



USD Class R Acc | ISIN: IE00BKSD942

### NAV per Share

USD Class R Acc US\$72.31

### Fund Details

Fund Size	US\$1,693.8 m
Base Currency	USD
Denominations	USD/GBP/EUR
Fund Structure	UCITS
Domicile	Ireland
Launch Date	30 November 2007
Investment Manager	Polar Capital LLP
SFDR Classification	Article 8

### Fund Managers



#### Gareth Powell

##### Head of Healthcare

Gareth has worked on the fund since he joined Polar Capital in 2007 and has 25 years of industry experience.

## Fund Profile

### Investment Objective

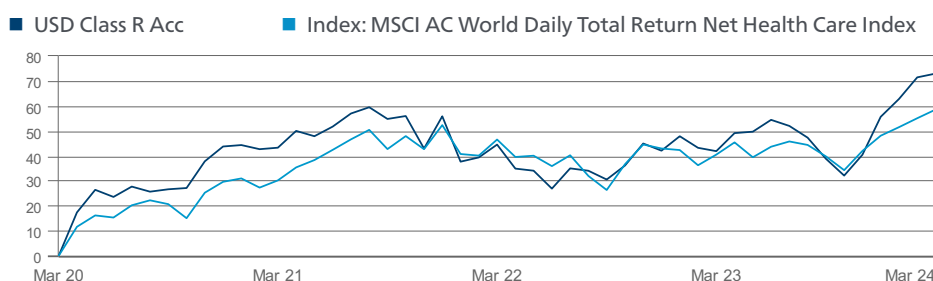
The Fund aims to preserve capital and achieve long-term growth by investing in a globally-diversified portfolio of companies within the healthcare industry.

### Key Facts

- Team of seven sector specialists
- The team has 135+ years of combined industry experience
- Typically 40-45 positions
- No benchmark or tracking error constraints
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection

## Share Class Performance

### Performance Since Launch (%)



	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Since Launch	
USD Class R Acc	0.88	11.11	11.11	21.88	20.70	-	72.95	14.70
Index	2.23	7.05	7.05	12.82	21.75	-	58.53	12.23

### Discrete Annual Performance (%)

12 months to	28.03.24	31.03.23	31.03.22	31.03.21	31.03.20
USD Class R Acc	21.88	-1.82	0.87	43.29	-
Index	12.82	-4.12	12.56	30.21	-

### Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
USD Class R Acc	9.54	-8.84	8.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Index	3.58	-6.14	17.51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Performance for the USD Class R Acc. The class launched on 31 March 2020. 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.

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## Portfolio Exposure & Attribution

As at 28 March 2024

### Top 10 Positions (%)

Zealand Pharma A/S	9.2
Swedish Orphan Biovitrum	9.1
UCB	4.8
Sanofi	4.6
Intuitive Surgical	4.1
Avadel Pharmaceuticals	4.0
Cytokinetics	3.8
Argenx	3.8
HCA Healthcare	3.7
McKesson	3.1

**Total** **50.2**
**Total Number of Positions** **36**
**Active Share** **93.39%**

### Geographic Exposure (%)

United States	36.8
Denmark	9.2
Sweden	9.1
Japan	7.5
Ireland	6.6
India	6.5
France	4.8
Belgium	4.8
Switzerland	3.8
Netherlands	3.8
United Kingdom	2.9
China	2.7
Canada	1.7
Costa Rica	1.6
Cash & Cash Equivalents	-1.8

### Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

Large Cap (>US\$10 bn)	33.7
Mid Cap (US\$1 bn - 10 bn)	61.2
Small Cap (<US\$1 bn)	6.8
Cash & Cash Equivalents	-1.8

### Performance Attribution - 1 Month (%)

#### Top Contributors

	Active Weight	Attrib. Effect
Avadel Pharmaceuticals	3.75	0.90
Galderma Group AG	0.56	0.31
UCB	4.35	0.21
Johnson & Johnson	-4.79	0.20
Zoetis	-1.02	0.19

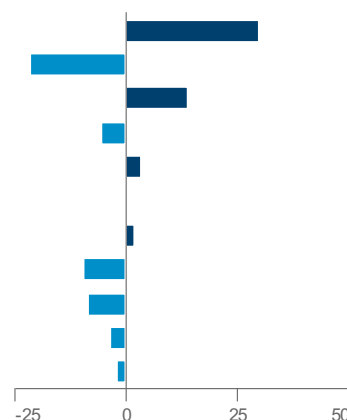
Performance attribution is calculated in USD on a relative basis over the month. Attribution effect is shown gross of fees.

#### Top Detractors

	Active Weight	Attrib. Effect
Medley	3.01	-0.46
Revance Therapeutics	1.15	-0.46
Celldex Therapeutics	2.62	-0.41
Innovent Biologics	2.78	-0.39
Asahi Intecc	1.83	-0.36

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

	Fund	Relative
Biotechnology	44.0	30.1
Pharmaceuticals	20.1	-21.4
Healthcare Facilities	15.5	13.9
Healthcare Equipment	10.2	-5.6
Healthcare Distributors	5.7	3.6
Healthcare Supplies	3.5	0.7
Healthcare Technology	2.7	2.2
Life Sciences Tools & Services	0.0	-9.6
Managed Healthcare	0.0	-8.6
Healthcare Services	0.0	-3.5
Cash & Cash Equivalents	-1.8	-1.8



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

Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Minimum Investment	OCF <sup>†</sup>	Ann. Fee	Perf. Fee <sup>**</sup>
USD R Dist	PCHCORU ID	IE00B3NLTK32	B3NLTK3	-	1.61%	1.50%	10%
USD R Acc	POHORUA ID	IE00BKSBD942	BKSBD94	-	1.61%	1.50%	10%
GBP R Dist	PCHCORS ID	IE00B3NM2Q33	B3NM2Q3	-	1.61%	1.50%	10%
EUR R Dist	PCHCORE ID	IE00B3NLSS43	B3NLSS4	-	1.61%	1.50%	10%
USD I Dist	PCHCOIU ID	IE00B3K93X10	B3K93X1	USD 1m	1.11%	1.00%	10%
GBP I Dist	PCHCOIS ID	IE00B3NLDF60	B3NLDF6	USD 1m	1.11%	1.00%	10%
EUR I Dist	PCHCOIE ID	IE00B3K83P04	B3K83P0	USD 1m	1.11%	1.00%	10%
EUR I Acc	PCHOIED ID	IE00BF12WY77	BF12WY7	USD 1m	1.11%	1.00%	10%
EUR I Acc Hdg	POHOIEH ID	IE00BKSBD835	BKSBD83	USD 1m	1.11%	1.00%	10%
USD Dist*	PCHSOPPU ID	IE00B28YJN35	B28YJN3	-	1.61%	1.50%	10%
GBP Dist*	PCHSOPPG ID	IE00B28YJP58	B28YJP5	-	1.61%	1.50%	10%
EUR Dist*	PCHSOPPE ID	IE00B28YJQ65	B28YJQ6	-	1.61%	1.50%	10%

\*These share classes are closed to new investors.

<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 MSCI World Daily TR Net Health Care Index.

## Fund Manager's Comments

### Market review

Stocks continued to move higher in March, finishing a remarkable quarter for equities. Healthcare stocks at the large/mega-cap end of the spectrum put in a positive return for the month but lagged global equities. Small/mid-cap healthcare lagged as profit-taking dominated, following the significant strength in February.

### Fund performance and activity

News flow for the sector was positive for the month in general, with utilisation clearly elevated providing strong growth tailwinds for the sector. For the Fund, argenx announced positive data from its mid-stage trial for a significant opportunity and Avadel Pharmaceuticals had a better-than-expected outcome in a court case against Jazz Pharmaceuticals.

The best performers over the month included Avadel Pharmaceuticals for the reason highlighted above, HCA Healthcare and Establishment Labs Holdings. HCA Healthcare is the leading publicly listed hospital operator in the US and is obviously correlated to procedure growth which has remained strong, as mentioned above. This pushed the stock higher in the month. Establishment Labs Holdings highlighted positive progress for its first major product approval in the US which should be a significant growth driver for the company.

The negative performers included Celldex Therapeutics, Innovent Biologics and Asahi Intecc. The first two companies were hit with profit-taking that was relevant for other small/mid-cap firms during the month. Asahi Intecc lagged due to concerns over shorter-term numbers whereas longer-term growth drivers remain very much in place.

In terms of position changes, trading was on the low side. The Fund participated in the IPO of Galderma Group, a Swiss specialty pharmaceutical company that has attractive growth opportunities ahead. This position was funded through the reduction in the holding in Zealand Pharma which was elevated after clinical data in February from its partnered program.

### Outlook

In our view, fundamentals, valuation and the macroeconomic setup are all in a good place for the healthcare sector. We remain hopeful this can drive strong performance from the sector for 2024 and beyond.

**Gareth Powell**

5 April 2024

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