

Polar Capital Funds plc Smart Energy Fund

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GBP I Acc | ISIN: IE000GWLH680

NAV	per S	hare
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GBP Class I Acc £7.88

Fund Details

Fund Size	£216.6 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 provide technological solutions and services targeting the decarbonisation of the global energy 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 energy transition
 - Sustainability at the heart of the investment thesis and outcomes

Share Class Performance

Performance Since Launch (%)



Index	2.21	2.84	8.86	20.20	-	-	22.49
GBP I Acc	3.14	3.55	0.00	1.03	-	-	6.20

Discrete Annual Performance (%)

12 months to	31.05.24	31.05.23	31.05.22	28.05.21	29.05.20
GBP I Acc	1.03	11.91	-	-	-
Index	20.20	2.75	-	-	-

Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
GBP I Acc	11.77	-10.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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.

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Portfolio Exposure

As at 31 May 2024

Top 10 Positions (%)

Active Share	97.89%
Total Number of Positions	52
Total	43.9
Prysmian SpA	3.2
Nexans SA	3.3
Schneider Electric SE	3.3
Infineon Technologies	3.4
Linde	3.9
Silergy Corp	4.2
ABB	4.6
Wolfspeed	5.1
Renesas Electronics Corp	6.3
Marvell Technology	6.5

Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

Large Cap (>US\$10 bn)	68.3
Mid Cap (US\$1 bn - 10 bn)	30.7
Small Cap (<us\$1 bn)<="" td=""><td>0.6</td></us\$1>	0.6
Cash	0.4

Currency Breakdown AUM (%)

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USD	46.7			
EUR	20.3			
JPY	10.6			
TWD	6.5			
CHF	4.6			
CAD	4.1			
CNH	2.2			
DKK	2.0			
AUD	1.4			
KRW	1.1			
GBP	0.6			
CNY	-0.1			
Other	0.0			
		0	40	80

Sector Exposure (%)*

Energy Efficiency	44.2				
Energy Conversion & Storage	32.6				
Energy Transmission & Distribution	15.9				
Clean Power Generation	6.8				
Cash	0.4				
		0	20	40	60

Geographic Exposure (%)

US & Canada	48.2				
Europe	29.7				
Asia Pac (ex-Japan)	11.1				
Japan	10.6				
Cash	0.4				
		0	25	50	75

*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

Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Minimum Investment	OCF [†]	Ann. Fee	Perf. Fee ^{tt}
CHFIAcc	PCSMEIC ID	IE000BXJ7TH8	BPF0PP9	-	0.91%	0.80%	N/A
EURIAcc	PCSMEIE ID	IE0000XQ5385	BPF0PM6	-	0.91%	0.80%	N/A
GBPIAcc	PCSMEIG ID	IE000GWLH680	BPF0PL5	-	0.91%	0.80%	N/A
SEK I Acc	PCSMEIS ID	IE000H2G7HN9	BPF0PN7	-	0.91%	0.80%	N/A
USD I Acc	PCSMEIU ID	IE0004K9OSM2	BPF0PK4	-	0.91%	0.80%	N/A
CHF R Acc	SMSESCA ID	IE00058MTCP7	BPF0PJ3	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
EUR R Acc	SMSERER ID	IE0006TUI4G7	BPF0PC6	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
GBP R Acc	PCSMESG ID	IE000CWXYRY4	BPF0PF9	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
SEK R Acc	SMSESSA ID	IE000YNVQMZ5	BPF0PH1	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A
USD R Acc	PCSMESU ID	IE000EWWPFJ6	BPF0PD7	-	1.61%	1.50%	N/A

[†]**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.

^{t†}Performance Fee This Fund does not have a performance fee.

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Fund Manager's Comments

Market review

More benign inflation data at the end of the month had a positive impact on bond yields, with US 10-year yields finishing May at 4.5%. Central bank comments confirmed expectations of no US interest rate cuts until the end of the year at the earliest. Stock markets remained positive overall, with companies across the whole artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem being propelled by NVIDIA's strong earnings report.

Fund performance

The Fund (USD I Acc Share Class) gained 4.9% during the month, outperforming the broader market, as represented by the MSCI All Country World Net Total Return Index, by 0.8% (in dollar terms).

Accelerating US electricity needs linked to AI data centres directed investors' attention to those subsectors and companies helping to build out the necessary grid infrastructure, power the data centres, or enable more energy-efficient AI data processing. With the big US hyperscalers (Amazon*, Apple*, Alphabet (Google)*, Meta Platforms (Facebook)* and Microsoft*) all having committed to carbon reduction targets, a strong additional demand increase in clean power generation including storage is to be expected over the coming years.

Fluence Energy, the second largest US battery systems supplier for gridscale energy storage, profited from supportive analyst comments about substantial upside demand due to increased AI data centres.

Renesas Electronics, the Japanese power semiconductor and microcontroller company, climbed to new highs as the company gave a well-received update at its Capital Market Day, slightly upping its long-term model for a gross margin of 55% and operating margin of 30%. The company also repeated its revenue target of >\$20bn towards 2030, driven by advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS), electric vehicles (EVs) and industrial infrastructure/data centres.

Infineon Technologies, the power electronics and microcontroller semiconductor supplier, was up on a guidance reset, as the company signalled the trough had been passed in Q1. The company also seems to increasingly profit from the potential of AI.

Other positive contributors during the month included ABB, Nexans and Prysmian, all profiting from the growth perspectives linked to the grid buildout.

Wolfspeed, a dedicated silicon carbide (SiC) wafer and device manufacturer for use in EVs, photovoltaic and industrial applications, was again weaker on industrial softness, leading to further margin pressure. The company remains a 'show me' story, being in the middle of a significant capacity ramp-up of SiC devices for the EV industry.

Qorvo, a semiconductor solution provider for connectivity and power applications, corrected on below-seasonal guidance. Though the gross margin is expected to improve significantly in Q3, the company remained cautious about the remainder of the year while signalling a good longer-term growth opportunity.

Autodesk, the software design tools supplier for building efficiency applications, remained under pressure as the company continued to delay its annual NASDAQ filing.

The battery module manufacturers LG Energy Solution, Samsung SDI and Contemporary Amperex Technology were lower on persistent soft EV demand.

Fund activity

The Fund increased its positions in Nidec, Prysmian, Fluence Energy and NXP Semiconductor. It reduced those in Autodesk, Wolfspeed, Qorvo, Azbil, and MYR Group.

New positions were initiated in GE Vernova and Credo Technology Group Holding (Credo). Spun off from GE at the end of March 2024, GE Vernova consists of three businesses driving electrification and decarbonisation. It is the leading US wind turbine manufacturer, one of the leading global grid equipment and solutions providers, and also sells and services power turbines. Credo provides low-power/highspeed wired connectivity solutions used by leading hyperscalers in AI data centres.

Market outlook

Expectations of further gradual disinflation through softer consumer spending are supporting the markets, which might lead to worries of growth expectations being too high going into the second half of the year.

We remain constructive on the underlying themes reflected in the Fund's investment strategy. The transition towards clean energy solutions and electrification is gaining momentum, driven by big growth drivers: AI data centres and EV charging stations. Significant investments in the buildout of grid infrastructure are necessary, supplying enough electricity to the high level of local power demand. Smart clean energy solutions will ensure a reliable and carbon-free supply of power.

The Fund continues to seek to invest in diversifying investments across the clean energy value chain, focusing on segments with strong structural growth drivers such as clean power production, smart grid and storage solutions, green hydrogen infrastructure, power electronics, EVs, building efficiencies and the energy efficiency of Big Data.

* not held

Thiemo Lang 4 June 2024

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