

# Discover tomorrow's brightest opportunities

The Polar Capital Emerging Market Stars Fund invests in the future star companies from across the world's most dynamic, fastest-growing economies.

The Fund is founded on a strong belief that investing in sustainable companies will generate long-term alpha and outperformance. That is why ESG analysis is fully integrated into the portfolio's distinct investment process.

### **Fund Facts**

Launch Date 29 June 2018

Benchmark MSCI Emerging Markets Net TR

Fund Size **\$1,168.9m** 

Active Share **74.64%** 

Top 10 Holdings **47.30%** 

Ongoing Charge 0.89%\*

Denominations US\$/GBP/EUR/SEK

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Structure Open-ended UCITS

Source: Polar Capital, 31 March 2023 \*Ongoing charge representative of US\$ I Acc Share Class



### **Fund Highlights**

- Long-only emerging market equity fund with a three year track record
- Concentrated portfolio of c50 stocks<sup>†</sup>
- 12.4% excess return since launch\*
- Sustainability fully integrated into process, with a strong focus on material ESG issues; SFDR Article 8 Fund
- Strong team of sector specialists with significant experience



Jorry Nøddekær Lead Fund Manager

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Naomi Waistell Fund Manager

"Home to the most dynamic, fastest-growing economies in the world, emerging markets continue to offer tremendous investment potential. This is especially so for active stockpickers able to not only identify the future star companies but to back them with real conviction."

### Jorry Nøddekær, Fund Manager

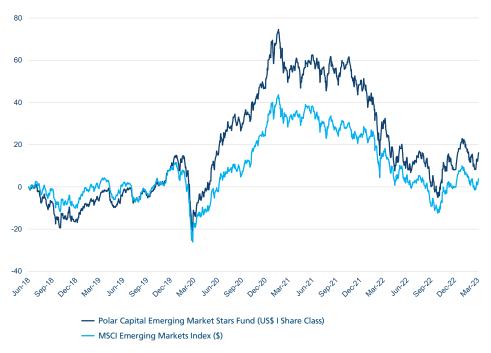
\*Source: Polar Capital, Bloomberg, Lipper, US\$ I Acc Share Class, 29 June 2018 to 31 March 2023. Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index (US\$). Past performance is not indicative or a guarantee of future results. Peer Group: Lipper Global: Equity Emerging Markets Global.

†Typical range of 45-65 stocks.

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### Performance: Fund vs Benchmark (%)



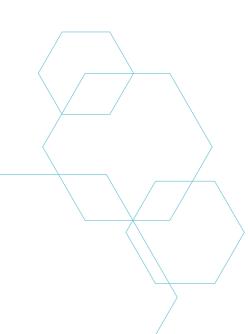
Source: Polar Capital, 31 March 2023. The Fund was launched on 29 June 2018. Performance is shown Net of Fees. Totals may not sum due to rounding. Performance data takes account of fees paid by the fund but does not take account of any commissions or costs you may pay to third parties when subscribing for or redeeming shares or any taxes or securities account charges that you may pay on your investment in the fund. Such charges will reduce the performance of your investment. A 5% subscription fee can be charged at the Investment Managers discretion. **Past performance is not indicative or a guarantee of future returns.** 

### Building a strong track record

Testament to the skill and experience of the team, the Polar Capital Emerging Market Stars Fund has begun to build a strong track record since launch 3 years ago.

	1 year	3 years	Since Inception
Emerging Market Stars Fund	-10.96%	32.20%	16.20%
Index	-10.70%	25.36%	3.81%
Relative	-0.26%	+6.84%	+12.39%

Source: Polar Capital, Bloomberg, Lipper, US\$ I Acc Share Class, 29 June 2018 to 31 March 2023. Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index (US\$). Past performance is not indicative or a guarantee of future results.



## Performance indicators (Since inception)

- Universe percentile
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- Sharpe ratio 0.10
- Sortino ratio 0.13
- Alpha **2.44%**
- Information ratio 0.29 (net of fees)

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# Identifying the stars of tomorrow

The Polar Capital Emerging Market Stars Fund invests in the future star companies from across the world's most dynamic, fastest-growing economies. The team of sector specialists seek to identify those companies best placed to leverage their specific strategic positioning in order to significantly grow their Economic Value Added (EVA). It is a robust, repeatable process that combines strong bottomup stockpicking with top-down macroeconomic research.

The investment process consists of detailed EVA research with fully integrated sustainability analysis. The outcome seeks to identify the future star companies – companies the team believes will generate sustainable shareholder value over the medium to long term.



A Star company: Fundamental company analysis fully integrated with an ESG approach

## ESG

### A fully integrated approach

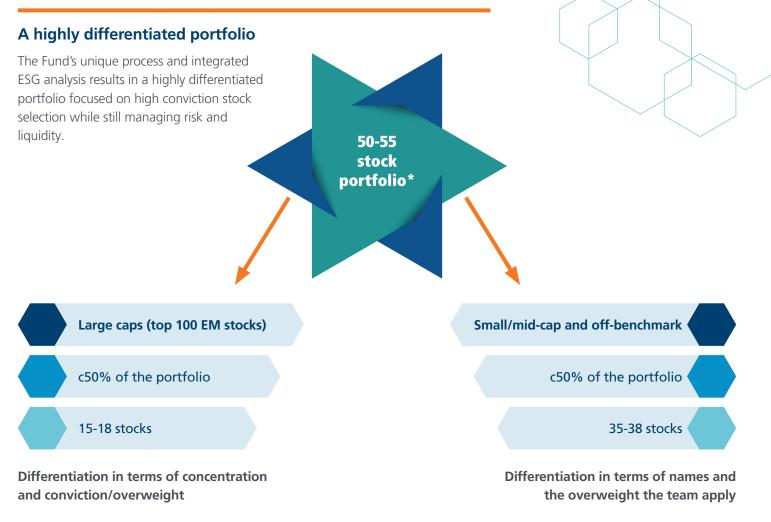
Fund Manager Jorry Nøddekær has been incorporating ESG analysis into his research for the past 20 years and strongly believes that allocating capital towards real and long-term sustainable companies will lead to alpha generation and deliver outperformance.

There are strong links between a company's EVA growth and its sustainability, so it is important to move beyond a narrowly defined checklist approach to ESG profiling; each company's ESG profile is a unique combination of the factors material to its future success or failure. The investment process therefore seeks to:

- Directly link a company's sustainability profile into the team's EVA framework and financial modelling
- Calculate how sustainability modelling directly impacts our assumptions for a company's cost of capital and fade rate assumptions for future growth
- Quantify the future ESG impact on every company being researched

"We strongly believe that investing in genuine, long-term sustainable companies will lead to alpha generation and deliver outperformance for our clients. That is why sustainability and ESG analysis are fully integrated into the Polar Capital Emerging Stars Fund process."

Jorry Nøddekær, Fund Manager



#### Risks

- Capital is at risk and there is no guarantee the Fund will achieve its objective. Investors should make sure their attitude towards risk is aligned with the risk profile of the Fund before investing.
- Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and you might get back less than you originally invested as there is no guarantee in place.
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