

# Polar Capital Funds plc Emerging Market Stars Fund



USD Class I Acc | ISIN: IE00BFMFDD19

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# **NAV per Share**

USD Class I Acc US\$12.73

### **Fund Details**

Fund Size	US\$1,666.1 m
Base Currency	USD
Denominations	USD/GBP/EUR
Fund Structure	UCITS
Domicile	Ireland
Launch Date	29 June 2018
Investment Manager	Polar Capital LLP
SFDR Classification	Article 8

# **Fund Managers**



# Jorry Nøddekær Fund Manager

Jorry has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2018 and has 24 years of industry experience.



# Naomi Waistell

Fund Manager Naomi has managed the fund since she joined Polar Capital in 2020 and has 16 years of industry experience.

# **Fund Profile**

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve long term capital growth. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a broad range of shares from companies in emerging markets (developing countries), or from companies which generate a significant amount of their business from emerging market countries.

# **Key Facts**

- Team of dedicated sector specialists
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection
- ESG-based analysis incorporated as part of the investment process
- Typically 45-65 positions

# **Fund Awards**



# **Share Class Performance**

# Performance Since Launch (%)



							Since Launch	
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Cum.	Ann.
USD Class I Acc	3.41	4.69	4.69	9.55	-16.31	34.28	27.30	4.29
Index	2.20	2.09	2.09	7.86	-14.63	11.30	11.96	1.98
Discrete Annual Per	formance (%)							
12 months to	28.03.24	1 3	31.03.23	31.0	03.22	31.03.2	21 3	1.03.20

12 months to	28.03.24	31.03.23	31.03.22	31.03.21	31.03.20
USD Class I Acc	9.55	-10.96	-14.20	73.04	-7.28
Index	7.86	-10.70	-11.37	58.39	-17.69

# Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
USD Class I Acc	12.38	-28.11	-0.53	37.92	29.52	-	-	-	-	-
Index	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.42	-	-	-	-	-

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

Performance for the USD Class I Acc. The class launched on 29 June 2018. Performance data is shown in USD. 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 Investment Managers discretion.

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# **Portfolio Exposure**

As at 28 March 2024

# Top 10 Positions (%)

TSMC	9.5			
Samsung Electronics	6.8			
Tencent	5.1			
Reliance Industries	4.8			
Phoenix Mills	3.7			
Ivanhoe Mines	3.4			
Grupo Financiero Banorte SAB	2.9			
SK Hynix	2.7			
ICICI Bank	2.7			
eMemory Technology	2.5			
Total	44.0			
Total Number of Positions	56			
Active Share 75.56%				
Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)				

# Large Cap (>US\$10 bn) 60.3 Mid Cap (US\$1 bn - 10 bn) 34.4 Small Cap (<US\$1 bn)</td> 2.2 Cash 3.1

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

	Fund	Relative	
Information Technology	35.3	11.5	
Real Estate	7.9	6.4	
Energy	4.8	-0.7	
Industrials	5.1	-1.2	
Consumer Discretionary	11.5	-1.2	
Materials	5.9	-1.6	
Health Care	1.6	-1.9	
Communication Services	6.1	-2.4	
Utilities	0.0	-2.8	
Consumer Staples	1.1	-4.4	
Financials	17.6	-4.8	
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# Geographic Exposure - Top Overweights & Underweights Relative to Index (%)

	Fund	Relative
Viet Nam	4.5	4.5
Argentina	2.5	2.5
Uruguay	2.4	2.4
South Korea	15.0	2.2
Mexico	4.3	1.6
Taiwan	16.1	-1.3
Malaysia	0.0	-1.4
Thailand	0.0	-1.5
Saudi Arabia	1.0	-3.2
China	15.1	-10.0

The column headed "Fund" refers to the percentage of the Fund's assets invested in each country/ sector. The column headed "Relative" refers to the extent to which the Fund is overweight or underweight in each country/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.

# **Share Class Information**

Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Minimum Investment	<b>OCF</b> <sup>†</sup>	Perf. Fee <sup>tt</sup>
EURIAcc	POEMSIE ID	IE00BFMFDF33	BFMFDF3	-	0.88%	10%
GBPTAcc	POEMSIG ID	IE00BFMFDG40	BFMFDG4	-	0.88%	10%
USD I Acc	POEMSIU ID	IE00BFMFDD19	BFMFDD1	-	0.88%	10%
EUR R Acc	POEMSRE ID	IE00BFMFDB94	BFMFDB9	-	1.38%	10%
GBP R Acc	POEMSRG ID	IE00BFMFDC02	<b>BFMFDC0</b>	-	1.38%	10%
USD R Acc	POEMSRU ID	IE00BFMFD979	BFMFD97	-	1.38%	10%
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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 MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Index.





# **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

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# 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.

# **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.

- 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.

### **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.



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