

# **Polar Capital Funds plc North American Fund**



## EUR Class R Dist Hdg | ISIN: IE00B5NJSL59

#### **NAV** per Share

**EUR Class R Dist Hedged** 

€33.63

#### **Fund Details**

**Fund Size** €789.1 m USD **Base Currency** 

**Denominations** USD/GBP/EUR

**Fund Structure UCITS** Domicile Ireland

Launch Date 14 November 2011 Investment Manager Polar Capital LLP SFDR Classification Article 8

### **Fund Managers**



**Andrew Holliman** Lead Fund Manager Andrew has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2011 and has 27 years of industry experience.



**Richard Wilson** Co-manager Richard has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2011 and has 25 years of industry experience.



**Colm Friel Fund Manager** Colm has managed the fund since 2022, he joined Polar Capital in 2014 and has 16 years of industry experience.

## **Fund Profile**

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of securities of North American companies.

### **Key Facts**

- Multi-cap North American long-only equity portfolio
- Run by fund managers with a strong performance record spanning more than 20 years
- Clear and replicable fundamental investment process focusing on both long-term value creation and value
- Bottom up portfolio construction from a wide universe of value-creating businesses
- Focused portfolio high conviction and high active share

#### **Fund Ratings**







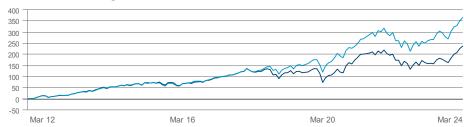


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## **Share Class Performance**

### Performance Since Launch (%)

■ EUR Class R Dist Hedged ■ Index: MSCI North America Net Total Return Index



					1yr 3yrs 5y		10 yrs	Since Launch		
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr		5yrs		Cum.	Ann.	
EUR Class R Dist Hdg	3.38	12.40	12.40	30.75	17.71	55.48	119.66	236.30	10.29	
Index	3.19	10.02	10.02	28.99	33.57	94.19	206.49	364.93	13.22	

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

12 months to	28.03.24	31.03.23	31.03.22	31.03.21	31.03.20
EUR Class R Dist Hdg	30.75	-14.12	4.83	65.24	-20.06
Index	28.99	-9.13	13.95	58.59	-8.33

### **Calendar Year Performance** (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
EUR Class R Dist Hdg	19.78	-21.59	21.84	11.47	23.60	-14.50	21.84	7.05	2.16	9.89
Index	25.96	-19.53	26.44	19.94	30.70	-5.73	20.89	11.57	-0.90	11.90

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

Performance for the EUR Class R Dist Hedged. The class launched on 14 November 2011. Performance data is shown in EUR with income (dividends) reinvested. 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.

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## Portfolio Exposure & Attribution

As at 28 March 2024

## **Top 10 Positions** (%)

Alphabet	5.2
Amazon	5.0
Visa	4.8
Microsoft	4.2
Constellation Software Inc/Can	3.7
McKesson	3.3
Interactive Brokers Group	3.2
CRH	3.1
United Rentals	3.0
US Foods Holding Corp	2.9
Total	38.4

## **Total Number of Positions**

Active Share	84.30%
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### **Market Capitalisation Exposure** (%)

	Fund	Index
Mega Cap (>US\$50 bn)	54.1	79.5
Large Cap (US\$10 bn - 50 bn)	38.6	19.7
Mid Cap (US\$5 bn - 10 bn)	5.1	0.8
Small Cap ( <us\$5 bn)<="" td=""><td>1.9</td><td>0.0</td></us\$5>	1.9	0.0
Cash	0.3	-

#### **Performance Attribution** - 1 Month (%)

## Top Contributors Top Detractors

	Active Weight	Attrib. Effect
Apple	-5.39	0.47
Core & Main	2.10	0.33
Cenovus Energy	2.09	0.23
Teck Resources	1.45	0.21
Tesla	-1.08	0.20

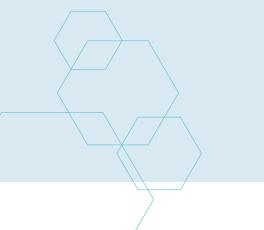
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	Active Weight	Attrib. Effect
NVIDIA	-4.64	-0.46
Liberty Media Corp-Liberty For	1.68	-0.23
Constellation Software Inc/Ca	n <b>3.72</b>	-0.21
Visa	3.99	-0.18
Union Pacific Corp	2.12	-0.14

Performance attribution is calculated in USD on a relative basis over the month. Attribution effect is shown gross of fees.

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

F	und	Relative
Financial Services	17.4	10.0
Health Care Equipment & Services	9.6	5.0
Transportation	5.3	3.5
Consumer Services	5.1	3.1
Materials	4.6	1.9
Energy	6.1	1.6
Capital Goods	7.6	1.5
Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail	2.9	1.0
Insurance	3.7	1.0
Telecommunication Services	1.7	0.8
Media & Entertainment	6.7	-1.0
Household & Personal Products	0.0	-1.3
Automobiles & Components	0.0	-1.4
REITs	0.0	-2.1
Utilities	0.0	-2.2
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip.	7.1	-2.6
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	0.0	-2.6
Banks	0.0	-4.1
Pharma, Biotech & Life Sciences	1.7	-5.2
Technology Hardware & Equipment	1.4	-5.5

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



## **Fund Managers' Comments**

#### **Market review**

North American equity markets built on the gains established in the first two months of the year during March. The composition of large-cap indices remains highly concentrated in a handful of mega-cap stocks, but it is nonetheless encouraging to see the market exhibiting better breadth of late. The mid-cap S&P 400 Index outperformed during the month and has more or less kept pace with its bigger brother so far this year, in stark contrast to 2023.

Better performance from a larger swathe of companies has likely been helped by increasingly positive economic momentum. US manufacturing PMI readings are now back in expansionary territory and employment data remains extremely robust. Remarkably, the market rally has, so far, not been derailed by dwindling expectations for interest rate cuts despite the possibility that stronger economic activity restokes inflationary pressures.

#### **Fund performance**

The Fund (USD I Share Class) rose by 3.5% over the month and 12.9% for the first quarter. The Fund's benchmark, the MSCI North America Net Total Return Index, rose 3.2% over the month and 10.0% for the quarter (all figures in dollar terms).

Of stocks held, the bulk of positive relative performance contribution came from more cyclical names. Core & Main, a distributor of waste water and drainage products, was buoyed by very strong results; Cenovus Energy rose on the back of the increase in oil prices during the month and improving prospects for its downstream operations; and Teck Resources, a copper and zinc miner, saw its stock price jump as copper smelters in China were effectively ordered to idle production to reduce an oversupplied market.

Liberty Formula One, owner of the eponymous race series; Constellation Software, a vertical markets software company; and the payments company Visa were relative detractors from performance. The reasons for the weakness in Liberty Formula One are a little unclear but may relate to the rumour and subsequent announcement of the company adding leverage to a reasonably clean balance sheet to acquire the Moto GP bike racing league. Constellation Software and Visa were both slightly weak in a robust market so their detraction from relative performance relates more to their active weight in the Fund than anything more specific.

At an aggregate level, the valuation, growth and quality metrics of the Fund look very good relative to comparable benchmarks and, in some cases, are among the best in the Fund's history. At an individual level, the businesses in the Fund are in a good position to continue the longstanding trend of superior compounding of business value.

For more details, please see our upcoming quarterly investment commentary that will be <u>published</u> on our website shortly.

## Polar Capital North American Team

8 April 2024

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				Minimum		Ann.	Perf.
Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Investment	OCF <sup>†</sup>	Fee	Fee <sup>††</sup>
USD R Dist	PNAMRRU ID	IE00B5KSKH55	B5KSKH5	-	1.33%	1.25%	N/A
GBP R Dist	PNAMRRS ID	IE00B6TTF483	B6TTF48	-	1.33%	1.25%	N/A
EUR R Dist	PNAMRRE ID	IE00B57DPG76	B57DPG7	-	1.33%	1.25%	N/A
GBP R Dist Hdg	PNAMRHS ID	IE00B40F2B74	B40F2B7	-	1.33%	1.25%	N/A
EUR R Dist Hdg	PNAMRHE ID	IE00B5NJSL59	B5NJSL5	-	1.33%	1.25%	N/A
USD I Dist	PNAMRIU ID	IE00B531PK96	B531PK9	USD 1m	0.73%	0.65%	N/A
GBP I Dist	PNAMRIS ID	IE00B6TRWB82	B6TRWB8	USD 1m	0.73%	0.65%	N/A
EUR I Dist	<b>PNAMRIE ID</b>	IE00B6TT5J34	B6TT5J3	USD 1m	0.73%	0.65%	N/A
GBP I Dist Hdg	PNAMIHS ID	IE00B615SX48	B615SX4	USD 1m	0.73%	0.65%	N/A
EUR I Dist Hdg	<b>PNAMIHE ID</b>	IE00B5NRXC53	B5NRXC5	USD 1m	0.73%	0.65%	N/A
CHF I Dist Hdg	PNAMICH ID	IE00BWB8WR78	BWB8WR7	USD 1m	0.73%	0.65%	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.

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- The Fund invests in the shares of companies, and share prices can rise or fall due to several factors affecting global stock markets.
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have associated costs which may impact the

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 The Fund invests in a relatively concentrated number of companies and industries based in one region. This focused strategy can produce high gains but can also lead to significant losses. The Fund may be less diversified than other investment funds

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup>Performance Fee This Fund does not have a performance fee.



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