

Polar Capital Funds plc Global Absolute Return Fund

EUR Class I Acc Hdg | ISIN: IE00BDTYJC81

NAV per Share

EUR Class I Acc Hedged €127.54

Fund Details

Fund Size €101.9 m USD **Base Currency**

Denominations USD/GBP/EUR

Fund Structure UCITS Domicile Ireland

Launch Date 31 December 2018 Investment Manager Polar Capital LLP

SFDR Classification Article 8

Fund Managers



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David Keetley



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Fund Profile

Investment Objective

The Fund's investment objective is to generate a positive absolute return over rolling 12-month periods, in all market conditions. There is no guarantee the Fund will achieve this objective over any given period.

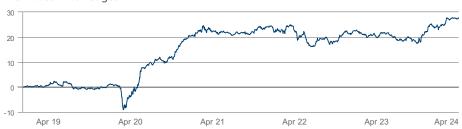
Key Facts

- Team of five sector specialists based in London and Connecticut
- The team has 105+ years of combined industry experience
- Portfolio consists of 50-100 positions (long + short), grouped into five categories
- Ability to hedge credit exposures and interest rates
- Absolute Return seeking fund no benchmark constraints

Share Class Performance

Performance Since Launch (%)

■ EUR Class I Acc Hedged



							Since Launch	
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Cum.	Ann.
EUR Class I Acc Hdg	-0.02	2.96	2.02	6.47	4.26	26.34	27.54	4.67

Monthly Returns (%)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Return
2024 -0.92	1.19	1.77	-0.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.02
2023 0.81	-1.16	-0.19	-0.91	1.74	-1.03	-1.30	-0.18	0.57	-1.32	3.45	2.48	2.85
2022 -1.32	0.60	0.82	-1.63	-0.77	-3.69	0.85	1.40	-1.82	1.08	2.34	0.38	-1.91
2021 0.82	1.59	0.23	-0.28	-0.51	0.23	-0.69	0.45	-0.33	0.94	1.19	0.02	3.71
2020 1.28	-1.08	-7.20	5.72	3.57	6.12	1.04	2.24	-1.26	0.90	4.67	2.85	19.69
2019 0.29	0.07	-0.47	1.06	0.56	0.57	-0.92	-1.92	0.56	-0.31	0.33	0.03	-0.17

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

Performance for the EUR Class I Acc Hedged. The class launched on 31 December 2018. Performance data is shown in EUR. Source: Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd. 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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Fund Ratings







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Portfolio Exposure & Attribution

As at 30 April 2024

Top 5 Positions (LMV) (%)

Cellnex 0.5% 07/2028	7.3
Globalwafers Gmbh 1.5% 01/2029	5.7
Jet2 1.625% 06/2026	5.5
Saipem Spa 2.875% 09/2029	4.1
Pharming 4.5% 04/2029	3.2
Total	25.9

Top 5 Net Equity Exposures (%)

-3.1
1.9
-1.9
1.7
1.4

Total Number of Positions	80
Long	43
Short	37

7.4

Market Cap Underlying Stocks (%)

Net Equity Exposure (%)

Large (>US\$5bn)	30.0
Medium (US\$500m to 5bn)	68.6
Small (<us\$500m)< td=""><td>14</td></us\$500m)<>	14

Capital Structure (%)

Long (LMV)	127.1
Short (Equity)	-76.3
Gross	203.4

Modified Duration 1.56

Risk / Return Since Inception

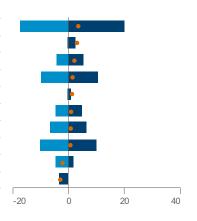
Best Month (%)	6.12
Worst Month (%)	-7.20
Positive Months (%)	60.94
Volatility of Returns (%)	4.97
Sharpe Ratio	0.81

Performance Attribution - 1 Month (bp)

Long Positions	-21
Short Positions	19
Performance attribution is calculated in EUR on a relative basis over the month. Attribution effect is shown gross of fees.	

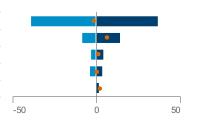
Sector Equity Exposure (%)

	■ Long	■ Short	Net
IT	20.4	-17.0	3.4
Materials	2.9	0.0	2.9
Energy	5.8	-3.8	2.0
Industrial	11.0	-9.6	1.3
Utilities	1.1	0.0	1.1
Telecom	5.1	-4.3	0.8
Consumer Discretionary	6.9	-6.2	0.7
Healthcare	10.6	-10.0	0.6
Financial	2.0	-4.3	-2.3
Equity Hedge	-3.1	0.0	-3.1



Geographic Equity Exposure (%)

	■ Long	■ Short	Net
US	37.4	-39.2	-1.8
Europe	14.9	-8.7	6.2
Japan	4.6	-3.6	1.0
Asia ex Japan	3.8	-3.8	0.1
Other Markets	1.9	0.0	1.9



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 ^{††}
USDIAcc	PCGARIU ID	IE00BDTYJB74	BDTYJB7	-	1.10%	1.00%	15%
Currency Hedged ¹							
Curr Hdg GBP I Acc	PCGAIHG ID	IE00BDTYJD98	BDTYJD9	-	1.10%	1.00%	15%
Curr Hdg GBP I Dist	POGARIP ID	IE0009FY2ZG6	BNHSZ02	-	1.10%	1.00%	15%
Curr Hdg EUR I Acc	PCGAIHE ID	IE00BDTYJC81	BDTYJC8	-	1.10%	1.00%	15%
Curr Hdg JPY I Acc	POGARIH ID	IE000WUZP0D2	BNHSYX8	-	1.10%	1.00%	15%
Curr Hdg JPY I Dist	POGARIJ ID	IE000VCHW498	BNHSYW7	-	1.10%	1.00%	15%

*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.

^{††}**Performance Fee** 15% of any returns the Fund achieves above the high water mark.

^{1.} Currency exposures hedged to the extent it is practicable.



Fund Managers' Comments

The Fund (USD I Acc Share Class) returned 0.07% in April, taking its return since inception to 39.77%.

Market review

Global risk markets stumbled in April following a strong Q1. In the US, the March CPI print revealed persistent inflation, leading the market to discount 'higher for longer' interest rates and some concern of a stagflation scenario. As a result, interest rates climbed higher (5yr +50 bp, 10yr +48bp, 30yr +44bp), credit spreads widened (US HY CDX +27bp), volatility increased (VIX +20.2%, DSPX +14%), and equity markets sold off (SPX -4.2%, CCMP -4.4%, RTY 7.1%). European markets also sold off (SXXP -1.5%), however they outperformed the US given a tamer interest rate move (5yr euro swap +30 bp).

Japanese currency depreciation continued in April (USD:JPY +4.3%, +11.9% YTD), forcing the Bank of Japan to mull currency intervention. Despite the continued currency weakening, Japanese equity markets sold off modestly (TPX -0.9%) due to concerns of imported inflation weakening domestic demand. Chinese equities were a bright spot globally after lagging in Q1 (Hang Seng Index +7.4%), driven largely by a shift in investor sentiment, signs of economic stabilisation, exposure to commodities and comparatively cheap valuations.

Globally, utilities (+0.8%) and energy (+0.3%) led while consumer discretionary (-4.9%) and healthcare (-4%) lagged. Industrial materials such as copper (HG1 +14%), nickel (LN1 +15.1%) and iron ore (+13.9%) had very strong returns in April.

Fund activity

Against this backdrop, Fund returns were muted in April. The Fund's equity exposure averaged 4.4% with a range of -1% to 9.4%. Put profiles contributed most to returns, aided by falling equities. Equity hedged investments detracted most, with headwinds from rising interest rates and wider credit spreads. These losses were partially offset by macro credit and interest rate hedges.

The largest individual contributors were **Ivanhoe Mines, Winnebago Industries** and **Super Micro Computer.**

Ivanhoe Mines is a copper miner in Africa. The stock rose alongside copper prices (LMCADY +13%) on continued optimism surrounding China's economic growth numbers, longer-term supply/demand imbalances and recent M&A news within the broader mining industry.

Winnebago Industries is a manufacturer of recreational vehicles. We believe there remains excess inventory in the supply chain which will pressure the company's profitability and are positioned to benefit when the stock falls. The stock fell 17% during the month.

Super Micro Computer is a server builder, benefitting from strong demand for AI servers. Following a strong first quarter, the stock declined 15% in April as the company did not offer preliminary results for the quarter alongside announcing its earnings release date. Given the company has done so consistently, this prompted investors to question if the company will be able to beat expectations. The Fund was able to monetise the elevated volatility.

The largest detractors were **Rocket Lab, Transmedics Group** and **Array Technologies.**

Rocket Lab is a rocket and space systems manufacturer. The stock fell in April driven by uncertainty regarding the timing of development of its Neutron rocket – the company has subsequently announced a delay.

Transmedics Group manufactures technology to facilitate the efficient transfer of organs. The stock recovered from a weak March (-10%) to recover 27% in April on little news. We were modestly short on concerns

around the company's plans to invest in aircraft to bolster their logistics capabilities.

Array Technologies is a US-based manufacturer of solar tracking equipment. The stock fell 17% in April on general weakness within solar energy amid rising rates.

Outlook

Looking ahead, markets have taken solace from recent Federal Reserve comments, with Chair Jerome Powell signalling it was unlikely the next move in rates would be higher. Markets were further boosted when the US jobs report undershot expectations, with 174,000 jobs added against 241,000 expected and wage growth coming in lower than expected. This led investors to reprice their interest rate expectations, bringing forward the first rate cut from November to September.

We believe the outlook for markets will depend heavily on progress within the jobs market, inflation data and monetary policy expectations.

Against this backdrop, the Fund currently maintains a modest equity exposure and continues to focus on highly asymmetric investment opportunities with strong credit backstops.

David Keetley and Stephen McCormick

9 May 2024

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Risks

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