

# Polar Capital Global Financials Trust

**Unlocking hidden value in Financials** 

**Polar Capital Global Financials Trust,** with its dual focus on dividends and capital growth, is an actively managed, globally diversified portfolio that seeks to find the best investment opportunities across this broad and vital sector.

As one of the largest investment sectors globally, Financials offers far more diversification than many realise, with a broad range of different subsectors playing a vital role in the health and development of modern economies.

#### **Trust Facts**

Launch Date

1 July 2013

**Benchmark** 

MSCI ACWI/Financials Net Total Return Index (Sterling)

Ongoing charge<sup>1</sup>

0.85%

Dividend yield<sup>2</sup>

Enhanced dividend of c4% of NAV each year (paid as c1% of NAV each quarter)

Total net assets<sup>3</sup>

£645.2m

Legal structure

**Closed Ended Investment Company** 

Listed

**London Stock Exchange** 

Ticker

**PCFT** 

3. Source: Polar Capital, 30 May 2025.

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# **Trust Highlights**

The only UK-listed investment trust focused solely on Financials

Seeking both dividend income and capital growth

Investing in stocks with strong track records of value creation

Well-resourced team of sector specialists with 100+ years experience

Embracing different subsectors with no minimum fixed income allocation









At this juncture, markets are very concentrated and particularly considering recent volatility we think Financials offer investors an opportunity to diversify their portfolios. With higher interest rates improving profitability for the sector and other tailwinds like a reducing regulation, we see huge opportunities in this dynamic yet unloved sector."

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**<sup>1.</sup>** Ongoing charge is calculated at the latest published year end date, excluding any performance fees.

<sup>2.</sup> Effective 1 December 2025.

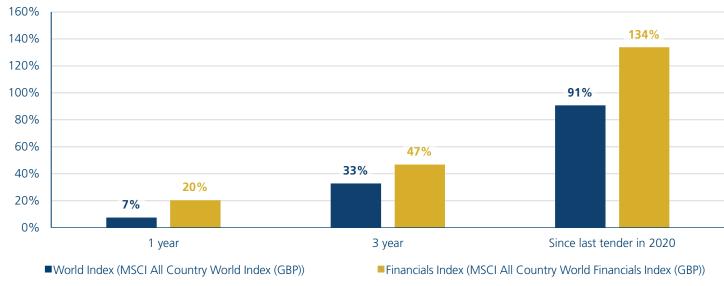
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## Why Financials Now?

Financials have outperformed broader equity markets for three of the last four years; a more favourable economic backdrop with interest rates normalising has improved the profitability of the sector.

#### Financials relative to global equity markets



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Accelerated pace of transformation and disruption provides opportunities





Sector offers compelling value against backdrop of expensive equity markets



Favourable economic environment for Financials is generating strong returns

# **Sector Diversity Offers Opportunities**

When it comes to Financials, investors tend to narrowly focus on UK banks, however this leads to concentration risk and ignores the much broader sector opportunity.

PCFT is actively managed, with the team seeking to take advantage of different regional and subsector dynamics to produce a balanced and diversified portfolio. Going global is a natural solution as it opens a diverse range of opportunities including fast-growing businesses that are undervalued, from mega-cap businesses to newer, smaller ones. Meanwhile each subsector has its own distinct drivers, offering compelling stock picking opportunities.

# Payments, c10% Diversified Financials, c35%

Insurance, c20%

Source: Polar Capital, 31 March 2025.

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#### **Themes To Drive Performance**

Underpinned by solid fundamentals and several long-term structural tailwinds, Financials are poised to continue their recent strong performance, whilst still offering attractive value.



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#### **Cumulative Performance**

	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>		Since 2020 Corporate Action <sup>2</sup>	
	Cumulative	Annualised return	Cumulative	Annualised return
PCFT Net Asset Value (NAV)	209.8%	9.9%	138.0%	18.5%
<b>Benchmark:</b> MSCI ACWI Financials	212.4%	10.0%	133.8%	18.1%
<b>Peer Funds:</b> Lipper Financial Sector Average <sup>3</sup>	178.7%	8.7%	134.6%	17.3%

### **Discrete Performance**

	31.05.24 30.05.25	31.05.23 31.05.24	31.05.22 31.05.23	28.05.21 31.05.22	29.05.20 28.05.21
Ordinary Share Price	25.4%	28.8%	-8.8%	-6.2%	62.3%
NAV Share Price	18.1%	25.5%	-3.9%	2.2%	45.3%
Benchmark	20.4%	26.8%	-3.9%	6.4%	38.7%

Past performance is not indicative or a guarantee of future results. Source: 1. Polar Capital, HSBC Securities Services (UK) Limited & Bloomberg, 1 July 2013 to 30 May 2025. 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. 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. 2. Polar Capital and Bloomberg, 22 April 2020 to 30 May 2025. 3. This data was sourced from Lipper on 07 June 2025 (data quoted from 1 July 2013 through 30 May 2025). Based on Polar Capital Global Financials Trust NAV per share, net of fees in GBP terms. Sector: Lipper Global: Equity Financials (mutual funds). Some information contained herein has been obtained from third party sources and has not been independently verified by Polar Capital. Neither Polar Capital nor any other party involved makes any express or implied warranties or representations. Benchmark: The MSCI ACWI Financials Net Total Return Index was adopted as the Trust's benchmark in April 2020.

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The Company is an Alternative Investment Fund under the EU's Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive 2011/61/EU as it forms part of UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

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Polar Capital LLP is the investment manager of the Company (the "Investment Manager"). The Investment Manager is authorised and regulated by the FCA and is a registered investment adviser with the United States' Securities and Exchange Commission.

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- Investors' capital is at risk and there is no guarantee the Company will achieve its objective.
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- The value of investments may go down as well as up.
- Investors might get back less than they originally invested.
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- 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.
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