



GBP Class S Dist | ISIN: IE00B6TBKM73

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#### **NAV per Share**

GBP Class S Dist	£2.20				
Fund Details					
Fund Size	£171.9 m				
Base Currency	JPY				
Denominations	JPY/USD/GBP/EUR				
Fund Structure	UCITS				
Domicile	Ireland				
Launch Date	31 October 2012				
Investment Manager	Polar Capital LLP				
SFDR Classification	Article 8				

#### **Fund Managers**



#### Gerard Cawley Fund Manager

Gerard has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2005 and has 23 years of industry experience.

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#### **Chris Smith**

Co-manager Chris has managed the fund since 2018, he joined Polar Capital in 2012 and has 12 years of industry experience.

# **Fund Profile**

### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to generate long-term capital growth by investing in the shares of Japanese companies, or companies that generate a significant amount of their business in Japan. The Fund will apply a 'value' based stock picking approach, investing in a concentrated portfolio of large, medium and small capitalisation companies.

#### **Key Facts**

- Team of two industry and investment specialists
- Typically 45-55 positions
- No benchmark or tracking error constraints
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection

### **Share Class Performance**

#### Performance Since Launch (%)<sup>12</sup>



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	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10 yrs	Cum.	Ann.
GBP Class S Dist	1.94	7.94	3.97	16.37	31.55	38.73	128.93	192.40	9.93
Index	3.60	10.97	7.59	19.95	20.48	46.18	148.33	213.37	10.60

#### **Discrete Annual Performance** (%)

12 months to	29.02.24	28.02.23	28.02.22	26.02.21	28.02.20
GBP Class S Dist	16.37	9.29	3.44	4.03	1.37
Index	19.95	1.46	-1.00	19.56	1.48

### Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
GBP Class S Dist	13.48	8.29	4.09	-10.39	19.63	-8.89	19.91	22.25	14.02	-4.41
Index	12.96	-4.81	1.85	9.64	15.44	-8.52	15.63	24.45	16.59	2.87

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

Performance for the GBP Class S. The class launched on 31 October 2012. Performance data is shown in GBP with income (dividends) reinvested. 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.

1. All Institutional share classes of the Japan Value Fund were changed to S share classes as at 29 December 2016. 2. On 12 January 2018 the Polar Capital Japan Alpha Fund was renamed the Polar Capital Japan Value Fund. The Polar Capital Japan Value strategy change occurred as at 29 July 2016. Investors can review the Fund's prospectus for further information and a full explanation of the strategy for the Fund.

**Fund Ratings** 



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their 3 year risk-adjusted performance for the period 31/01/2021 - 31/01/2024. FE Crown Fund Ratings and FE Alpha Manager Ratings do not constitute investment advice offered by FE and should not be used as the sole basis for making any investment decision. All rights reserved.

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# **Portfolio Exposure**

As at 29 February 2024

### Top 10 Positions (%)

Active Share	92.97%
Total Number of Positions	54
Total	31.9
Kyoto Financial Group	2.7
Rohm	2.8
Suzuki Motor	2.8
Ushio	2.9
Dai-ichi Life Insurance	3.0
Daiwa Industries	3.0
Medikit	3.2
SK Kaken	3.3
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	4.1
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	4.2

### Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

	Fund	Index
Large (Topix 100)	18.6	66.6
Medium (Topix mid 400)	18.0	25.3
Small (Topix small)	60.9	8.1
Cash	2.5	-

#### Relative Fund Services 11.9 7.4 Banks 12.5 5.2 3.4 Information & Communication 11.0 Machinery 8.5 3.0 **Precision Instruments** 4.6 2.3 Air Transportation 2.6 2.2 **Glass & Ceramics Products** 1.9 1.2 Metal Products 1.5 1.0 Real Estate 0.0 -1.9 Construction 0.0 -2.0 **Retail Trade** 2.1 -2.1 Wholesale Trade 4.9 -2.4 Land Transportation 0.0 -2.6 Pharmaceutical 1.6 -3.0 Foods 0.0 -3.1 **Electric Appliances** 13.0 -4.5 -5 10 0 5

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

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

# 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.

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

#### **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.

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 country. 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**

Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Minimum Investment	<b>OCF</b> <sup>†</sup>	Perf. Fee <sup>tt</sup>
USD R Dist	PCJARUI ID	IE00B3KK5164	B3KK516	_	1.44%	10%
JPY R Dist	PCJARJI ID	IE00B8857N36	B8857N3	-	1.44%	10%
USD R Dist Hdg	PCJARUH ID	IE00B88DDG32	B88DDG3	-	1.44%	10%
GBP R Dist Hdg	PCJARBH ID	IE00B4WY8142	B4WY814	-	1.44%	10%
EUR R Dist Hdg	PCJAREH ID	IE00B7G7VV19	B7G7VV1	-	1.44%	10%
USD   Dist	POJAVIU ID	IE00BYW63S21	BYW63S2	-	1.09%	10%
JPY I Dist	PCJAJJY ID	IE00BYMD0W65	BYMD0W6	-	1.09%	10%
GBP   Dist	POJAVIG ID	IE00BYW63T38	BYW63T3	-	1.09%	10%
EUR I Dist	POJAVIE ID	IE00BYW63V59	BYW63V5	-	1.09%	10%
USD I Dist Hdg	POJAIUH ID	IE00BFX4HR96	BFX4HR9	-	1.09%	10%
GBP I Dist Hdg	POJAIGH ID	IE00BFX4HT11	BFX4HT1	-	1.09%	10%
EUR I Dist Hdg	POJAIEH ID	IE00BFX4HW40	BFX4HW4	-	1.09%	10%
JPY S Dist*	PCJAIJI ID	IE00B8843R79	B8843R7	USD 1m	0.69%	10%
GBP S Dist*	PCJAIBI ID	IE00B6TBKM73	B6TBKM7	USD 1m	0.69%	10%
USD S Dist Hdg*	PCJAIUH ID	IE00B7JYM942	B7JYM94	USD 1m	0.69%	10%
GBP S Dist Hdg*	PCJAIBH ID	IE00B8C0M523	B8C0M52	USD 1m	0.69%	10%
EUR S Dist Hdg*	PCJAIEH ID	IE00B8C1QM02	B8C1QM0	USD 1m	0.69%	10%
CHF I Dist Hdg	POJVIHC ID	IE00BK63DF82	BK63DF8	-	1.09%	10%
CHF R Dist Hdg	POJVRHC ID	IE00BK63DD68	BK63DD6	-	1.44%	10%
EUR R Dist	POJVLRE ID	IE00BK63S866	BK63S86	-	1.44%	10%
GBP R Dist	POJVLRS ID	IE00BK63S973	BK63S97	-	1.44%	10%
CHF S Dist Hdg	PJPVSHC ID	IE00BKPWG137	BKPWG13	USD 1m	0.69%	10%
EUR S Dist	POJVLSE ID	IE00BK63DC51	BK63DC5	USD 1m	0.69%	10%
USD S Dist	POJVLSU ID	IE00BK63DB45	BK63DB4	USD 1m	0.69%	10%
USD I Acc	PCJAIUS ID	IE000KLS6DO2	BNG26N5	-	1.09%	10%
USD I Acc Hedged	PCJIUHA ID	IE000VBA67C9	BNG26R9	-	1.09%	10%
EURIAcc	PCJAIEA ID	IE000B4WLVU3	BNG26P7	-	1.09%	10%
EUR I Acc Hedged	PCJIEHD ID	IE0001XAJEX3	BNG26S0	-	1.09%	10%
JPY I Acc	PCJAIJP ID	IE0006XBIGM0	BNG26M4	-	1.09%	10%
*These share classes	are closed to ne	w investors.				

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

<sup>++</sup>Performance Fee 10% of outperformance of Topix Index TR.

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