

# **Polar Capital Funds plc Smart Energy Fund**

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### USD | Acc | ISIN: IE0004K9OSM2

NAV	per Share
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USD Class I Acc US\$9.81

#### **Fund Details**

US\$279.4 m
USD
USD/GBP/EUR/SEK/ CHF
UCITS
Ireland
30 September 2021
Polar Capital (Switzerland) AG
Article 9

#### **Fund Managers**



#### **Thiemo Lang** Senior Portfolio Manager

Thiemo has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2021 and has 24 years of industry experience.

## **Fund Profile**

### **Investment Objective**

The Fund's investment objective is to provide long term capital growth. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a portfolio of companies worldwide that provide technological solutions and services targeting the decarbonisation of the global energy sector.

#### **Key Facts**

- Experienced, highly specialised thematic investment team
- Access to a multi-decade investment theme supported by multiple structural tailwinds
- Globally diversified portfolio positioned to benefit from the energy transition
  - Sustainability at the heart of the investment thesis and outcomes

## Share Class Performance

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



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

Index

12 months to	28.03.24	31.03.23	31.03.22	31.03.21	31.03.20
USD I Acc	0.31	3.71	-	-	-
Index	23.15	-7.44	-	-	-

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

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
USD I Acc	18.51	-20.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Index	22.20	-18.36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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Performance for the USD Class I Acc. The class launched on 30 September 2021. Performance data is shown in USD. Source: Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd. Benchmark performance shown in USD. Source: Bloomberg.

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#### **Fund Ratings**



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## Portfolio Exposure

As at 28 March 2024

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

Wolfspeed	7.0
Marvell Technology	6.9
Renesas Electronics Corp	6.0
Linde	4.2
Autodesk	3.9
ABB	3.8
Hydro One	3.4
NXP Semiconductor	3.1
Vertiv Holdings	3.0
ANSYS	2.9
Total	44.1

## Total Number of Positions

### Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

51

Large Cap (>US\$10 bn)	71.7
Mid Cap (US\$1 bn - 10 bn)	26.8
Small Cap ( <us\$1 bn)<="" td=""><td>0.5</td></us\$1>	0.5
Cash	1.0

### **Currency Breakdown AUM** (%)

USD	53.1	
EUR	16.4	
JPY	9.9	
TWD	5.0	1
CAD	4.7	1
CHF	3.7	- <b>1</b>
KRW	2.0	
CNH	2.0	
DKK	1.7	
AUD	1.2	
GBP	0.5	
CNY	-0.3	
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#### Sector Exposure (%)\*

Energy Efficiency	44.5				
Energy Conversion & Storage	33.3				
Energy Transmission & Distribution	15.9				
Clean Power Generation	5.3				
Cash	1.0				
		0	20	40	60

#### **Geographic Exposure** (%)

US & Canada	52.5				
Europe	26.6				
Asia Pac (ex-Japan)	10.0				
Japan	9.9				
Cash	1.0				
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#### \*Source: Polar Capital Smart Team

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	<b>OCF</b> <sup>†</sup>	Ann. Fee	Perf. Fee <sup>tt</sup>
CHFIAcc	PCSMEIC ID	IE000BXJ7TH8	BPF0PP9	-	0.92%	0.80%	N/A
EURIAcc	PCSMEIE ID	IE0000XQ5385	BPF0PM6	-	0.92%	0.80%	N/A
GBP I Acc	PCSMEIG ID	IE000GWLH680	BPF0PL5	-	0.92%	0.80%	N/A
SEK I Acc	PCSMEIS ID	IE000H2G7HN9	BPF0PN7	-	0.92%	0.80%	N/A
USD I Acc	PCSMEIU ID	IE0004K9OSM2	BPF0PK4	-	0.92%	0.80%	N/A
CHF R Acc	SMSESCA ID	IE00058MTCP7	BPF0PJ3	-	1.62%	1.50%	N/A
EUR R Acc	SMSERER ID	IE0006TUI4G7	BPF0PC6	-	1.62%	1.50%	N/A
GBP R Acc	PCSMESG ID	IE000CWXYRY4	BPF0PF9	-	1.62%	1.50%	N/A
SEK R Acc	SMSESSA ID	IE000YNVQMZ5	BPF0PH1	-	1.62%	1.50%	N/A
USD R Acc	PCSMESU ID	IE000EWWPFJ6	BPF0PD7	-	1.62%	1.50%	N/A

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

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## Fund Manager's Comments

### **Market review**

Stock markets rallied to all-time highs as the Federal Reserve kept their outlook for three rate cuts this year, and indicated a slowing of the pace of reducing their bond holdings fairly soon. Treasury yields advanced only slightly as a consequence, with US 10-year bond yields finishing the month at 4.2%.

### **Fund performance**

The Fund (USD I Acc Share Class) gained 2% during the month, underperforming the broader market, as represented by the MSCI All Country World Net Total Return Index, by 1.1% (in dollar terms).

Vertiv Holdings, a supplier of electric power equipment and thermal management to data centres, continued its upward trend as the momentum on data centre-related companies remained very supportive.

Wolfspeed, a dedicated silicon carbide (SiC) wafer and device manufacturer for use in electric vehicles (EVs), photovoltaic (PV) and industrial applications recovered on comments by management that the company is on track for the ramp-up of the new Mohawk fab through 2027, representing \$2bn in annual revenues.

Renesas Electronics, the Japanese power semiconductor and microcontroller company, climbed higher as it made reassuring comments for the Altium acquisition being a major catalyst for market creation and growth.

Delta Electronics, the Taiwanese power supply manufacturer, was up on reports of AI server power and cooling systems revenues to account for 20%+ of total revenues in 2025 with, notably, AI server power revenues growing very strongly (CAGR of 125% over 2023-25e).

Other positive contributors included Samsung SDI and Contemporary Amperex Technology (CATL).

Silergy, the Taiwanese power management integrated circuit (IC) supplier, was negatively impacted on renewed worries of a slower than hoped China recovery as well as competitive threats causing price pressure.

Arcadium Lithium came under renewed pressure on uncertainties over the bottoming out of the lithium sector, with lithium prices remaining at depressed levels.

Azbil, the Japanese building and industrial automation equipment developer, was again down as the advanced automation segment remains weak.

Other moderate negative contributors included STMicroelectronics, Infineon Technologies and Boralex.

#### **Fund activity**

A new position was initiated with Legrand, as the electrical equipment supplier is considered to see healthy growth, driven by its data centre activities.

The Fund's positions in Infineon Technologies, Marvell Technology and Autodesk were increased while we took profits in Vertiv Holdings and reduced NXP Semiconductor, Azbil and Boralex.

#### **Market outlook**

We expect markets to remain supported by expectations of the Fed starting to reduce interest rates soon. Current expectations for

the first cut are for June at the earliest, depending on any further evidence related to moderating job markets and inflation.

We remain constructive on the underlying themes reflected in the Fund's investment strategy. Given the urge to accelerate the energy transition towards clean energy solutions and electrification, governments worldwide continue to explore the possibilities of reducing dependency on imported energy sources as well as fostering local manufacturing and power generation.

As in the past, the Fund seeks to invest in diversifying investments across the clean energy value chain, focusing on segments with strong structural growth drivers such as clean power production, smart grid and storage solutions, green hydrogen infrastructure, power electronics, electric vehicles, building efficiencies and the energy efficiency of Big Data.

Thiemo Lang

2 April 2024

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