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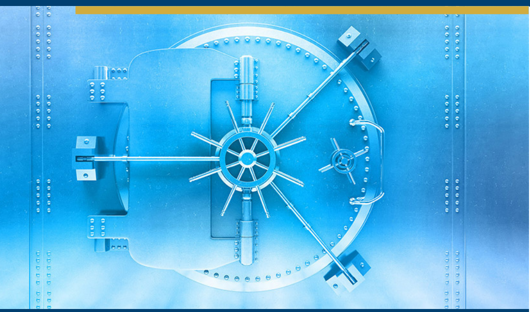
Polar Capital Global Financials Trust plc

31 October 2023



Trust Fact Sheet

Ordinary Shares

Share Price	131.00p
NAV per share	151.28p
Premium	-
Discount	-13.41%
Capital	310,500,000 shares of 5p*

*Excluding Ordinary shares held in treasury

Assets & Gearing [1]

Total Net Assets	£469.7m
AIC Gearing Ratio	3.44%
AIC Net Cash Ratio	n/a

Fees

Management	0.70%
Performance	10.00%
Ongoing Charges	0.87%

Historic Yield (%) [2] 3.44

Dividends (pence per share)

August 2023 (Paid)	2.45
February 2023 (Paid)	2.05
August 2022 (Paid)	2.40
February 2022 (Paid)	2.00

Fund Managers

Nick Brind
Fund Manager
Nick has co-managed the Trust since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2010 and has 29 years of industry experience.

George Barrow
Fund Manager
George has co-managed the Trust since 2020, he joined Polar Capital in 2010 and has 15 years of industry experience.

John Yakas
Adviser
John co-managed the Trust from launch until June 2023. He has 35 years of industry experience.

ALPHA MANAGER 2020
John Yakas

Trust Profile

Investment Objective

The Company's investment objective is to generate for investors a growing dividend income together with capital appreciation.

Key Facts

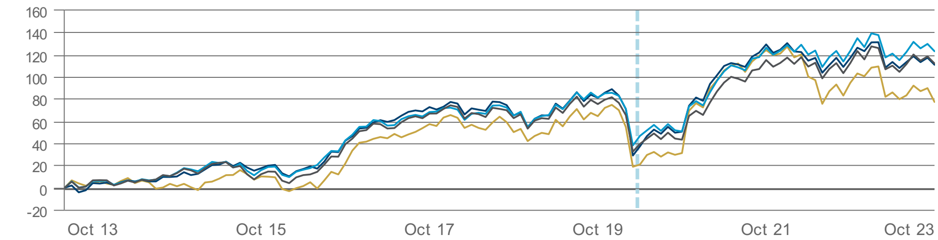
- The only UK-listed Investment Trust solely focused on financials
- Twin objectives of growing investors' dividend income and capital
- A broad, global multi-cap remit
- Large dedicated investment team with over 95 years of experience in the sector

Investment Policy

The Company will seek to achieve its objective by investing primarily in a global portfolio consisting of listed or quoted securities issued by companies in the financials sector operating in the banking, insurance, property and other sub-sectors.

Performance

Performance Since Launch (%)



	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	Since Tender[6]	Since Launch
Ordinary Share Price (TR)	-6.56	-7.71	-11.60	-8.92	35.08	48.18	77.30
NAV per Share (TR)	-2.92	-3.52	-5.50	-2.87	40.10	61.55	110.96
Benchmark (NTR)	-2.88	-3.66	-1.68	-0.16	48.02	58.84	123.17
MSCI ACWI Financials (NTR)	-2.88	-3.66	-1.68	-0.16	48.02	58.84	112.19

Discrete Annual Performance (%)

	Financial YTD	31.10.22 31.10.23	29.10.21 31.10.22	30.10.20 29.10.21	31.10.19 30.10.20	31.10.18 31.10.19
Ordinary Share Price (TR)	-12.69	-8.92	-13.17	70.80	-20.25	9.59
NAV per Share (TR)	-6.81	-2.87	-5.30	52.30	-16.88	9.61
Benchmark (NTR)	-5.01	-0.16	-1.26	50.15	-16.85	9.81
MSCI ACWI Financials (NTR)	-5.01	-0.16	-1.26	50.15	-18.31	7.79

Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Ordinary Share Price (TR)	-9.21	25.38	0.85	23.02	-13.01	16.16	28.52	8.94	-3.21	-
NAV per Share (TR)	-0.57	23.77	-3.98	22.07	-10.59	12.85	27.23	8.22	6.49	-
Benchmark (NTR)	1.52	25.50	-4.05	20.21	-10.14	10.97	30.07	2.22	9.58	-
MSCI ACWI Financials (NTR)	1.52	25.50	-6.75	18.49	-10.42	13.34	31.94	-1.07	8.43	-

Performance relates to past returns and is not a reliable indicator of future returns.
Source: Bloomberg & HSBC Securities Services (UK) Limited, percentage growth, Net of Fees in GBP terms.
The Net Asset Value (NAV) at launch was 98.0p per ordinary share based on the subscription price of 100.0p per ordinary share and launch costs of 2.0p per ordinary share.
1. Gearing calculations are exclusive of current year revenue.
2. The Historic Yield reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the share price, as at the date of this fact sheet. It does not include any initial charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.
3. Ordinary share price (TR) is calculated by reinvesting dividends at relevant ex-dividend dates, not taking into account returns shareholders would have received from the subscription shares issued at launch. Please note subscription shares were subject to a single exercise date being 31 July 2017.
4. Benchmark data above illustrates linked performance of the following benchmarks utilised by the Trust: Launch to 31 August 2016: MSCI World Financials Index; 1 September 2016 to 22 April 2020: MSCI World Financials + Real Estate Index; and since 23 April 2020: MSCI ACWI Financials. All indices are net total return (£).
5. The performance of the MSCI ACWI Financials Net Total Return Index (£) excluding Real Estate prior to August 2016 is shown for illustrative purposes only.
6. The tender offer carried out on 22 April 2020 following approval to extend the Company's life indefinitely is represented by the blue dotted line on the performance graph. From 23 April 2020 the performance fee is calculated on outperformance of the benchmark index +1.5% per annum, compounded annually.

Risk Warning Your capital is at risk. You may not get back the full amount you invested. Please note the Risks and Important information at the end of this document, and the Investment Policy and full Risk Warnings set out in the Prospectus, Annual Report and/or Investor Disclosure Document.

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Portfolio Exposure

As at 31 October 2023

Top 10 Positions (%)

JPMorgan	6.2
Mastercard	5.4
Visa	4.3
Chubb	4.1
Berkshire Hathaway	3.5
Arch Capital	2.6
Marsh McLennan	2.6
Wells Fargo	2.6
RenaissanceRe Holdings	2.5
Bank of America	2.2
Total	**36.0**

Total Number of Positions	**96**
Active Share	**62.61%**

Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

Large (>US$ 5 bn)	90.8
Medium (US$0.5 bn - 5 bn)	7.4
Small (<US$ 0.5 bn)	1.8

Trust Characteristics

Launch Date	01 July 2013
Year End	30 November
Results Announced	Late Jan/Feb
Next AGM	March-May
Trust Term	No fixed life; 5 yearly tender offers
Next Tender Offer	30 June 2025
Listed	London Stock Exchange

Benchmark

MSCI ACWI Financials Net Total Return Index (in Sterling)

Codes

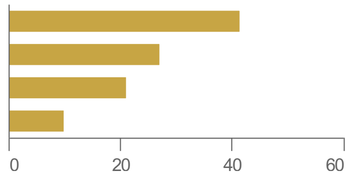
Ordinary Shares

ISIN	GB00B9XQT119
SEDOL	B9XQT11
London Stock Exchange	PCFT

Discount Warning The shares of investment trusts may trade at a discount or a premium to Net Asset Value for a variety of reasons including market sentiment and market conditions. On a sale you could realise less than the Net Asset Value and less than you initially invested.

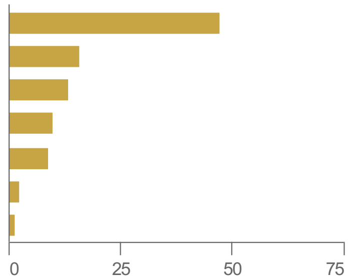
Sector Exposure (%)

Banks	41.5
Financial Services	27.3
Insurance	21.4
Fixed Income	9.8



Geographic Exposure (%)

North America	47.7
Europe	16.2
Asia Pac (ex-Japan)	13.4
Fixed Income	9.8
UK	8.9
Japan	2.6
Latin America	1.3



The entire investment portfolio is published in the annual and half year report as well as being announced to the London Stock Exchange on a quarterly basis.

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.

Investing in the Trust and Shareholder Information

Market Purchases

The ordinary shares are listed and traded on the London Stock Exchange. Investors may purchase shares through their stockbroker, bank or other financial intermediary.

Share Dealing Services

Details of the different ways of dealing in the company's shares are given on the website. Equiniti, the company's registrars provide an internet share sale service.

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HSBC Plc is the Depositary and provides global custody of all the company's investments.

Fund Managers' Comments

Market review

Financial markets fell further in October, on the back of concerns around the impact of a higher-for-longer interest rate environment as well as worries the shocking events in the Middle East could lead to a wider regional war. Against this background, financials underperformed broader equity markets with the Trust's net asset value falling 2.9%, the same as our benchmark, the MSCI ACWI Financials Index.

US financials fell by 2.2% over the month as weakness in banks and diversified financials were offset by gains in insurers. US large-cap banks' third quarter results largely came in ahead of expectations, supported by better net interest income and lower loan loss provisioning, with JP Morgan and Wells Fargo increasing their expectations for profits for 2024.

Results for alternative asset managers, while mixed as fundraising has slowed, still highlighted the strengths of their business models with Blackstone raising $25bn in the quarter, around 10% of the previous quarter's assets under management (AuM) on an annualised basis, while Ares Management, which has AuM of less than half that of Blackstone, raised $22bn, benefitting from its focus on private credit which has seen significant interest.

European financials fell 4.1% in October with both banks and diversified financials underperforming in the region. Payment companies remained under pressure during the month with sentiment affected by Worldline's* results which missed expectations and included a downgrade to management's guidance, reflecting a weaker macro environment and a tightened risk appetite policy.

We are part way through third quarter European bank results which have shown solid operating trends, albeit higher funding costs are slowing the growth in net interest income as deposit betas (the sensitivity in deposit rates to a change in interest rates) rise. Asset quality has remained robust, although provisioning is expected to normalise higher from current levels, and capital return has met or exceeded expectations, providing a strong support to share prices.

Asian financials fell 2.5% as a moderation in Chinese manufacturing activity in October has cast doubt on the outlook for a sustained recovery, with Chinese financials continuing their underperformance. Despite reports the government was set to announce fresh fiscal stimulus to support its 5% GDP growth ambitions, growth projections for China continue to be downgraded with concerns regarding the drag from a weaker real estate sector and a softening in domestic demand conditions.

Third quarter results by Indian private sector banks, the Trust's largest overweight in emerging markets, were reassuring, with average returns on assets (RoAs) rising to 2.1% (compared to a long-term average of 1.7%) as headwinds from a higher cost of funding were offset by a shift in loan mix and lower provisioning. We added to our position in IndusInd Bank following positive results which highlighted the rerating potential as it delivers on its profitability objectives and narrows the valuation gap to other private sector bank peers.

Fund review

The Trust's best contributors during the month were RenaissanceRe Holdings and Arch Capital. Reinsurers outperformed during the month, reflecting their defensive characteristics but also underlying positive tailwinds of higher bond yields feeding into higher investment income as well as higher reinsurance rates. Against the background of a relatively benign quarter for catastrophe losses, despite expectations that 2023 will be another >$100bn year for insured losses, both reported a third quarter 25% return on equity.

The weakest contributors in the month were CAB Payments Holdings (CAB) and Mastercard. CAB announced a very disappointing update, primarily due to intervention by the central banks of two currencies that it trades in Africa. While revenues are still expected to grow, even if the central banks in question do not reverse their intervention, management credibility has been damaged so it will take time for them to rebuild credibility given the downgrade to guidance so soon after the IPO.

Outlook

Financials have performed broadly in line with wider equity markets over the past six months as concern around the wider implications of the US regional banking crisis and forced sale of Credit Suisse to UBS Group, and write-down of their AT1 bonds, abated quickly as deposit flows stabilised. Not surprisingly, sentiment remains very poor towards banks, notwithstanding the recent pick-up in hopes of a soft landing and reassuring results from the sector.

In a recent research article, Barclays highlighted that US banks' relative performance in 2023 was worse than any other year since 1937 and their fourth worst absolute year. Year-to-date, US banks, as illustrated by the KBW Banks Index, have underperformed the S&P 500 Index by 35%. This compares with underperformance of 'only' 10.6% in 2008 and marginally worse than their peak-to-trough underperformance during the global financial crisis.

Consequently, with valuations having fallen to similar levels that we have seen during the eurozone crisis, 2016 and 2020 which were all great opportunities to be adding to the sector, we have selectively added to our US bank holdings and are now overweight having been underweight relative to our benchmark. In particular, we have added to our holdings in Bank of America and US Bancorp, both of which we see as being much less at risk from a downturn albeit for different reasons.

* not held

Nick Brind, John Yakas & George Barrow

8 November 2023

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Risks

- Investors' capital is at risk and there is no guarantee the Company will achieve its objective.
- Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.
- The value of investments may go down as well as up.
- Investors might get back less than they originally invested.
- The value of an investment's assets may be affected by a variety of uncertainties such as (but not limited to): (i) international political developments; (ii) market sentiment; and (iii) economic conditions.
- The shares of the Company may trade at a discount or a premium to Net Asset Value.
- The Company may use derivatives which carry the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions.
- The Company invests in assets denominated in currencies other than the Company's base currency and changes in exchange rates may have a negative impact on the value of the Company's investments.
- The Company invests in a concentrated number of companies based in one sector. This focused strategy can lead to significant losses. The Company may be less diversified than other investment companies.
- The Company may invest in emerging markets where there is a greater risk of volatility than developed economies, for example due to political and economic uncertainties and restrictions on foreign investment. Emerging markets are typically less liquid than developed economies which may result in large price movements to the Company.

Glossary

Active Share, a measure of how actively a portfolio is managed, is the percentage of the portfolio that differs from its benchmark. It is calculated by deducting from 100 the percentage of the portfolio that overlaps with the benchmark. An active share of 100 indicates no overlap with the benchmark and an active share of zero indicates a portfolio that tracks the benchmark.

Alpha is the excess return on an investment in the Company compared to the benchmark and can be used as a measure of performance, where the benchmark is considered to represent the market's movement as a whole.

Derivates are instruments whose value is linked to another investment, or to the performance of a stock exchange or to some other variable factor, such as interest rates.

Discount is where the share price of an investment company is lower than the net asset value per share.

Discrete Performance is the percentage performance of an investment over specific, defined time periods.

Emerging markets are countries that are progressing toward becoming advanced, usually shown by some development in financial markets, the existence of some form of stock exchange and a regulatory body.

Gearing is all external borrowings of the Company and any subsidiaries.

Management Fee is the entitlement of the Investment Manager to an annual management fee. Please see the Explanation of Fee Arrangements available on the Company's website for further information, found at: https://www.polarcapitalglobalfinancialstrust.com/Key-Information/#/Overview

"NAV" or **"Net Asset Value"** has the value of all assets of the Company less liabilities to creditors (including provisions for such liabilities) determined in accordance with the Company's accounting policies, applicable accounting standards and the Company's constitution.

Ongoing Charges are the measure of what it costs to invest in the Company, including the Management Fee and other operating costs.

Premium is where the share price of an investment company is higher than the net asset value per share.

For a complete glossary of investment terms, please refer to the Trust's website: https://www.polarcapitalglobalfinancialstrust.com/Glossary/

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Benchmark The Company is actively managed and uses the MSCI ACWI Financials Net TR Index as a performance target and to calculate the performance fee. The benchmark has been chosen as it is generally considered to be representative of the investment universe in which the Company invests. The performance of the Company is likely to differ from the performance of the benchmark as the holdings, weightings and asset allocation will be different. Investors should carefully consider these differences when making comparisons. Further information about the benchmark can be found www.mscibarra.com.

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