

# **Polar Capital Funds plc** North American Fund



### EUR Class R Hdg | ISIN: IE00B5NJSL59

#### **NAV per Share**

EUR Class R Hedged €28.16

#### **Fund Details**

Fund Size	€726.8 m
Base Currency	USD
Denominations	USD/GBP/EUR
Fund Structure	UCITS
Domicile	Ireland
Listing	Euronext Dublin
Launch Date	14 November 201
Investment Manag	ger Polar Capital LLP
SFDR Classification	n Article 8

#### **Fund Managers**



# **Andrew Holliman**

Lead Fund Manager Andrew has managed the fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2011 and has 26 years of industry experience.



# **Richard Wilson**

Co-manager Richard has managed the fund since he joined Polar Capital in 2011 and has 24 years of industry experience.



# **Colm Friel**

**Fund Manager** Colm has managed the fund since 2022, he joined Polar Capital in 2014 and has 15 years of industry experience.

# **Fund Profile**

### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of securities of North American companies.

#### Key Facts

- Multi-cap North American long-only equity portfolio
- Run by fund managers with a strong performance record spanning more than 20 years
- Clear and replicable fundamental investment process focusing on both long-term value creation and value
- Bottom up portfolio construction from a wide universe of value-creating businesses
- Focused portfolio high conviction and high active share

### **Fund Ratings**



Ratings are not a recommendation. Please see below for further information.

# Share Class Performance

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



								Since I	aunch
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10 yrs	Cum.	Ann.
EUR Class R Hdg	2.89	8.73	12.73	5.04	30.31	22.12	105.55	181.60	9.24
Index	3.41	10.60	20.39	12.24	43.00	70.98	198.54	303.91	12.65

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

12 months to	31.07.23	29.07.22	30.07.21	31.07.20	31.07.19
EUR Class R Hdg	5.04	-12.04	41.05	-2.92	-3.47
Index	12.24	-7.08	37.11	11.69	7.05

#### Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
EUR Class R Hdg	-21.59	21.84	11.47	23.60	-14.50	21.84	7.05	2.16	9.89	31.48
Index	-19.53	26.44	19.94	30.70	-5.73	20.89	11.57	-0.90	11.90	29.57

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

Performance for the EUR Class R Hedged. The class launched on 14 November 2011. Performance data is shown in EUR. Source: Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd. Benchmark performance shown in USD. Source: Bloomberg

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As at 31 July 2023

#### Top 10 Positions (%)

Active Share	84.95%
Total Number of Positions	41
Total	38.5
Cenovus Energy	3.0
United Rentals	3.0
Analog Devices	3.2
Canadian Natural Resources	3.3
US Foods Holding Corp	3.6
Constellation Software Inc/Can	3.8
Microsoft	4.1
Amazon	4.5
Visa	5.0
Alphabet	5.2

### Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

	Fund	Index
Mega Cap (>US\$50 bn)	49.2	75.1
Large Cap (US\$10 bn - 50 bn)	34.0	23.7
Mid Cap (US\$5 bn - 10 bn)	13.1	1.1
Small Cap ( <us\$5 bn)<="" td=""><td>2.0</td><td>0.1</td></us\$5>	2.0	0.1
Cash	1.7	-

#### Performance Attribution - 1 Month (%)

Top Contributors			Top Detractors				
	Active Weight	Attrib. Effect		Active Weight	Attrib. Effect		
Black Knight	1.08	0.30	Affiliated Managers Group	2.78	-0.30		
Cenovus Energy	2.75	0.23	Amdocs	3.14	-0.29		
Ovintiv	1.20	0.20	McKesson	2.65	-0.26		
Union Pacific Corp	2.05	0.20	US Foods Holding Corp	3.79	-0.24		
Uber Technologies	1.83	0.20	SS&C Technologies Holdings	5 <b>2.63</b>	-0.19		

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

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

1	Fund	Relative
Financial Services	15.3	8.1
Insurance	6.7	4.2
Transportation	6.0	4.1
Health Care Equipment & Services	9.0	3.6
Energy	7.6	2.8
Consumer Services	4.2	2.1
Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail	3.6	1.7
Commercial & Professional Services	2.5	1.1
Telecommunication Services	1.8	1.0
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip	э. <b>7.0</b>	-0.1
Software & Services	10.5	-0.9
Capital Goods	4.6	-1.2
Household & Personal Products	0.0	-1.3
Automobiles & Components	0.0	-2.3
REITs	0.0	-2.3
Utilities	0.0	-2.5
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	0.0	-3.1
Pharma, Biotech & Life Sciences	2.8	-3.9
Banks	0.0	-4.0
Technology Hardware & Equipment	3.0	-5.8

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.



# Fund Managers' Comments

The Fund (USD I Share Class) rose 3.1% during July, with a 3.4% rise in the benchmark (MSCI North American Net Total Return Index).

July's positive move in markets built on the strength of the first half of 2023. The overarching reason for this appeared to stem from a continuing sentiment swing among investors towards a potential soft landing for the economy later this year and into 2024. Reasons for this are difficult to pinpoint but could include the progression of factors including GDP expectations, corporate earnings, and the oil price.

GDP estimates for 2023 have risen steadily throughout the year as various constituents in the economy such as the consumer and housing have remained more resilient than expected.

Corporate earnings for Q2 are on track for a modest decline. According to consensus forecasts, which point to earnings growth in the second half, Q2 will mark the weakest quarter for S&P 500 earnings during the current downturn.

Finally, it is notable that the oil price rallied over the month, partially on expectations of stronger-than-forecast global demand. While a significant rise in the oil price could obviously derail any sentiment around a soft landing, at the moment the price increase appears tolerable.

The largest positive contributors to relative performance were **Black Knight, Cenovus Energy** and **Ovintiv**. Mortgage processing software company Black Knight agreed to sell another of its portfolio companies to **Constellation Software**, in addition to the previously announced divestiture of its loan origination software business. With this further concession by Black Knight, the Federal Trade Commission's objection to its takeover by **Intercontinental Exchange** was deemed far less of a material hurdle to the deal closing, and Black Knight stock rallied accordingly. We sold the position as the discount to the price implied by the terms of the acquisition closed significantly. Energy producers Ovintiv and Cenovus Energy rallied with a stronger oil price.

Of positions held, the largest detractors from relative return were **Affiliated Managers Group**, **Amdocs** and **McKesson**. Affiliated Managers Group, a holding company of asset managers and investment firms, fell after disappointing results showed continuing organic outflows from its key affiliate businesses. Amdocs and McKesson were weak for no particular reason – in early August, both companies reported solid Q2 results.

For a broader commentary, including recent portfolio activity, <u>here</u> is our most recent investor update, for Q2 2023.

#### Polar Capital North American Team

4 August 2023

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# **Share Class Information**

Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	Minimum Investment	<b>OCF</b> <sup>†</sup>	Ann. Fee	Perf. Fee <sup>tt</sup>
USD R	PNAMRRU ID	IE00B5KSKH55	B5KSKH5	-	1.34%	1.25%	N/A
GBP R	PNAMRRS ID	IE00B6TTF483	B6TTF48	-	1.34%	1.25%	N/A
EUR R	PNAMRRE ID	IE00B57DPG76	B57DPG7	-	1.34%	1.25%	N/A
GBP R Hdg	PNAMRHS ID	IE00B40F2B74	B40F2B7	-	1.34%	1.25%	N/A
EUR R Hdg	PNAMRHE ID	IE00B5NJSL59	B5NJSL5	-	1.34%	1.25%	N/A
USDI	PNAMRIU ID	IE00B531PK96	B531PK9	USD 1m	0.74%	0.65%	N/A
GBPI	PNAMRIS ID	IE00B6TRWB82	B6TRWB8	USD 1m	0.74%	0.65%	N/A
EURI	PNAMRIE ID	IE00B6TT5J34	B6TT5J3	USD 1m	0.74%	0.65%	N/A
GBPIHdg	<b>PNAMIHS ID</b>	IE00B615SX48	B615SX4	USD 1m	0.74%	0.65%	N/A
EURIHdg	<b>PNAMIHE ID</b>	IE00B5NRXC53	B5NRXC5	USD 1m	0.74%	0.65%	N/A
CHFIHdg	<b>PNAMICH ID</b>	IE00BWB8WR78	BWB8WR7	USD 1m	0.74%	0.65%	N/A
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<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.

\*\*Performance Fee This Fund does not have a performance fee.

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A summary of investor rights associated with investment in the Fund is available online at the above website, or by contacting the above email address. This document is provided and approved by both Polar Capital LLP and Polar Capital (Europe) SAS.

### Administrator Details

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Dealing	Daily				
Cut-off	15:00 Irish time				

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