



USD Class I Dist | ISIN: IE00BCDBX261

### NAV per Share

USD Class I Dist      US\$9.35

### Fund Details

Fund Size      US\$449.4 m  
Base Currency      USD  
Denominations      USD/GBP/EUR  
Fund Structure      UCITS  
Domicile      Ireland  
Launch Date      30 August 2013  
Investment Manager      Polar Capital LLP  
SFDR Classification      Article 8

**Historic Yield (%)<sup>1</sup>**      **5.91**

### Fund Managers


**David Keetley**
**Fund Manager**

David has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2010 and has 37 years of industry experience.


**Stephen McCormick**
**Fund Manager**

Stephen has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2010 and has 37 years of industry experience.


**David Sugarman**
**Fund Manager, Head of Convertible & Credit Research**

David has managed the fund since 2022, he joined Polar Capital in 2011 and has 21 years of industry experience.

## Fund Profile

### Investment Objective

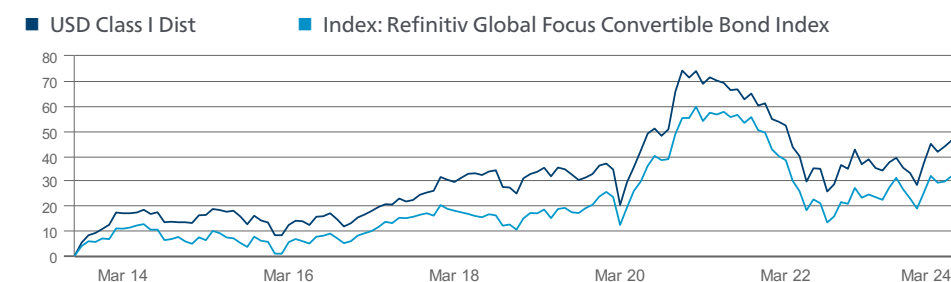
The Fund's investment objective is to generate both income and long term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of securities, primarily in the global convertible market.

### Key Facts

- Team of five sector specialists based in London and Connecticut
- The team has 105+ years of combined industry experience
- Typically 60-100 positions with geographic and sector diversification
- Fundamentally-driven convertible analysis. No benchmark constraints
- Ability to hedge interest rates

## Share Class Performance

### Performance Since Launch (%)



	Since Launch							
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10 yrs	Cum. Ann.
USD Class I Dist	1.67	0.90	0.90	5.41	-13.45	9.36	24.87	46.10 3.65
Index	1.63	-0.12	-0.12	5.85	-14.38	12.67	18.91	31.79 2.64

### Monthly Returns (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Return
2024	-2.21	1.48	1.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.90
2023	5.71	-4.14	1.46	-2.53	-0.74	2.46	1.31	-2.87	-1.55	-3.61	6.86	5.62	7.42
2022	-3.91	-0.71	-0.98	-5.65	-2.58	-7.22	4.09	-0.15	-6.75	2.31	5.99	-1.10	-16.27
2021	-1.61	1.52	-2.93	1.54	-0.76	-0.53	-1.71	0.18	-2.40	1.41	-2.91	0.56	-7.52
2020	0.59	-1.75	-10.56	7.56	4.71	4.87	4.79	1.34	-1.92	1.76	9.96	5.13	27.92
2019	4.88	1.30	0.68	1.20	-2.51	2.66	-0.52	-1.56	-1.66	0.77	1.07	2.56	8.97
2018	4.37	-0.84	-0.69	1.31	1.22	0.15	-0.53	1.06	0.37	-4.99	-0.16	-1.89	-0.87
2017	2.04	1.04	1.20	1.36	0.92	-0.08	1.99	-0.98	0.49	1.72	0.72	0.56	11.50
2016	-4.50	0.00	3.79	1.51	-0.18	-1.32	2.94	0.17	1.04	-2.05	-2.53	1.16	-0.26
2015	-0.26	2.74	0.09	2.06	-0.34	-0.59	0.34	-1.95	-2.68	3.02	-1.64	-0.70	-0.09
2014	1.54	4.36	-0.26	0.00	0.26	0.94	-1.44	0.60	-3.41	0.18	-0.18	0.00	2.44
2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.20	2.85	0.83	1.47	10.70

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

Performance for the USD Class I Dist. The class launched on 30 August 2013. Performance data is shown in USD 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. 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.

1. Historic yield is based on a NAV per share of US\$9.35 and income of US\$0.5523 per unit paid in the last 12 months, based on USD Institutional distribution units. **WARNING: Investors should note that historic yield does not measure the overall performance of a fund. It is possible for a fund to lose money overall but to have a positive historic yield. Historic yield cannot be considered as being similar to the interest rate an investor would earn on a savings account.**

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## Portfolio Exposure & Attribution

As at 28 March 2024

### Top 5 Positions (Net Exposure by LMV) (%)

Jet2 1.625% 06/2026	6.6
Uber Technologies 0% 12/2025	4.0
Saipem Spa 2.875% 09/2029	3.9
Cellnex 0.5% 07/2028	3.5
Helios Towers 2.875% 03/2027	3.2

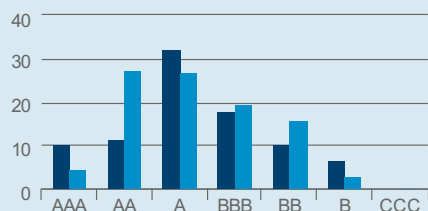
**Total** **21.2**
**Total Number of Positions** **54**
**Modified Duration** **1.56**
**Leverage (LMV/AUM)** **101.29%**

### Market Cap Underlying Stocks (%)

Large (>US\$5bn)	58.2
Medium (US\$500m to 5bn)	39.8
Small (<US\$500m)	2.0

**Fund Delta** **53.61%**

### ESG Rating (%) ■ Fund ■ Index



Source: MSCI

### Currency Breakdown AUM (%)

USD	72.6
EUR	18.7
JPY	7.1
GBP	1.3
Other	0.3

### Risk / Return Since Inception

Best Month (%)	9.96
Worst Month (%)	-10.56
Positive Months (%)	57.48
Volatility of Returns (%)	8.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.30

### Performance Attribution - 1 Month (%)

#### Top Contributors

Saipem Spa 2.875% 09/2029	0.56
Super Micro Computer 0% 03/2029	0.41
Ivanhoe Mines 2.5% 04/2026	0.17
Western Digital Corp 3% 11/2028	0.16
Dexcom 0.375% 05/2028	0.15

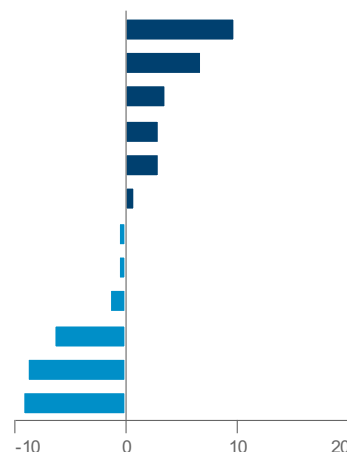
#### Top Detractors

SOITEC 0% 10/2025	-0.18
Rocket Lab USA 4.25% 02/2029	-0.14
Zscaler 0.125% 07/2025	-0.10
Mirum Pharmaceuticals 4% 05/2029	-0.09
Sosei Group Corp 0.25% 12/2028	-0.06

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

### Sector Exposure (LMV) (%)

	Fund	Relative
IT	32.1	9.9
Telecom	7.6	6.7
Healthcare	18.3	3.5
Materials	5.6	3.1
Energy	7.1	2.9
Financial	2.6	0.9
Consumer Staples	0.0	-0.7
Industrial	14.0	-0.7
Consumer Discretionary	12.7	-1.3
Real Estate	0.0	-6.3
Transportation	0.0	-8.8
Utilities	0.0	-9.2



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.

### Credit Quality (%)

A-AAA	13.7
BBB	19.5
BB	51.2
B	15.6

Source: Polar Capital

### Maturity Distribution by LMV (%)

0 to 3 Years	36.8
3 to 5 Years	39.0
5 to 7 Years	24.2

### Weighted Avg Credit Quality

BB+

### Regional Exposure by LMV (%)

#### Polar Capital Global Convertible Fund

US	43.9
Europe	33.1
Japan	9.8
Asia ex Japan	7.0
Other Markets	6.1



#### Refinitiv Global Focus Convertible Bond Index

US	63.2
Europe	20.4
Japan	6.8
Asia ex Japan	6.9
Other Markets	2.7



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

The Fund (USD I Acc Share Class) returned 1.67% in March, taking its return since inception to 46.10%. In comparison, the Refinitiv Global Focus Convertible Bond Index returned 1.63% and 31.79%, respectively (in dollar terms).

### Market review

March was another strong month for risk markets globally. In the US, the S&P 500 (SPX +3.1%) and NASDAQ Composite (+1.8%) again reached new all-time highs, both posting a fifth consecutive positive month. The soft landing narrative remained on track with a strong end to Q4 earnings season, however economic data showed some signs of weakness. European markets (SXXP +3.7%) also had a strong month, with consumer confidence in the Eurozone reaching a two-year high. Japan continued its rally (TPX +2.8 %) against the backdrop of persistent currency depreciation (USD:JPY +0.9%), with the yen reaching its weakest level versus the dollar since 1990. China underperformed (HSI +0.2%) following a strong February due to continued economic concerns and regulatory uncertainty.

Globally, energy (MSCI World Energy Index +8.8%) outperformed amid a positive month for oil (WTI +6.3%), driven by potential decreases in supply. Gold (+9.1%) and silver (+10.1%) had strong months after underperforming year-to-date (YTD), while Bitcoin (XBTUSD +15.1%) extended its rally, totaling +66.4% YTD. Defensive material and utility sectors also outperformed (+5.9% and +5.5%, respectively) following a weak start to the year.

US interest rates declined slightly (5yr -3bp, 10yr -5bp, 30yr -4bp) as the Fed's March decision and tone was largely in line with market expectations. Similarly, the five-year euro swap yield moved -13bp in the month. Credit protection (US HY CDX -10bp, Europe HY CDX -8bp) continued to cheapen as interest rate volatility (MOVE -21%) also declined.

### Fund activity

The Fund benefitted from tighter credit spreads and higher equity markets. The energy and IT sectors contributed most to returns in March.

The largest contributors were **Saipem**, **Super Micro Computer** and **Ivanhoe Mines**.

**Saipem** is an Italian oil and gas engineering and construction company. The equity appreciated 34.6% in March following the announcement of updated longer-term guidance at the end of February.

**Super Micro Computer** designs and sells servers for data centres. The equity appreciated 16.6% in March, driven by expectations of strong revenue growth and being added to the S&P 500 Index.

**Ivanhoe Mines** is most known for its Tier 1 copper mines in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The equity appreciated 12.0% in March as the company benefits from ongoing strength in the price of copper as well as continued execution of mine operations.

The largest detractors were **SOITEC**, **Rocket Lab** and **Zscaler**.

**SOITEC** is a French manufacturer of engineered silicon wafers used for semiconductors. The company issued updated guidance for 2025 which was below expectations, causing the stock and convertible to decline over the month.

**Rocket Lab** is a space systems company. The stock fell by 10.4% in March which, we believe, was due to the market discounting more uncertainty surrounding the company's Neutron rocket timeline. We

do not believe this changes the medium to longer-term outlook, however.

**Zscaler** is a software security company. The stock fell by 20.3% in March as the company was unable to meet elevated earnings expectations released at the end of February as billings came in lower than anticipated, coupled with a general weakness in the cybersecurity sector in March following a competitor missing estimates.

### Outlook

Looking ahead, we believe interest rates will remain elevated. This, alongside elevated equity indices, bodes well for convertible issuance and our opportunity set. In addition, we believe interest rate volatility will persist as markets continue to reprice the number of rate hikes by the Federal Reserve in 2024 as inflation and jobs data remain strong. We believe this may cause periodic selloffs within equities.

With this in mind, we have taken some profit in our recent winners that are becoming deeper in the month and less convex, and have been recycling this cash into recently issued convertible opportunities. We believe this will provide better capital protection, should an aforementioned selloff occur, while retaining asymmetric upside exposure should markets remain strong.

*Please note the Institutional USD Distribution Share Class went ex its quarterly dividend on 2 April 2024, paying out \$0.1404.*

**David Keetley and Stephen McCormick**

10 April 2024

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Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Minimum Investment	OCF <sup>†</sup>	Ann. Fee	Perf. Fee <sup>††</sup>
USD I Acc	PCGCIUA ID	IE00BCDBX378	BCDBX37	USD 1m	1.09%	1.00%	10%
USD I Dist	PCGCIUD ID	IE00BCDBX261	BCDBX26	USD 1m	1.09%	1.00%	10%
GBP I Acc	PCGCIGA ID	IE00BCDBX717	BCDBX71	USD 1m	1.09%	1.00%	10%
GBP I Dist	PCGCIGD ID	IE00BCDBX600	BCDBX60	USD 1m	1.09%	1.00%	10%
EUR I Acc	PCGCIEA ID	IE00BCDBX592	BCDBX59	USD 1m	1.09%	1.00%	10%
EUR I Dist	PCGCIED ID	IE00BCDBX485	BCDBX48	USD 1m	1.09%	1.00%	10%
<b>Currency Hedged<sup>1</sup></b>							
Curr Hdg GBP I Dist	PGCIDGH ID	IE00BYWG2G32	BYWG2G3	USD 1m	1.09%	1.00%	10%
Curr Hdg EUR I Acc	POGCIHE ID	IE00BYPHSR67	BYPHSR6	USD 1m	1.09%	1.00%	10%

<sup>†</sup>**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.

<sup>††</sup>**Performance Fee** 10% of outperformance of Refinitiv Global Focus Convertible Bond Index.

1. All material currency exposures hedged to the extent it's practicable.

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