

## Trust Fact Sheet

### Ordinary Shares

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Share Price   | 214.50p                   |
| NAV per share | 224.64p                   |
| Premium       | -                         |
| Discount      | -4.51%                    |
| Capital       | 164,880,000 shares of 5p* |

\*Excluding Ordinary shares held in treasury

### Assets & Gearing <sup>1</sup>

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Total Net Assets   | £370.4m |
| AIC Gearing Ratio  | 3.64%   |
| AIC Net Cash Ratio | n/a     |

### Fees <sup>2</sup>

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Management      |       |
| £0 - £500m      | 0.70% |
| Above £500m     | 0.65% |
| Ongoing Charges | 0.85% |

**Historic Yield (%) <sup>3</sup>** **2.98**

### Dividends (pence per share)

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| August 2025 (Paid)   | 4.20 |
| February 2025 (Paid) | 2.20 |
| August 2024 (Paid)   | 2.50 |
| February 2024 (Paid) | 2.10 |

### Fund Managers



#### Nick Brind

##### Fund Manager

Nick has co-managed the Trust since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2010 and has 31 years of industry experience.



#### George Barrow

##### Fund Manager

George has co-managed the Trust since 2020, he joined Polar Capital in 2010 and has 17 years of industry experience.



#### Tom Dörner

##### Fund Manager

Tom has co-managed the Trust since 2024, he joined Polar Capital in 2023 and has 24 years of industry experience.

## Trust Profile

### Investment Objective

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

### Key Facts

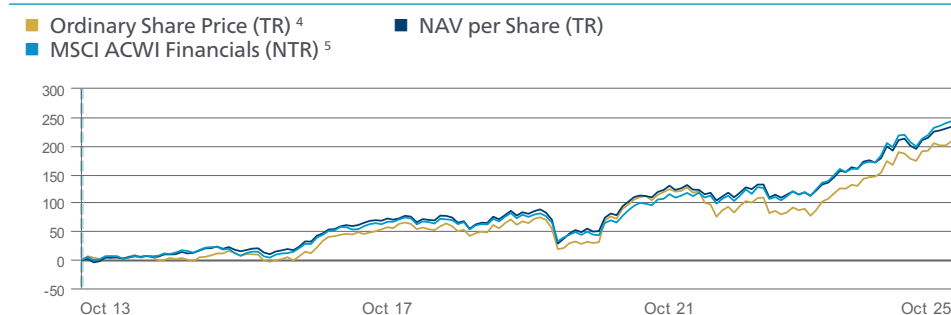
- The only UK-listed Investment Trust solely focused on financials
- Twin objectives of growing investors' dividend income and capital
- A broad, global multi-cap remit
- Large dedicated investment team with over 100 years of experience in the sector

### 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 22.04.20 <sup>6</sup> | Since Launch |
|----------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Ordinary Share Price (TR)  | 2.39 | 1.04 | 15.53 | 21.89 | 58.12 | 157.24                      | 207.79       |
| NAV per Share (TR)         | 0.98 | 2.63 | 14.31 | 19.88 | 52.91 | 156.11                      | 233.28       |
| MSCI ACWI Financials (NTR) | 1.05 | 3.49 | 15.21 | 21.29 | 61.40 | 156.78                      | 243.03       |

### Discrete Annual Performance (%)

|                            | Financial YTD | 31.10.24<br>31.10.25 | 31.10.23<br>31.10.24 | 31.10.22<br>31.10.23 | 29.10.21<br>31.10.22 | 30.10.20<br>29.10.21 |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Ordinary Share Price (TR)  | 12.70         | 21.89                | 42.42                | -8.92                | -13.17               | 70.80                |
| NAV per Share (TR)         | 11.41         | 19.88                | 30.88                | -2.54                | -5.27                | 52.79                |
| MSCI ACWI Financials (NTR) | 12.56         | 21.29                | 33.29                | -0.16                | -1.26                | 50.15                |

### Calendar Year Performance (%)

|                            | 2024  | 2023 | 2022  | 2021  | 2020  | 2019  | 2018   | 2017  | 2016  | 2015  |
|----------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ordinary Share Price (TR)  | 31.76 | 0.81 | -9.24 | 25.38 | 0.85  | 23.02 | -13.01 | 16.16 | 28.52 | 8.94  |
| NAV per Share (TR)         | 25.53 | 3.67 | -0.65 | 24.37 | -3.85 | 21.90 | -10.59 | 12.78 | 27.40 | 8.08  |
| MSCI ACWI Financials (NTR) | 26.54 | 9.03 | 1.52  | 25.50 | -6.75 | 18.49 | -10.42 | 13.34 | 31.94 | -1.07 |

**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/loss.

2. Management fees are charged 80% to capital and 20% to revenue. The management fee is calculated to comprise the sum of two elements: (a) 50 per cent. of the NAV (on a cum income basis); and (b) 50 per cent. of the lower of (i) the Company's market capitalisation (on a mid-market basis) and (ii) NAV (on a cum income basis). Ongoing charges (OCR) are calculated at the latest published year end date. Ongoing Charges are the total operating expenses of the Company expressed as a percentage of the average daily net asset value during the year. The OCR shows the annual percentage reduction in the net asset value as a result of the costs of running the Company. The OCR for the year to 30 November 2024 was 0.85%. The figures are current estimates and may change in the future. Please see the Annual Report and Financial Statements for further information about the calculation of fees.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. The MSCI ACWI Financials Net Total Return Index was adopted as the Trust's benchmark in April 2020.

6. A tender offer was carried out on 22 April 2020 following approval to extend the Company's life indefinitely. A further tender offer was carried out on 17 June 2025.

**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 2025

### Top 10 Positions (%)

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| JPMorgan             | 7.1 |
| Mastercard           | 4.3 |
| Bank of America      | 4.1 |
| Visa                 | 3.1 |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 2.8 |
| BPER Banca           | 2.7 |
| AIA Group            | 2.4 |
| Citigroup            | 2.3 |
| Globe Life           | 2.3 |
| Erste Group Bank AG  | 2.3 |

**Total** **33.5**

**Total Number of Positions** **69**

**Active Share** **69.67%**

### Market Capitalisation Exposure (%) <sup>1</sup>

|                                        |      |
|----------------------------------------|------|
| Mega Cap (>USD\$ 144.78 bn)            | 35.9 |
| Large Cap (USD\$ 54.21 bn - 144.78 bn) | 23.6 |
| Mid Cap (USD\$ 19.40 bn - 54.21 bn)    | 14.5 |
| Small Cap (USD\$ 6.62 bn - 19.40 bn)   | 12.7 |
| Smallest Cap (<USD\$ 6.62 bn)          | 13.3 |

### 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;<br>5 yearly tender offers |
| Next Tender Offer | By 30 June 2030                          |
| Listed            | London Stock Exchange                    |

### Benchmark

MSCI ACWI Financials Net Total Return Index (in Sterling)

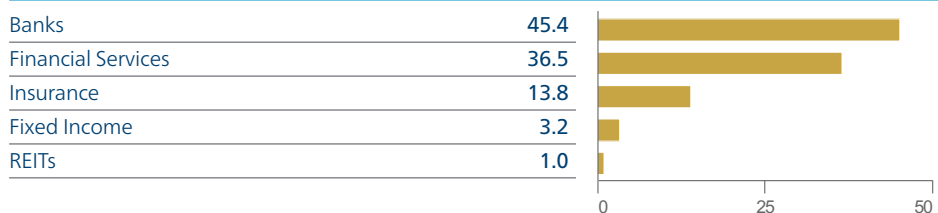
### Codes

#### Ordinary Shares

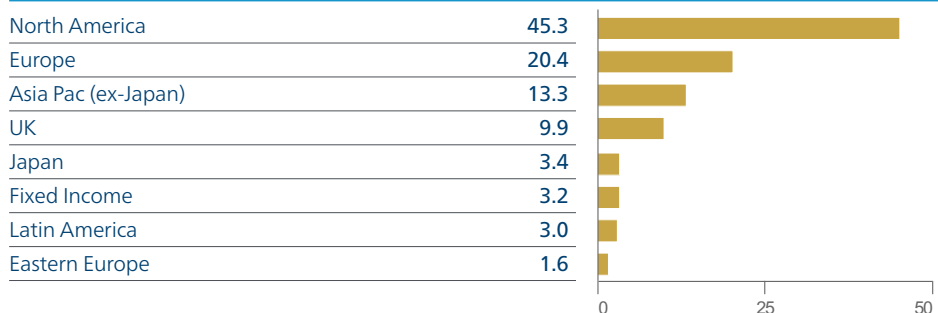
|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| ISIN                  | GB00B9XQT119 |
| SEDOL                 | B9XQT11      |
| London Stock Exchange | PCFT         |

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### Sector Exposure (%)



### Geographic Exposure (%)



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.

1. Market capitalisation bands are reviewed regularly and adjusted dynamically to reflect changes in the market. This ensures that company size classifications (e.g. small, mid, large cap) remain relevant over time.

## 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.

Telephone 0800 876 6889  
Online [www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk)

### Corporate Contacts

**Registered Office and Website**  
16 Palace Street, London SW1E 5JD  
[www.polarcapitalglobalfinancialstrust.com](http://www.polarcapitalglobalfinancialstrust.com)

**Registrar**  
Equiniti Limited, Aspect House, Spencer Road,  
Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA  
[www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk)

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

## Fund Managers' Comments

### Market review

Global equity markets performed well again in October, led by the continued strong performance of the technology sector as demonstrated by NVIDIA becoming the first company to achieve a >\$5trn market cap. Q3 reporting has been favourable, with corporate earnings showing continued resilience.

As expected, the Federal Reserve lowered interest rates by 25bps and the market is expecting more rate cuts to follow soon. Japan elected its first female prime minister and she is expected to be positive for markets. The Trust's NAV rose 1.0% during October, broadly in line with the MSCI ACWI Financials Index which rose 1.1%.

### Credit where credit is due

US and European banks reported another strong set of quarterly earnings. In the US, banks' results were supported by strong trading gains and growth in investment banking fees as M&A activity increased. In Europe, banks continued to beat and raise consensus expectations helped by better revenues and cost control. Even in markets like the UK, where the issue of motor finance provisions re-emerged, underlying results were strong.

During October we saw the collapse of Tricolor and First Brands in the US, which raised concerns over credit losses. Despite JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon's observation around these losses being like "cockroaches", they ultimately appear to have been idiosyncratic and concentrated in the automotive sector, driven by company-specific fraudulent activity. At a recent *Financial Times* Private Capital Summit in London, the Blackstone CEO rejected "100 per cent" the "idea that this was a canary in the coalmine".

Also, commentary on conference calls about the strength of the consumer has been positive, such as this comment from JP Morgan's CFO: "The current facts on the consumer side [are] resilient, spending is strong and delinquency trends are coming in below expectations. So, these are the facts that we really can't escape".

We are monitoring lending to non-deposit financial institutions, which has impacted some regional banks, and have shifted our exposure to options. We are overweight the large US banks and European banks, which have continued to perform well.

### The market is worried for reinsurers because the wind did not blow

The Atlantic hurricane season was particularly benign which has led US/European reinsurance companies to report strong Q3 earnings. However, in this case good news is viewed by the market as bad news because strong profitability raises the likelihood of greater pricing competition which puts pressure on earnings over time. The market punished any insurer reporting disappointing growth and showing signs of pricing pressure, even if the absolute level of returns remained healthy.

This year we have significantly reduced our exposure to commercial reinsurers, particularly in the US. Our insurance holdings are now focused on company-specific turnarounds among US life insurers and improving growth momentum among Asian equivalents.

### Deals are back on the menu

There has been a meaningful increase in M&A activity in the global financials sector during 2025. In October alone we saw a number of transactions announced. In the US banking sector, Fifth Third Bank\* acquired Comerica Bank\* for \$11bn, paying 1.7x tangible book;

Huntington Bank\* acquired Cadence Bank for \$7bn, also paying 1.7x tangible book.

In the insurance sector, Onex\* and AIG\* announced the acquisition of Convex\* for \$7bn, paying around 1.9x tangible book; Starr Insurance\* acquired IQUW\* for \$1.5bn, paying around 1.5x book. We see this as a sign of confidence in the sector in terms of growth potential, balance sheet strength and regulatory stability. It also suggests that industry participants share our conviction that the sector offers compelling value.

### Plenty of reasons to diversify

At a time when markets are increasingly concentrated, we think Financials offer a great way to diversify client portfolios. Consider that in the S&P 500 the top 10 stocks now represent over 40% of total market cap. Also, in the October Bank of America Fund Manager Survey, one third of respondents cited the AI-related equity bubble to be the biggest tail risk in markets. We are not saying we agree with the risk of an AI equity bubble, but we are saying that this concentration warrants diversification into sectors such as Financials where fundamentals are strong and valuations attractive.

### Outlook

Recent earnings support our constructive outlook for the sector. A backdrop of more normalised interest rates, steeper yield curves (in part, a reflection of large public deficits and populist policies) and an easing in regulation (as governments shift to a more pro-growth stance) provides a supportive backdrop for the sector. While this shift in environment has supported the sector's relative performance – it has outperformed over one, three and five years – valuations remain attractive, particularly in relation to the broader market.

\*not held

Nick Brind, George Barrow and Tom Dorner

7 November 2025

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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.

**Derivatives** 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 run the Company, including the Management Fee and other operating costs; these costs are not passed on to investors in the price they pay for the shares of the Company.

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

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