

# **Polar Capital Funds plc Financial Opportunities Fund**



USD Class I Dist | ISIN: IE00B5NR9F09

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### **NAV** per Share

USD Class I Dist US\$16.07

### **Fund Details**

**Fund Size** US\$12.5 m

**Base Currency** USD

**Denominations** USD/GBP/EUR

**Fund Structure UCITS Domicile** Ireland Launch Date 03 May 2011 Investment Manager Polar Capital LLP

SFDR Classification

Historic Yield (%)1 2.14

# **Fund Managers**



### **George Barrow Fund Manager** George has managed the fund since 2017, he joined Polar Capital in 2010 and has 16 years of industry experience.



John Yakas John co-managed the Fund from launch until June 2023. He has 36 years of industry experience.

# **Fund Profile**

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in the securities of financial sector companies globally.

### **Key Facts**

- Team of six sector specialists
- Award-winning managers, 125+ years of combined experience
- 20+ year track record of running specialist financial sector funds
- Typically 40-80 positions
- No benchmark or tracking error constraints
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection

# Share Class Performance

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



					Since Launch				
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10 yrs	Cum.	Ann.
USD Class I Dist	4.15	8.50	8.50	20.75	11.87	39.45	61.70	99.54	5.50
Index	4.28	9.24	9.24	28.10	26.99	55.09	84.76	121.90	6.37

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

12 months to	28.03.24	31.03.23	31.03.22	31.03.21	31.03.20
USD Class I Dist	20.75	-9.40	2.26	68.94	-26.21
Index	28.10	-10.79	11.13	56.94	-22.19

# **Calendar Year Performance** (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
USD Class I Dist	10.79	-12.97	19.73	-2.64	25.24	-18.15	23.71	1.36	2.55	0.00
Index	15.54	-9.84	24.35	-3.78	23.25	-15.66	24.09	10.57	-6.48	2.08

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

Performance for the USD Class I Dist. The class launched on 3 May 2011. Performance data is shown in USD **with income (dividends) reinvested.** Source: Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd. Benchmark performance shown in USD. MSCI excluded the Real Estate sub-sector from the Financials sector in August 2016. For consistency, the index performance above prior to August 2016 is calculated excluding the impact of the Real Estate sub-sector, as provided by MSCI. 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. Historic yield is based on a NAV per share of US\$16.07 and income of US\$0.3437 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

As at 28 March 2024

# Top 10 Positions (%)

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JPMorgan	6.4
Mastercard	5.6
Citigroup	3.1
Berkshire Hathaway	3.0
Visa	2.9
Chubb	2.9
Goldman Sachs Group	2.8
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentari	2.4
Barclays	2.4
American Express Co	2.3
Total	33.8

Total	Number	of	<b>Positions</b>	E2
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### Active Share 69.71%

# **Market Capitalisation Exposure** (%)

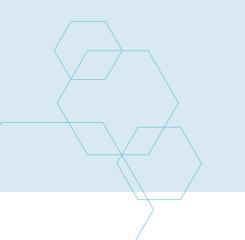
Large Cap (>US\$10 bn)	83.3
Mid Cap (US\$1 bn - 10 bn)	14.9
Small Cap ( <us\$1 bn)<="" td=""><td>1.8</td></us\$1>	1.8

## **Sector Exposure** (%)

Diversified Banks	36.9			
Transaction & Payment Processing Services	10.6			
Asset Management & Custody Banks	9.4			
Property & Casualty Insurance	8.0			
Investment Banking & Brokerage	6.7			
Financial Exchanges & Data	6.5			
Consumer Finance	4.3			
Reinsurance	4.2			
Multi-Sector Holdings	3.0			
Diversified Capital Markets	1.9			
Insurance Brokers	1.7			
Broadline Retail	1.5			
Regional Banks	1.4			
Commercial & Residential Mortgage Finance	1.3			
Other	0.0			
Cash	2.5			
		0	20	

# **Geographic Exposure** (%)

United States	45.9	
United Kingdom	13.2	
Japan	4.7	
Bermuda	4.3	
India	3.3	
Indonesia	2.9	
Philippines	2.8	
Brazil	2.6	
Spain	2.4	
South Korea	2.1	
Germany	2.0	
Mexico	2.0	
Ireland	1.9	
Australia	1.9	
Other	5.4	
Cash	2.5	



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

- 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 may affect your returns when converted into your local currency.
- 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.

# 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.

### **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.

#### **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**

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Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Investment	OCF <sup>†</sup>	Perf. Fee <sup>††</sup>
USD R Acc	PCFOPRU ID	IE00BCRYMD54	BCRYMD5	-	1.62%	10%
USD R Dist	PFOPPRU ID	IE00B6429P10	B6429P1	-	1.62%	10%
GBP R Acc	PCFOPRG ID	IE00BCRYMF78	BCRYMF7	-	1.62%	10%
GBP R Dist	PFOPPRG ID	IE00B5KQ7014	B5KQ701	-	1.62%	10%
EUR R Acc	PCFOPRE ID	IE00BCRYMG85	BCRYMG8	-	1.62%	10%
EUR R Dist	PFOPPRE ID	IE00B5LFNN25	B5LFNN2	-	1.62%	10%
USD I Acc	PCFOPIU ID	IE00BCRYMH92	BCRYMH9	USD 1m	1.12%	10%
USD I Dist	PFOPPIU ID	IE00B5NR9F09	B5NR9F0	USD 1m	1.12%	10%
GBPTAcc	PCFOPIG ID	IE00BCRYMJ17	BCRYMJ1	USD 1m	1.12%	10%
GBP I Dist	PFOPPIG ID	IE00B676X694	B676X69	USD 1m	1.12%	10%
EUR I Acc	PCFOPIE ID	IE00BCRYMK22	BCRYMK2	USD 1m	1.12%	10%
EUR I Dist	PFOPPIE ID	IE00B5NCML29	B5NCML2	USD 1m	1.12%	10%

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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup>**Performance Fee** 10% of outperformance of MSCI ACWI Financials ex. Real Estate



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