options for Efficient Portfolio Management. When applicable all exposures are calculated using delta adjusted weights. 0

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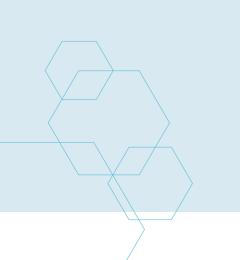
# Sector Exposure - Top Overweights & Underweights Relative to Index (%)

	Fund	Relative
Semiconductors	24.0	3.4
Broadline Retail	2.1	2.1
Semiconductor Materials & Equipment	7.1	2.1
Internet Services & Infrastructure	3.4	1.9
Electronic Components	1.7	1.7
Automobile Manufacturers	1.6	1.6
Electronic Manufacturing Services	1.3	1.3
Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines	1.3	1.1
Healthcare Supplies	0.9	0.9
Passenger Ground Transportation	0.8	0.8
Aerospace & Defense	0.6	0.6
Payment Processing Services	0.6	0.6
Electronic Equipment & Instruments	0.6	0.5
Industrial Conglomerates	0.0	-0.3
Technology Distributors	0.0	-0.4
Communications Equipment	1.3	-1.3
Interactive Media & Services	14.7	-1.4
Application Software	7.5	-2.4
Systems Software	16.1	-2.6
IT Consulting & Other Services	0.0	-3.6
Tech. Hardware, Storage & Periph.	9.1	-11.2
Cash	4.8	4.8

# **Geographic Exposure** (%)

US & Canada	74.8			_
	/4.8			
Asia Pac (ex-Japan)	11.3			
Japan	4.1			
Europe	2.9			
Middle East & Africa	2.2			
Cash	4.8			
		0	50	100

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.



# **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

# 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.

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

**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.

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 emerging markets where there is a greater risk of volatility due to political and economic uncertainties, restrictions on foreign investment, currency repatriation and currency fluctuations. Developing markets are typically less liquid which may result in large price movements to the Fund.
- 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.

# **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**

				Minimum		
Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Investment	<b>OCF</b> <sup>†</sup>	Perf. Fee <sup>tt</sup>
USD R Dist	POLGTRU ID	IE00B433M743	B433M74	-	1.62%	10%
GBP R Dist	POLGTRS ID	IE00B42N8Z54	B42N8Z5	-	1.62%	10%
EUR R Dist	POLGTRE ID	IE00B4468526	B446852	-	1.62%	10%
USD I Dist	POLGTIU ID	IE00B42NVC37	B42NVC3	USD 1m	1.12%	10%
GBP I Dist	POLGTIS ID	IE00B42W4J83	B42W4J8	USD 1m	1.12%	10%
EUR I Dist	POLGTIE ID	IE00B42N9S52	B42N9S5	USD 1m	1.12%	10%
USD Dist*	POCFGTU ID	IE0030772275	3077227	-	1.62%	10%
GBP Dist*	POCFGTS ID	IE0030772382	3077238	-	1.62%	10%
EUR Dist*	POCFGTE ID	IE00B18TKG14	B18TKG1	-	1.62%	10%
EURIAcc	POCGTIE ID	IE00BM95B514	BM95B51	USD 1m	1.12%	10%
EUR R Acc	POCGTRE ID	IE00BM95B621	BM95B62	-	1.62%	10%
*These share classes are closed to new investors.						
Currency Hedged	1					
EUR R Dist Hdg	POLRHEU ID	IE00BTN23623	BTN2362	-	1.62%	10%

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EUR R Acc Hdg	POLGRHE ID	IE00BZ4D7648	BZ4D764	-	1.62%	10%	
CHF R Dist Hdg	POLRHCH ID	IE00BTN23516	BTN2351	-	1.62%	10%	
GBP I Dist Hdg	POLGIGH ID	IE00BW9HD621	BW9HD62	USD 1m	1.12%	10%	
EUR I Dist Hdg	POLGIHE ID	IE00BZ4D7085	BZ4D708	USD 1m	1.12%	10%	
CHF I Dist Hdg	POLRHRI ID	IE00BVB30C68	BVB30C6	USD 1m	1.12%	10%	

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

\*\*Performance Fee 10% of outperformance of Dow Jones Global Technology Net Total Return Index.

Currency exposures hedged at the share class level to the extent it's practicable. Gives substantially similar

currency exposures as a US\$ investor investing in the unhedged base currency (US\$) share class.

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The Fund promotes, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics and is classified as an Article 8 fund under the EU's Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). For more information, please see the Prospectus and relevant Fund Supplement.

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**Benchmark** The Fund is actively managed and uses the Dow Jones Global Technology Net Total Return Index as a performance target and to calculate the

# **Administrator Details**

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performance fee. The benchmark has been chosen as it is generally considered to be representative of the investment universe in which the Fund invests. The performance of the Fund is likely to differ from the performance of the benchmark as the holdings, weightings and asset allocation will be different. Investors should carefully consider these differences when making comparisons. Further information about the benchmark can be found http://www. djindexes.com. The benchmark is provided by an administrator on the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) register of benchmarks which includes details of all authorised, registered, recognised and endorsed EU and third country benchmark administrators together with their national competent authorities.

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