

# Polar Capital Funds plc Smart Mobility Fund



# NAV per Share

GBP Class I Acc £6.65

## **Fund Details**

Fund Size £6.9 m Base Currency USD

Denominations USD/GBP/EUR/SEK/

CHF

Fund Structure UCITS
Domicile Ireland

Launch Date 30 September 2021
Investment Manager Polar Capital

(Switzerland) AG

SFDR Classification Article 9

# **Fund Managers**



# Thiemo Lang Senior Portfolio Manager Thiemo has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2021 and has 24 years of industry experience.

# **Fund Profile**

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund's investment objective is to provide long term capital growth. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a portfolio of companies worldwide that support, through their technology solutions and services, the decarbonisation and transformation of the global transportation sector.

## **Key Facts**

- Experienced, highly specialised thematic investment team
- Access to a multi-decade investment theme supported by multiple structural tailwinds
- Globally diversified portfolio positioned to benefit from the transformation of the mobility sector
- Sustainability at the heart of the investment thesis and outcomes

# **Share Class Performance**

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



						5yrs	Since Laurich		
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs		Cum.	Ann.	
GBP I Acc	3.58	0.30	-6.86	-10.26	-	-	-10.38	-4.43	
Index	5.13	9.97	5.85	18.10	-	-	19.11	7.50	

# **Discrete Annual Performance (%)**

12 months to	29.02.24	28.02.23	28.02.22	26.02.21	28.02.20
GBP I Acc	-10.26	7.70	-	-	-
Index	18.10	1.53	_	_	_

## Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
GBP I Acc	8.18	-15.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Index	15.98	-8.57	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_

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

Performance for the GBP Class I Acc. The class launched on 30 September 2021. Performance data is shown in GBP. Source: Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd. Benchmark performance shown in GBP. 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.

#### **Fund Ratings**



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# Portfolio Exposure

As at 29 February 2024

# **Top 10 Positions** (%)

Wolfspeed	6.0
Renesas Electronics Corp	5.4
Uber Technologies	5.2
u-blox Holding AG	5.0
NXP Semiconductor	4.9
APTIV	4.3
ABB	4.2
Trimble Navigation	4.2
Schneider Electric SE	3.9
Linde	3.6
Total	46.7

# Total Number of Positions

40

# **Market Capitalisation Exposure** (%)

Large Cap (>US\$10 bn)	67.1
Mid Cap (US\$1 bn - 10 bn)	26.3
Small Cap ( <us\$1 bn)<="" td=""><td>6.1</td></us\$1>	6.1
Cash	0.6

## **Currency Breakdown AUM** (%)

Currency	DIEAKGOWII AOWI (	/0/	′		
USD	53.1				
EUR	11.8				
CHF	9.3				
KRW	8.4				
JPY	6.4				
TWD	5.1				
CNH	2.7				
AUD	1.6				
CAD	1.5				
GBP	1.0				
CNY	-1.0				
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		0	40	80	

# Sector Exposure (%)\*

EV Technologies	27.3				
Autonomous Driving	26.7				
Mobility Infrastructure	24.1				
EV Manufacturing	21.4				
Cash	0.6				
		0	10	20	30

## **Geographic Exposure** (%)

US & Canada	42.8			
Europe	33.3			
Asia Pac (ex-Japan)	16.9			
Japan	6.4			
Cash	0.6			
		20	40	60

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Polar Capital Smart Team

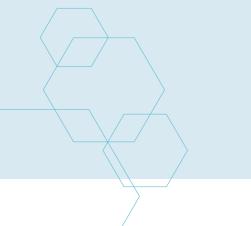
Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding. It should not be assumed that recommendations made in future will be profitable or will equal performance of the securities in this document. A list of all recommendations made within the immediately preceding 12 months is available upon request.

# **Share Class Information**

				Minimum		Ann.	Perf.
Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Investment	OCF <sup>†</sup>	Fee	Fee <sup>††</sup>
CHFTAcc	SMSMICA ID	IE000JP9F3Q4	BPF0Q01	-	1.00%	0.80%	N/A
EUR I Acc	SMSMIER ID	IE000YHEMDX6	BPF0PY8	-	1.00%	0.80%	N/A
GBP I Acc	SMSMIGA ID	IE0005IB58D2	BPF0PX7	-	1.00%	0.80%	N/A
SEK I Acc	SMSMISK ID	IE000T3ULMP8	BPF0PZ9	-	1.00%	0.80%	N/A
USD I Acc	SMSMIUS ID	IE000GSDD6V5	BPF0PW6	-	1.00%	0.80%	N/A
CHF R Acc	SMSMISC ID	IE000V9BMHJ2	BPF0PV5	-	1.70%	1.50%	N/A
EUR R Acc	SMSMISE ID	IE000ZV6FWT2	BPF0PS2	-	1.70%	1.50%	N/A
GBP R Acc	SMSMSGG ID	IE0004R5Z293	BPF0PR1	-	1.70%	1.50%	N/A
SEK R Acc	SMSMISS ID	IE000WGKV6D6	BPF0PT3	-	1.70%	1.50%	N/A
USD R Acc	SMSMSUN ID	IE000A5JPPP1	BPF0PQ0	-	1.70%	1.50%	N/A

<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>lt;sup>††</sup>**Performance Fee** This Fund does not have a performance fee.





# **Fund Manager's Comments**

## **Market review**

The broader indices were still driven up by US mega-cap technology stocks edging higher. Worries that inflation numbers will remain well above the stated 2% Federal Reserve (Fed) inflation target for the foreseeable future pushed expectations of potential first rate cuts well into the summer. US 10-year bond yields finished the month above 4.2%, with Treasury auctions continuing to be carefully monitored, given the high volume of new debt being placed this year.

## **Fund performance**

The Fund (USD I Acc Share Class) gained 2.9% during the month, underperforming the broader market by 1.4%, as represented by the MSCI All Country World Net Total Return Index (in dollar terms).

NXP Semiconductor, a microcontroller semiconductor company for the industrial and automotive end markets, profited from good inventory management and consistently high free cash flow margins, positioning the company well for the next upcycle.

Uber Technologies, the ride sharing and mobility platform provider, continued on its upwards trend as more investors were attracted by its potential to further improve its free cash flow over the coming years.

Trimble Navigation, the advanced location-based technology solutions provider, was up on reassuring guidance amid stabilising inventories.

Other positive contributors included Schneider Electric, Hyundai Mobis and Linde.

Wolfspeed, a dedicated silicon carbide (SiC) wafer and device manufacturer for use in electric vehicles (EVs), photovoltaic (PV) and industrial applications was weaker on persistent worries about demand for EVs and PVs. Meanwhile, the company expressed confidence in achieving its near-term targets, also emphasising being sold out on 100% utilisation of the ramp-up of the new Mohawk fab through 2027, representing \$2bn of annual revenues.

BorgWarner, a leading global supplier of highly engineered systems for automotive applications, was down on below consensus quidance of eProduct sales.

Dassault Systèmes, a French software design tool developer, was lower on a softer than expected growth guidance.

Other negative contributors included u-blox Holding, HL Mando and Renesas Electronics.

#### **Fund activity**

The positions in Monolithic Power Systems, Uber Technologies and Renesas Electronics were increased.

The positions in NXP Semiconductor, Air Liquide, TE Connectivity and ON Semiconductor were trimmed.

# Market outlook

The effects of monetary tightening on gradually moderating job markets and driving down inflation over time are apparent. Meanwhile, still-strong US economic data suggest the Fed will remain patient before starting to cut rates, with the first moves now expected in the summer at the earliest.

We remain constructive on the underlying themes in the Fund's investment strategy. The entire transportation sector is going through unprecedented transformation, driven by government regulations aiming to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and become energy

independent. The clean electrification of the transportation sector is key in achieving these overarching goals.

The Fund invests across the smart mobility value chain addressing these transformational changes, seeking focused exposure to market segments like EV manufacturers and suppliers, power electronics, green hydrogen and the EV charging infrastructure, sensor and data-processing technologies for automated driving, shared mobility solutions or new developments in driverless mobility.

#### Thiemo Lang

1 March 2024

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## **Administrator Details**

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