

## Fund Fact Sheet

29 December 2017

GBP Class S<sup>1</sup>  
ISIN: IE00B6TBKM73

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### NAV per Share

GBP Class S<sup>1</sup> £1.75

### Fund Particulars

Fund Size £59.7 million  
Base Currency JPY  
Denominations JPY / US\$ / GBP / EUR  
Fund Structure Open-ended UCITS  
Domicile Dublin, Ireland  
Listing Irish Stock Exchange  
Launch Date 31 October 2012  
Management Polar Capital LLP

### Fund Manager



#### Gerard Cawley

##### Fund Manager

Gerard has managed the Fund since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2005 and has 17 years of industry experience.



#### Chris Smith

##### Co-Manager

Chris has co-managed the Fund since 2018, he joined Polar Capital in 2012 and has 5 years of industry experience.

## Fund Profile

### Investment Objective

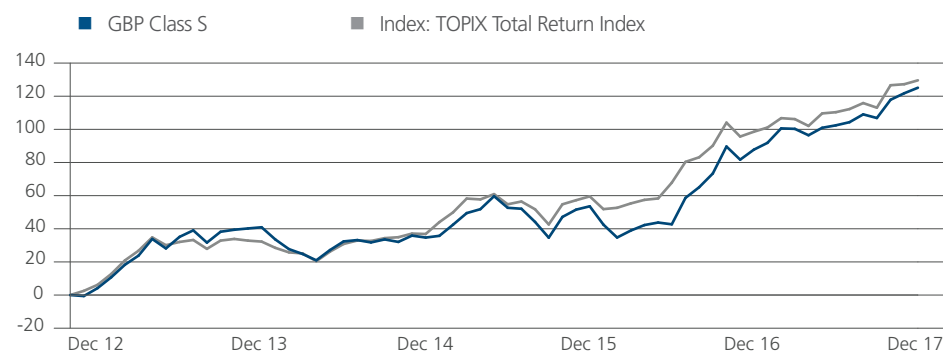
The Fund aims to generate long-term capital growth by investing in the shares of Japanese companies, or companies that generate a significant amount of their business in Japan. The Fund will apply a 'value' based stock picking approach, investing in a concentrated portfolio of large, medium and small capitalisation companies.

### Key Facts

- Team of 6 industry and investment specialists
- 100+ years of combined industry experience
- Typically 45-55 positions
- No benchmark or tracking error constraints
- Fundamentally-driven analysis and stock selection

## Share Class Performance

### Performance Since Launch (%) <sup>1</sup>



	Since Launch						
	1 month	3 month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Ann. Cum.
GBP Class S	1.50	8.83	19.91	19.91	67.13	116.09	17.01 125.11
Index	1.03	7.75	15.63	15.63	67.77	113.49	17.47 129.69

### Discrete Annual Performance (%)

12 months to	29.12.17	30.12.16	30.12.15	30.12.14	30.12.13
GBP Class S	19.91	22.25	14.02	-4.41	35.27
Index	15.63	24.45	16.59	2.87	23.70

Source: Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd, monthly percentage growth, GBP and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Fund performance does not take account of any commissions or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares. The GBP Class S was launched on 31 October 2012. The index performance figures are sourced from Bloomberg and are in GBP terms. These figures refer to the past. Investments in funds are subject to risk. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.** The money invested in a fund can increase and decrease in value and past performance is not a reliable indicator that you will get back the full amount invested. The performance calculation is based on GBP. If the currency in which the past performance is displayed differs from the currency of the country in which you reside, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance shown may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency. Please see the Important Information on the last page of this document for further information on the risks to your investment.

1. All Institutional share classes of the Japan Alpha Fund were changed to S share classes as at 29 December 2016. Please refer to the Prospectus for further information.

# Polar Capital Funds plc - Japan Alpha Fund

## Portfolio Exposure & Attribution

As at 29 December 2017

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

	Fund (%)	Relative (%)
Transportation Equipment	15.0	6.1
Real Estate	5.7	3.5
Mining	3.6	3.3
Metal Products	3.2	2.5
Banks	9.8	2.3
Other Financing Business	3.1	1.9
Construction	4.8	1.5
Air Transportation	2.1	1.5
Electric Power & Gas	2.9	1.4
Other Products	3.1	1.1
Rubber Products	0.0	-1.0
Securities & Commodity Futures	0.0	-1.0
Wholesale Trade	2.7	-2.0
Services	1.9	-2.3
Retail Trade	1.8	-2.9
Foods	1.3	-3.2
Chemicals	3.6	-3.7
Land Transportation	0.0	-3.9
Pharmaceutical	0.0	-4.4
Electric Appliances	6.4	-7.3

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.

## Share Class Information

### Codes & Fees

Share Class	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	OCF
US\$ Class R	PCJARUI ID	IE00B3KK5164	B3KK516	1.51%
JPY Class R	PCJARJI ID	IE00B88S7N36	B88S7N3	1.51%
US\$ Class R Hedged	PCJARUH ID	IE00B88DDG32	B88DDG3	1.51%
GBP Class R Hedged	PCJARBH ID	IE00B4WY8142	B4WY814	1.51%
EUR Class R Hedged	PCJAREH ID	IE00B7G7VV19	B7G7VV1	1.51%
JPY Class S*	PCJAJII ID	IE00B8843R79	B8843R7	0.91%
GBP Class S*	PCJAIBI ID	IE00B6TBKM73	B6TBKM7	0.91%
US\$ Class S Hedged*	PCJAIUH ID	IE00B7JYM942	B7JYM94	0.91%
GBP Class S Hedged*	PCJAIBH ID	IE00B8C0M523	B8C0M52	0.91%
EUR Class S Hedged*	PCJAIEH ID	IE00B8C1QM02	B8C1QM0	0.91%
JPY Class I	PCJAIJY ID	IE00BYMD0W65	BYMD0W6	1.16%

**Minimum Investment: Class I Shares;** JPY 100 million (or its foreign currency equivalent).

**Class R Shares;** No minimum subscription.

**Performance Fee** 10.00% of outperformance of TOPIX Total Return Index.

**Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)** is correct as per the date of this factsheet.

\*These share classes are closed to new investors. All Institutional share classes of the Japan Alpha Fund were changed to S share classes as at 29 December 2016. Please refer to the Prospectus for further information.

### Performance Attribution - 1 Month (%)

#### Top Contributors

Japan Petroleum Exploration	0.25
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	0.24
Inpex	0.20
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	0.19
Hitachi Metals	0.16

#### Top Detractors

Nippon Telegraph & Telephone	-0.38
Alpine Electronics	-0.14
Kyocera	-0.13
Medikit	-0.09
Sumitomo Electric Industries	-0.06

Performance attribution is calculated in JPY.

### Top 10 Positions (%)

Toyota Motor	5.1
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	4.4
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	3.4
Nippon Telegraph & Telephone	3.4
Tokio Marine Holdings Inc	2.7
Mitsui Fudosan	2.4
TDK	2.3
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Lt	2.2
Japan Airlines	2.1
Denso	2.1

**Total** **30.1**

**Total Number of Positions** **51**

**Active Share** **87.04%**

### Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

	Fund	Index
Large (Topix 100)	33.4	57.7
Medium (Topix mid 400)	24.0	30.8
Small (Topix small)	36.9	11.5

### Administrator Details

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**Dealing** Daily

**Cut-off** 17:00 Dublin time

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.

## Glossary of Terms

Please refer to the Prospectus for further information on these definitions. This is a guide to investment terms for Polar Capital Funds plc. Some of the terms listed will not be relevant for every sub-fund. This document is intended for use by individuals who are familiar with investment terminology. Please contact your financial adviser if you need an explanation of the terms used.

### Acc/Accumulation Class

Any share which accumulates all the net investment income and net realised capital gains and does not declare dividends.

### Active Positions

Percentage weighting in the fund of a position above or outside of the benchmark as at the date indicated.

### Active Share

Active Share is a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a fund that differ from the benchmark index.

### Alpha

The excess return on an investment in the fund compared to the benchmark.

### Annual Fee

A charge made each year to cover the expenses associated with running the fund. Although it is expressed in annual percentage figures it is usually split into 12 monthly amounts and taken from the fund monthly.

### Ann/Annualised

The amount the Fund has gained or lost over a rolling 12 month period as a percentage after fees.

### AUM

Assets under management.

### Base Currency

The currency in which the net asset value of each portfolio is calculated.

### Beta

A statistical estimate of the fund's volatility in comparison to its benchmark.

### Beta Adjusted Net

(Beta of long positions X long position weighting) - (beta of short positions X short position weighting)

### Bloomberg

A financial data and news company headquartered in New York. Traders, fund managers or analysts use Bloomberg terminals to extract data, securities prices and other financial information.

### Bond

A debt investment where an investor loans money to an entity which borrows the funds for a defined period of time at a variable or fixed interest rate. Owners of bonds are creditors of the issuer.

### Bottom Up Stock Selection/ Portfolio Construction

An investing approach which focuses on the analysis of individual stocks rather than the broader market and economic environment.

### Capital Structure

A capital structure is a mix of a company's long-term debt, specific short-term debt, common equity and preferred equity. The capital structure is how a firm finances its overall operations and growth by using different sources of funds.

### Cum/Cumulative

The total amount the Fund has gained or lost in the period specified as a percentage after fees.

### Convertible (Bonds)

Convertible Bonds are securities that can be converted into ordinary shares of the underlying company, typically at the investors discretion.

### Cut-Off

The specified end of the trading day to accurately define settlement periods with respect to buying and selling trades.

### Dealing

Arranging the sale and purchase of units or shares in the Fund.

### Delta

The ratio comparing the change in the price of the underlying asset to the corresponding change in the price of a derivative.

### Discrete Annual Performance

Discrete performance is calculated between two fixed specific time and static dates.

### Dist/Distributing Class

Any share class which can declare and distribute dividends.

### Domicile

The geographical location where a fund is incorporated.

### Effective Method

The practice of accounting for the discount at which a financial asset is bought as interest income over the relevant period.

### Equity/Security

The percentage of the fund that is currently invested in the equity market.

### Financial Derivatives Instruments

A financial contract whose value is related to the underlying asset or financial index. Derivatives may be used by fund managers to manage risk in their portfolios, for greater flexibility to lower costs and to enhance returns.

### Fixed Income

Any type of investment under which the borrower or issuer is obliged to make payments of a fixed amount on a fixed schedule.

### Geographic Exposure

The geographical location in which the holdings of the Fund are listed. Exposure represents the relative risk particular to the percentage of investment in that particular geographic location.

### Hedged class

A share class which is denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the portfolio. The investment manager employs techniques and instruments to protect against fluctuations between the class and the base currency of the portfolio.

### Hedged Mandatories/Hedged Mandatory Delta

A package of long Mandatory Convertibles and short Equity so that the position has a low sensitivity to the underlying stock.

### High water mark

A high water mark is the highest peak in value that an investment fund or account has reached in the context of a specified period of time.

### Historic Yield

A measure of the dividend return of a fund. It is calculated by dividing the dividend per share for a particular period of time by the NAV per share at a particular date and multiplying by 100.

### Index

The benchmark the fund has used to track performance. Further details of this are contained in the important information section of this document.

### ISIN

International Securities Identification Number. A unique international code which identifies a securities issue. Each country has a national numbering agency which assigns ISIN numbers for securities in that country.

### KIID

Key Investor Information Document.

### Leverage

The extent to which the Fund's investments exceed the Fund's assets.

### LMV

Long Market Value. The aggregate worth of a group of securities calculated using the prior trading day's closing prices of each security in the portfolio.

### Long

Buying stocks/shares and other securities with the aim of generating capital gains and income from positive performance of those assets.

### Mandatory Convertible

Bond or preferred share that on maturity must convert into a specified equity.

### Market Capitalisation Exposure

The percentage of the fund's assets that are invested in companies having market capitalisation of a particular size.

### Monthly Distribution

Refers to income paid out to investors of a fund on a monthly basis.

### NAV per Share

Is an expression for net asset value that represents a fund's value per share. It is calculated by dividing the total net asset value of the fund or company by the number of shares outstanding.

### Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

This is a figure representing all annual charges and other payments taken from the fund.

### Open-Ended UCITS

An open-ended fund is a fund which does not have restrictions on the amount of shares that the fund will issue. A UCITS is an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities, within the UCITS regulations.

### Outperformance

Where an equity or financial instrument has performed better than the market return.

### Overweight

Where the fund has more of a particular security when compared to the security's weight in the underlying benchmark portfolio.

### Performance Attribution

The difference between the portfolio return and the benchmark return. The Top Contributors to the Fund reflect the portfolio holdings which most contributed to positive performance in the Fund. The Top Detractors indicate which holdings in the portfolio influenced underperformance in the fund against the benchmark.

### Performance Fee

A fee charged on any returns that, subject to a High Water Mark, the fund achieves above its performance fee benchmark. Please refer to the prospectus for further information.

### Portfolio

A grouping of financial assets such as stocks, bonds and cash equivalents, managed by a financial professional.

### Sector Exposure

The percentage of the fund's assets which are invested in a particular sector or industry. Exposure represents the relative risk particular to the percentage of investment in that particular sector.

### SEDOL

Stock Exchange Daily Official List. A SEDOL number is a unique code used in the UK and Ireland to identify securities.

### Share class

Share class is a designation applied to a share in a fund. Different share classes within the same fund will confer different rights on their owners.

### Sharpe Ratio

A measure of risk adjusted performance. The higher the ratio, the better risk adjusted performance has been.

### Short

Borrowing shares to sell in the open market with the goal of buying these shares back at lower prices in the future, and at that time returning the shares to the lender.

### Tracking Error

Measures how closely the fund's performance follows the benchmark.

### Underperformance

Where an equity or financial instrument has performed worse than the market return.

### Underweight

Where the fund has less of a particular security when compared to the security's weight in the underlying benchmark portfolio.

### Valuation

The worth of an asset company based on its current price.

### Volatility of Returns

Volatility is a measure of how quickly the value of an investment rises and falls over time and is a term applied to single shares, markets and collective investments schemes.

### YTD

Year-to-Date. Refers to the amount the Fund has gained or lost since the first day of the calendar year.

# Polar Capital Funds plc - Japan Alpha Fund

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