

# Polar Capital Funds plc China Stars Fund



USD Class I Acc | ISIN: IE00BG43Q423

### **NAV** per Share

USD Class I Acc US\$11.39

#### **Fund Details**

Fund Size US\$22.6 m
Base Currency USD

Denominations USD/GBP/EUR

Fund Structure UCITS
Domicile Ireland

Listing Euronext Dublin
Launch Date 31 August 2018
Investment Manager Polar Capital LLP

SFDR Classification Article 8

## **Fund Managers**



Jerry Wu Fund Manager Jerry has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar





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Jorry Nøddekær Fund Manager Jorry has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2018 and has 23 years of industry experience.



Andy Chen
Head of China Research
Andy joined Polar Capital in
2018, he has been Head of
Research for the Fund since
launch and has 14 years of
industry experience.

## **Fund Profile**

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve long term capital growth. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a broad range of shares from companies in The Peoples' Republic of China, Hong Kong and Taiwan (known as 'Greater China'), or from companies which generate a significant amount of their business from Greater China.

### **Key Facts**

- Team of dedicated sector specialists
- The team has 75+ years of combined industry experience
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection
- Typically 40-60 positions

## **Share Class Performance**

#### **Performance Since Launch (%)**



				O 1yr	3yrs		Since Laurich		
	1m	3m	YTD			5yrs	Cum.	Ann.	
USD Class I Acc	9.84	2.34	1.24	-1.39	-17.64	-	13.90	2.68	
Index	8.99	2.19	3.15	-2.84	-20.91	-	6.08	1.21	

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

12 months to	31.07.23	29.07.22	30.07.21	31.07.20	31.07.19
USD Class I Acc	-1.39	-23.61	9.33	33.88	-
Index	-2.84	-22.91	5.60	25.66	_

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

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
USD Class I Acc	-19.41	-15.34	45.16	31.18	-	-	-	-	-	-
Index	-23.61	-12.91	33.41	30.30	-	-	-	-	-	_

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

Performance for the USD Class I Acc. The class launched on 31 August 2018. Performance data is shown in USD. 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. The benchmark changed on 31 October 2019 to MSCI China All Shares Net Total Return Index. Prior to 31 October 2019 the Fund's benchmark was MSCI All China Net Total Return Index. The benchmark shown is a composite of these two indices.

### **Fund Ratings**





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# Portfolio Exposure

As at 31 July 2023

## Top 10 Positions (%)

Tencent	9.4
Alibaba Group Holding	8.1
H World Group	4.1
Meituan Dianping	4.0
Midea Group	3.7
China Merchants Bank	3.7
Shenzhen Inovance Technology Co	3.5
China Construction Bank	3.2
Ping An Insurance	3.1
Hong Kong Clearing & Exchanges	3.1
Total	45.7

Total	Number	of	Positions	51
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Active Share	68.40%
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### **Market Capitalisation Exposure** (%)

Large Cap (>US\$10 bn)	76.4
Mid Cap (US\$1 bn - 10 bn)	15.8
Small Cap ( <us\$1 bn)<="" td=""><td>6.7</td></us\$1>	6.7
Cash	1.0

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

	Fund	Relative
Consumer Discretionary	35.9	14.0
Industrials	19.7	10.5
Real Estate	3.3	0.7
Communication Services	11.6	-0.5
Information Technology	8.2	-1.7
Utilities	0.0	-2.7
Health Care	3.8	-2.8
Energy	0.0	-2.8
Financials	12.9	-3.5
Materials	1.7	-4.9
Consumer Staples	1.8	-7.2

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.

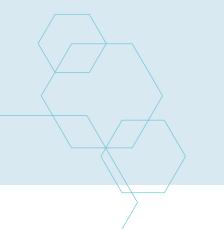
Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding. It should not be assumed that recommendations made in future will be profitable or will equal performance of the securities in this document. A list of all recommendations made within the immediately preceding 12 months is available upon request.

## **Share Class Information**

				Minimum		Ann.	Perf.
Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Investment	OCF <sup>†</sup>	Fee	Fee <sup>††</sup>
USD I Acc	PCHSTIU ID	IE00BG43Q423	BG43Q42	-	0.89%	0.75%	10%
GBP I Acc	PCCSTIG ID	IE00BG43Q647	BG43Q64	-	0.89%	0.75%	10%
EUR I Acc	PCCSTIE ID	IE00BG43Q530	BG43Q53	-	0.89%	0.75%	10%
EUR R Acc	PCCSTRE ID	IE00BG43Q209	BG43Q20	-	1.39%	1.25%	10%
GBP R Acc	PCCSTRG ID	IE00BG43Q316	BG43Q31	-	1.39%	1.25%	10%
USD R Acc	PCCSTRU ID	IE00BG43Q191	BG43Q19	_	1.39%	1.25%	10%
EUR S Acc	PCCSTSE ID	IE00BG43Q860	BG43Q86	USD 5m	0.52%	0.38%	10%
GBP S Acc	PCCSTSG ID	IE00BG43Q977	BG43Q97	USD 5m	0.52%	0.38%	10%
USD S Acc	PCCSTSUID	IF00BG43O753	BG43075	USD 5m	0.52%	0.38%	10%

\*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>lt;sup>††</sup>**Performance Fee** 10% of outperformance of MSCI China All Shares Net Total Return USD Index.





## **Fund Managers' Comments**

"A wealth of information creates a poverty of attention"

- Herbert Simon

During the month, the MSCI China All Shares Net Total Return Index rebounded 8.99% and the NAV of the Fund (USD I Acc Share Class) rose 9.84% (both figures in dollar terms).

### Politburo Says 'Green Light Go'

We had a dovish Politburo meeting on 24 July. Its readout signals more easing policies are on the way, particularly a loosening in property and easing local government debt pressure.

Every year, three Politburo meetings are key for economic policies: April, July and December. The December meeting sets next year's economic priorities; April is a quick checkup and July is the halftime review to see if major adjustments are needed for the second half of the year. In this year's April meeting, as pent-up demand from the Covid-19 reopening was very strong in 1Q23 the top leadership decided to taper the easing policies prematurely (with 20/20 hindsight).

With growth momentum and confidence dropping, the July meeting was the last chance this year to adjust and boost both. While the purpose of the meeting is not to announce policies, it sets the tone and gives guidance to different policymaking bodies to produce concrete policies and solutions.

The message from July's Politburo was more dovish than the market expected. Among many other things, the two most noteworthy takeaways are:

- 1. We should expect more easing policies in the property market in the coming weeks and months, as this has been the most significant drag on growth and confidence this year.
- 2. Employment is mentioned as the top priority. This is the mother of all incentives for the Communist Party and we are glad to see it back on the top of the agenda.

If we must pick one aspect to highlight, this one short sentence sums up the spirit of the July Politburo meeting well; "making the capital market more active and boosting investor confidence."

Jerry Wu and Jorry Nøddekær

3 August 2023



## Risks

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- The Fund invests in emerging markets where there is a greater risk of volatility due to political and economic uncertainties, restrictions on foreign investment, currency repatriation and currency fluctuations.

### **Administrator Details**

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Cut-off 15:00 Irish time

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