

USD Class R Dist | ISIN: IE00B3NLTK32

### NAV per Share

USD Class R Dist US\$64.57

### Fund Details

Fund Size	US\$1,704.5 m
Base Currency	USD
Denominations	USD/GBP/EUR
Fund Structure	UCITS
Domicile	Ireland
Listing	Euronext Dublin
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 24 years of industry experience.



## Fund Profile

### Investment Objective

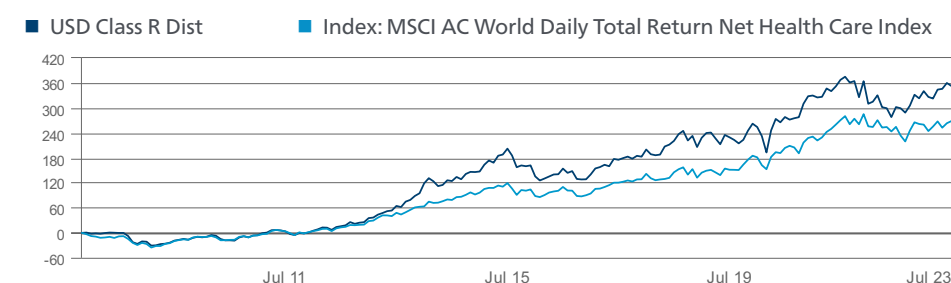
The Fund aims to preserve capital and achieve long-term growth by investing in a globally-diversified portfolio of companies within the healthcare industry.

### Key Facts

- Team of eight sector specialists
- The team has 170+ 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 (%)<sup>1</sup>



	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10 yrs	Since Launch	
USD Class R Dist	-1.59	1.93	6.97	12.57	19.68	41.04	174.88	352.64	10.11
Index	1.47	0.26	1.97	3.94	21.26	50.18	148.80	268.62	8.68

### Discrete Annual Performance (%)

12 months to	31.07.23	29.07.22	30.07.21	31.07.20	31.07.19
USD Class R Dist	12.57	-13.99	23.61	14.76	2.69
Index	3.94	-4.34	21.95	20.84	2.49

### Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
USD Class R Dist	-8.85	8.43	18.19	18.29	8.23	23.73	-12.73	6.50	26.12	55.21
Index	-6.14	17.51	14.87	22.67	1.71	20.14	-6.83	6.33	18.13	35.76

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

Performance for the USD Class R. The class launched on 1 April 2009. 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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1. Performance is representative of the Retail USD share class which launched on 1 April 2009. Prior to this the performance figures are representative of the USD share class which launched on 3 December 2007.

### Fund Ratings



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## Portfolio Exposure & Attribution

As at 31 July 2023

### Top 10 Positions (%)

Zealand Pharma A/S	6.4
Swedish Orphan Biovitrum AB	6.1
Legend Biotech Corp	5.5
AstraZeneca	4.9
DexCom	4.3
Astellas Pharma	3.9
Revance Therapeutics	3.8
McKesson	3.8
Cytokinetics	3.4
Medley	3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>45.6</b>

**Total Number of Positions** 38

**Active Share** 91.85%

### Geographic Exposure (%)

United States	45.3
United Kingdom	11.6
Japan	9.4
Ireland	8.0
Denmark	6.4
Sweden	6.1
India	5.4
Switzerland	2.5
China	2.2
Canada	2.0
Costa Rica	0.9
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.1

### Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

Large Cap (>US\$10 bn)	31.3
Mid Cap (US\$1 bn - 10 bn)	65.3
Small Cap (<US\$1 bn)	3.3
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.1

### Performance Attribution - 1 Month (%)

#### Top Contributors

	Active Weight	Attrib. Effect
Legend Biotech Corp	5.14	0.39
MoonLake	2.12	0.36
Merck & Co	-3.70	0.35
Innovent Biologics	1.95	0.28
Eli Lilly & Co	-4.91	0.23

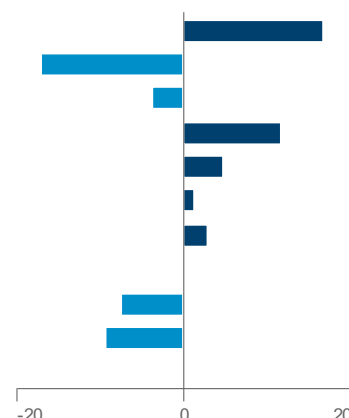
Performance attribution is calculated in USD on a relative basis over the month. Attribution effect is shown gross of fees.

#### Top Detractors

	Active Weight	Attrib. Effect
Avadel Pharmaceuticals	3.07	-0.54
Inspire Medical Systems	3.17	-0.42
HCA Healthcare	2.92	-0.35
Revance Therapeutics	3.79	-0.33
AbbVie	-3.27	-0.32

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

	Fund	Relative
Biotechnology	30.9	16.8
Pharmaceuticals	23.4	-17.0
Healthcare Equipment	14.5	-3.8
Healthcare Facilities	13.3	11.7
Healthcare Distributors	6.7	4.8
Healthcare Services	4.6	1.2
Healthcare Technology	3.4	2.9
Healthcare Supplies	3.1	-0.2
Life Sciences Tools & Services	0.0	-7.4
Managed Healthcare	0.0	-9.2
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.1	0.1



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	-	1.62%	1.50%	10%
USD R Acc	POHORUA ID	IE00BKSBD942	BKSBD94	-	1.62%	1.50%	10%
GBP R Dist	PCHCORS ID	IE00B3NM2Q33	B3NM2Q3	-	1.62%	1.50%	10%
EUR R Dist	PCHCORE ID	IE00B3NLSS43	B3NLSS4	-	1.62%	1.50%	10%
USD I Dist	PCHCOIU ID	IE00B3K93X10	B3K93X1	USD 1m	1.12%	1.00%	10%
GBP I Dist	PCHCOIS ID	IE00B3NLDF60	B3NLDF6	USD 1m	1.12%	1.00%	10%
EUR I Dist	PCHCOIE ID	IE00B3K83P04	B3K83P0	USD 1m	1.12%	1.00%	10%
EUR I Acc	PCHOIED ID	IE00BF12WY77	BF12WY7	USD 1m	1.12%	1.00%	10%
EUR I Acc Hdg	POHOIEH ID	IE00BKSBD835	BKSBD83	USD 1m	1.12%	1.00%	10%
USD Dist*	PCHSOPPU ID	IE00B28YJN35	B28YJN3	-	1.62%	1.50%	10%
GBP Dist*	PCHSOPPG ID	IE00B28YJP58	B28YJP5	-	1.62%	1.50%	10%
EUR Dist*	PCHSOPPE ID	IE00B28YJQ65	B28YJQ6	-	1.62%	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

July saw a more upbeat period for global equity markets which moved higher as pockets of economic data continued to improve. US Consumer Price Inflation (CPI), a measure of how much goods and service costs change, came in better than expected, as did GDP growth and the level of unemployment.

With inflation appearing to come down the odds of an economic soft landing are increasing, meaning that the chance of significant recession is diminishing. Consequently, healthcare stocks underperformed the broader market as investors rotated into cyclical which tend to perform better at this stage of the cycle.

Within healthcare, small and mid-cap outperformed mega/large-cap names and at a subsector level life sciences tools and services, biotechnology, managed care and healthcare services were the standout areas, contrasting with healthcare facilities, healthcare distributors and healthcare equipment which underperformed. The Fund lagged its benchmark in July which delivered both a relative and absolute positive return in July.

So far, quarterly results have not thrown up any major surprises. Life sciences tools and services have been weak, with the majority of companies providing negative revisions to guidance as a result of a weak biotech funding environment, slightly more cautious approach to clinical development programme timings and some destocking. In contrast, healthcare facilities, drug and device manufacturers and suppliers have delivered good results as utilisation rates remained high, and a reversal of the major pricing pressures in generics. M&A activity remained buoyant helping to underpin valuations, especially in small and mid-caps.

### Fund performance and activity

Positive stocks included **Legend Biotech** and **MoonLake Immunotherapeutics**. Legend Biotech, which has a co-commercialisation deal with Johnson & Johnson for a highly effective blood cancer therapy, posted very strong Q2 sales - well ahead of expectations. With anticipation growing of a broader regulatory approval that will include patients at earlier stages of disease progression, the stock performed well. MoonLake Immunotherapeutics, which develops therapies for inflammatory conditions, posted strong late-stage clinical trial data demonstrating "best in class" potential late last month. The stock has continued to rally as the data is further digested and its potential as an acquisition target recognised.

Negative stocks included **Avadel Pharmaceuticals** and **Inspire Medical Systems**. Avadel Pharmaceuticals, which has recently launched a drug called Lumryz to combat a severe sleeping disorder, saw profit taking after a very strong run. Inspire Medical Systems, which has products for sleep apnoea, saw a sell off as investors contemplated the long-term impact of the new diabetes drug class, GLP-1. These drugs have been shown to be very effective in driving weight loss, which could lead to a reduction in the incidence of sleep apnoea. We remain constructive on both names.

Turning to trading activities, we reopened a position in **AstraZeneca** after the stock pulled back too far on what was deemed to be underwhelming clinical trial results for a lung cancer candidate. We added to **Disc Medicine** and took some profit from **Max Healthcare Institute** which has had a strong run.

### Outlook

As we have progressed through 2023 economic data has improved and expectations relating to inflation are moderating. Healthcare

company fundamentals remain very strong, balance sheets are healthy which is fuelling M&A, and utilisation rates are much improved. Clinical data and new drug approvals are also trending in the right direction. As a result, we remain highly constructive on the sector.

Gareth Powell

3 August 2023

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