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Fact sheet

Objective

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

Investment Policy

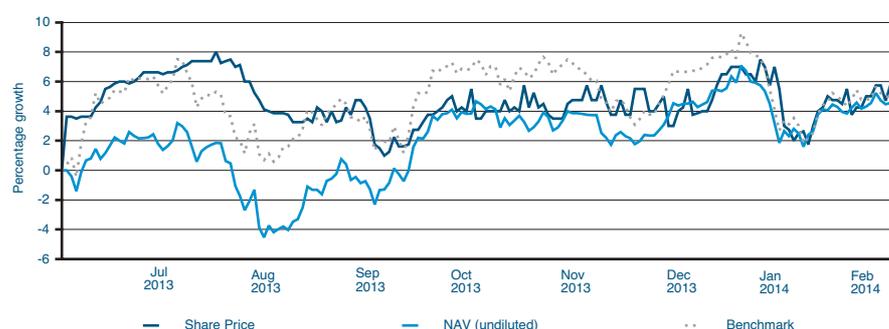
The Company will seek to achieve its objective by investing primarily in a global portfolio consisting of listed or quoted securities issued by companies in the financials sector operating in the banking, insurance, property and other sub-sectors.

Monthly Returns (%)

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Since Launch
Ordinary Share Price	3.41	0.24	2.05	-	6.00
NAV (undiluted) per Share	2.39	1.13	9.51	-	4.92
MSCI World Financials	1.86	-1.40	4.33	-	4.54

Source: Bloomberg & HSBC Securities Services (UK) Limited, percentage growth, NET total return in GBP. The Net Asset Value (NAV) as at 1 July 2013 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.

Ordinary Share Performance Since Launch



Ordinary Share Price & NAV per Share Since Launch



Source: Bloomberg & HSBC Securities Services (UK) Limited, percentage growth, NET total return in GBP. The Net Asset Value (NAV).

Sector Exposure	(%)	Geographic Exposure	(%)
Banks	50.5	Europe	29.2
Diversified Financials	18.5	US & Canada	27.0
Insurance	13.8	Asia Pac (ex-Japan)	13.9
Real Estate	5.5	United Kingdom	8.1
Fixed Income	9.4	Eastern Europe	6.5
Cash	2.4	Latin America	2.0
		Japan	1.7
		Fixed Income	9.4
		Cash	2.4

Trust Facts

Ordinary Shares	
Share Price (p)	106.00
NAV (undiluted) per Share (p)	102.83
Premium (%)	3.08
Discount (%)	-
Capital Structure	174,700,000 shares

Subscription Shares

Share Price (p)	17.86
Exercise Price* (p)	115.00
Capital Structure	30,600,000 shares

Total Net Assets (£m)	180
AIC Gross Gearing Ratio (%)*	0.00
AIC Net Cash Ratio (%)*	2.37

*Gearing calculations are exclusive of current year Revenue/Loss

Benchmark

MSCI World Financials Index

Total Number of Holdings	70
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Top 15 Holdings

Top 15 Holdings	(%)
PNC	2.8
JPMorgan Chase	2.8
UBS	2.5
Wells Fargo	2.5
BNP Paribas	2.5
Société Générale	2.4
DNB	2.3
Azimut Holding	2.2
Sampo	2.2
ACE	2.1
Jammu and Kashmir	2.1
Barclays	2.1
Discover Financial Services	2.0
Swedbank	1.9
KBC Group	1.8
Total	34.2

Market Capitalisation Exposure

Large (greater than US\$ 5bn)	74.1
Medium (US\$ 0.5bn to 5bn)	25.1
Small (less than US\$ 0.5bn)	0.8

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

†Subscription shares - each share confers the right to subscribe for 1 Ordinary share at 115p on 31 July 2017.

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Fund Manager Comments

Although financials rose strongly in February, they lagged the rally in equity markets across the board. US, European and Asian banks rose by 1.1%, 4.0% and 0.1% respectively, with the performance in European banks being driven by a very strong performance from southern Europe on the back of falling government bond yields. Insurance stocks rose 3.3%, while US and European REITs performed similarly. Less good was the performance of Japanese banks which fell by 6.2%. Against this background the Trust's net asset value rose by 2.4% as compared to our benchmark index, the MSCI World Financials Index, which rose by 1.9%.

During the month members of the team visited Mexico, India and also the US, where we spent time in Florida and Texas. In the US, we had a string of positive meetings with a range of banks and other financials, including a number of smaller and mid-sized companies, some of which we would not normally have had the chance to meet as they do not road show in London. As always, these trips turn out to be very worthwhile. Topics of discussion included the lack of M&A recently in the sector – as an example, regulators have delayed approval of M&T Bank's acquisition of Hudson City Bancorp (announced in August 2012) to the second half of the year, at the earliest.

Another area of discussion was the benefits of the move to online and mobile banking and the impact this may have on banks' branch networks. While some are taking advantage of the opportunity to shrink the size of selected branches where possible (one bank was about to start trialling an Apple-style shop format), it is still too early to say whether this will be material from an earnings perspective. One bank chief executive went as far to point out that 99% of checking accounts were still opened through their branch network.

Our trip to India was reassuring; we currently have two holdings, Jammu & Kashmir and Bajaj Finance. Managements were cautiously optimistic on the outlook, given the pent-up demand in the system, with growth expected to improve post-election. Generally the election was not considered to be a binary event given the pressure for reform, irrespective of who wins, and the tailwind from reform measures belatedly introduced by the current Congress-led government.

The rural economy is performing relatively well, supported by consecutively good monsoons, improving infrastructure and rising wages, and this had led to increased rural consumption. Comments were generally positive on asset quality with non-performing loan trends at or near the peak and other indicators stable to improving. At a more granular level, retail loan asset quality has held-up well, supported by the low level of household debt, but there remains concern over loans to the mid-corporate, infrastructure and power sectors.

We sold our Tier 2 bond holding of F&C Asset Management ('F&C') during the month, post a spike in its price, following the announcement of an agreed takeover by Bank of Montreal which we highlighted in last month's factsheet (Elliot Associates have since increased their stake in F&C – it has been suggested that this was done in the hope or belief that they can extract a higher price, or persuade another party to enter the fray). We had purchased the Tier 2 bonds, in July, at a price of less than 87 on average and we sold the whole holding at just shy of 105, which, when added to the interest that we received, resulted in a very attractive return over that period.

The capital requirements for UK asset management companies are more stringent than they were, when the likes of Hellman Friedman acquired Gartmore (2006) and TA Associates acquired Jupiter (2007). Acquisitions by private equity companies over the last couple of years have been very limited, so a competing bid from this source seems unlikely. Nevertheless, with the Tier 2 bonds offering a yield to redemption of less than 4.0% it seemed sensible to lock in our profit.

More concerning, perhaps, is the fact there has been a plethora of sellers in the sector in recent days. At the time of writing, there have been four placings announced. TA Associates have sold their remaining stake in Jupiter raising approximately £200 million. Carlyle Group and Oaktree (both listed private equity managers) have announced that partners and employees are looking to sell over US\$700 million of their own stock, while Artisan Partners, which only listed last year, has also announced a placing of US\$500 million of stock by staff.

Notwithstanding this, valuations for the financial sector remain low, particularly amongst the larger banks in the US and Europe, but also increasingly in emerging markets. The sector will benefit from rising interest rates as net interest margins start to increase, whilst also remaining very much a player in economic recovery (through growth in loan books and higher fee income). News flow will likely continue to remain mixed since many of the issues associated with the financial crisis continue to evolve, but, more importantly, are being resolved, and so the current backdrop continues to offer an attractive entry point into the sector.

Nick Brind & John Yakas

13 March 2014

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Polar Capital Global Financials Trust Management Team

Nick Brind - Co-Manager



Nick Brind joined Polar Capital following the acquisition of HIM Capital in September 2010 and is manager of the Polar Capital Financials Income Fund and Co-Manager of the Polar Capital Global Financials Trust Plc. He has 18 years' investment experience across a wide range of asset classes including UK equities, closed-end funds, fixed-income securities, global financials, private equity and derivatives. Prior to joining HIM Capital, Nick worked at New Star Asset Management. While there he managed the New Star Financial Opportunities Fund, a high-income financials fund investing in the equity and fixed-income securities of European financials companies, which outperformed its benchmark index in all 6 years that Nick managed it. Previously he worked at Exeter Asset Management and Capel-Cure Myers. At Exeter Asset Management, Nick managed the Exeter Capital Growth Fund from 1997 to 2003 which over this period was in the top decile of the IMA UK All Companies Sector. Nick has a Masters in Finance from London Business School.

John Yakas - Co-Manager



John Yakas joined Polar Capital in September 2010 and is the Manager of the Polar Capital Asian Financials Fund, Polar Capital Financial Opportunities Fund and Co-Manager of the Polar Capital Global Financials Trust Plc. John has over 20 years' experience in the financial services industry and has been involved with the Asian Financials Fund since its launch in 1996 and the Financials Opportunities Fund since its launch in 2011. Previously, he worked for HSBC in Hong Kong and was the head of Asian research at Fox-Pitt, Kelton in 1995 and established their office in Hong Kong in 2000. In 2003 he joined Hiscox Investment Management which later became HIM Capital. John has won Lipper awards in the Equity Sector Banks and Other Financials Sector in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 for the performance of the Asian Financials Fund. He has an MBA from London Business School and studied at the London School of Economics (BSc Econ).

Trust Characteristics

Launch Date	1 July 2013
Co-Manager	Nick Brind
Co-Manager	John Yakas
Portfolio Characteristics	90/10 (Equity/Fixed Income)
Year End	30 November
Half Year	31 May
Trust Term	Fixed life to May 2020
Listed	London Stock Exchange

Fees

Management Fee	0.85%
Performance Fee*	10%

*on any outperformance over a hurdle of the index +1.25% per annum.

How to Invest

Market Purchases

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Codes

Ordinary Shares

ISIN	GB00B9XQT119
SEDOL	B9XQT11
Ticker	PCFT

Subscription Shares

ISIN	GB00B9XQV370
SEDOL	B9XQV37
Ticker	PCFS

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