

# Polar Capital Funds plc Biotechnology Fund



# GBP Class I Dist | ISIN: IE00B42P0H75

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## **NAV per Share**

GBP Class I Dist	£34.80
Fund Details	
Fund Size	£1,300.9 m
Base Currency	USD
Denominations	USD/GBP/EUR
Fund Structure	UCITS
Domicile	Ireland
Launch Date	31 October 2013
Investment Manager	Polar Capital LLP
SFDR Classification	Article 8

## **Fund Manager**



# David Pinniger

Lead Fund Manager David has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2013 and has 23 years of industry experience. **Fund Profile** 

# **Investment Objective**

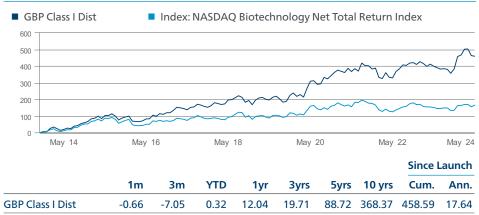
The Fund aims to preserve capital and achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing throughout the biotechnology ecosystem, across geographies and market capitalisations.

# **Key Facts**

- Team of seven sector specialists
- The team has 135+ years of combined industry experience
- Typically 40-60 positions
- No benchmark or tracking error constraints
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection

# Share Class Performance

# Performance Since Launch (%)



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

4.09

-1.09

Index

12 months to	31.05.24	31.05.23	31.05.22	28.05.21	29.05.20
GBP Class I Dist	12.04	16.37	-8.19	14.18	38.07
Index	5.79	12.25	-11.93	-1.33	37.94

5.79

4.58

42.34 138.95

166.85

9.71

1.09

#### Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
GBP Class I Dist	9.33	4.55	5.64	36.48	26.27	2.08	19.46	10.33	19.48	57.84
Index	-1.55	0.92	0.75	22.28	20.07	-3.34	10.88	-6.60	17.82	42.15

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

Performance for the GBP Class I. The class launched on 31 October 2013. 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.

## **Fund Ratings**



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# Portfolio Exposure

As at 31 May 2024

#### **Top 10 Positions** (%) Amgen 7.4 **Blueprint Medicines Corp** 5.3 5.0 Argenx Vertex Pharmaceuticals 4.8 Regeneron Pharmaceuticals 4.4 Zealand Pharma A/S 4.2 **Celldex Therapeutics** 3.5 Xenon Pharmaceuticals 3.4 Rhythm Pharmaceuticals 3.2 Biogen 3.1 Total 44.3 **Total Number of Positions** 55 **Active Share** 68.45%

# Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

Large Cap (>US\$5bn)	50.5
Mid Cap (US\$1 - 5bn)	35.3
Small Cap ( <us\$1 bn)<="" td=""><td>13.9</td></us\$1>	13.9
Cash	0.3

# Sector Exposure (%)

Biotechnology	83.5			
Pharmaceuticals	14.8			
Life Sciences Tools & Services	1.1			
Healthcare Technology	0.2			
Cash	0.3			
		0	50	100

# **Geographic Exposure** (%)

United States	67.6				
Netherlands	7.2				
Denmark	5.5				
Sweden	5.4				
United Kingdom	3.9				
Canada	3.4				
Belgium	3.0				
France	1.5				
Ireland	1.4				
Germany	0.8				
Cash	0.3				
		0	25	50	75

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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 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.

## **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**

			Minimum		
Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Investment	<b>OCF</b> <sup>†</sup>	Perf. Fee <sup>tt</sup>
POLBTRU ID	IE00B3XLHR60	B3XLHR6	-	1.62%	10%
POLBTRS ID	IE00B3XDCF51	B3XDCF5	-	1.62%	10%
POLBTRE ID	IE00B3VXGD32	B3VXGD3	-	1.62%	10%
POLBTIU ID	IE00B42Z4531	B42Z453	USD 1m	1.12%	10%
POLBTIS ID	IE00B42P0H75	B42P0H7	USD 1m	1.12%	10%
PCPBIHG ID	IE00BFX4HX56	BFX4HX5	-	1.12%	10%
POLBTIE ID	IE00B3WVRB16	B3WVRB1	USD 1m	1.12%	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 NASDAQ Biotechnology Net TR Index.

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