

Smart Energy Fund

Investing in a decarbonised energy future

The Polar Capital Smart Energy Fund invests in companies at the forefront of the global transition towards a cleaner, more sustainable energy future.

Managed by Thiemo Lang and the Polar Capital Sustainable Thematic Equity Team, the Fund is founded on the belief that, with the world faced with an urgent need to decarbonise whilst at the same time accelerating energy independence, demand for smart energy solutions will rise exponentially. This has the potential to deliver significant opportunities over the long term.

Fund Facts

Launch Date 30 September 2021

Fund Size \$198.7m¹

Active Share 96.3%¹

Top 10 Holdings 43.0%¹

Ongoing Charge 0.92%^{1,2}

Benchmark **MSCI ACWI Net TR Index**

Denominations USD / GBP / EUR / SEK / CHF

Domicile **Dublin**, Ireland

Structure **Open-ended UCITS**



Analyst-Driven 100% Data Coverage 100%

Fund Highlights

- Highly specialised thematic investment team with a strong track record
- Access to a multi-decade investment theme
- Diversified portfolio positioned to benefit from the energy transition
- Energy independence an additional strong driver for the objective of a carbon-free energy future
- Article 9 fund under the EU's SFDR; sustainability at the very heart of the investment thesis and outcomes



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Polar Capital Smart Energy Fund Performance Vs MSCI ACWI Net Total Return Index

Performance relates to past returns and is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

Source: Polar Capital and Northern Trust International Fund Administration Service (Ireland) LTD, as at 31 March 2025. Performance figures represent the USD I Acc Share Class, launched on 30 September 2021. Fund and Benchmark performance data is shown in USD. If this is not your local currency, exchange rate fluctuations may cause performance to increase or decrease when converted into your local currency. 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.

Fundamental, research-driven process

The key to strong performance is stock selection, driven entirely by fundamental research at every stage of the investment process. The team look to identify strong businesses, with solid fundamentals trading at attractive valuations.



Sustainability factors are integrated throughout the whole investment process (in green)

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Sustainability at the heart of the process

Sustainability factors are fully integrated throughout the whole investment process, from identifying the initial proprietary universe through to portfolio construction, monitoring, and engagement.

The Polar Capital Smart Energy Fund seeks out compelling opportunities across four key thematic investment clusters, giving investors exposure to all areas of the smart energy value chain. Technological change and innovation, as well as wider sustainability trends, drive idea generation across these four clusters.



Active stewardship

Once invested, we actively monitor all holdings for ongoing ESG risks and controversies. This leads us to frequent engagement with companies over a variety of ESG issues, and we use our shareholder voice to hold investee companies to account through voting at company meetings.

ESG factors that we consider throughout the investment process and engage on include:



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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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- The Fund uses derivatives which carry the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss, and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as failure amongst market participants.
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- The Fund invests in emerging markets where there is a greater risk of volatility due to political and economic uncertainties, restrictions on foreign investment, currency repatriation and currency fluctuations. Developing markets are typically less liquid which may result in large price movements to the Fund.
- The Fund invests in a relatively concentrated number of companies and industries based in one sector. This focused strategy can produce high gains but can also lead to significant losses. The Fund may be less diversified than other investment funds.

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