# SHINING A LIGHT ON THE……
# Amundi Funds – Polen Capital Global Growth Fund

## AT A GLANCE

| Investment Objective |
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| To achieve long-term capital growth. Specifically, the sub-fund seeks to outperform (after applicable fees) the MSCI World All Countries (ACWI) (Net dividend) index over any given 5-year period |

| Inception Date | 29th January 2015 |
|---|---|
| Fund Factsheet Link | https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=F000011NVM |

| Management | |
|---|---|
| **Manager Name** | **Start Date** |
| - | - |

## FUND PERFORMANCE – Launched 29th January 2015

Performance from 29th January 2015 to 30th September 2020:

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Amundi Funds – Polen Capital Global Growth Fund** | 11.90% | 20.81% | 20.11% | 9.06% | 29.49% | 17.73% |
| **iShares MSCI World ETF** | 1.56% | 8.13% | 17.26% | -8.94% | 24.33% | 0.18% |

Performance over 12 months, 3 years, 5 years and since launch:

| | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | Since launch |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Amundi Funds – Polen Capital Global Growth Fund** | 22.39% | 75.36% | 168.03% | 169.96% |
| **iShares MSCI World ETF** | 6.82% | 19.85% | 53.59% | 46.06% |

*You should note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns and the value of your investments can fall as well as rise. The total return reflects performance without sales charges or the effects of taxation, but is adjusted to reflect all on-going fund expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the performance quoted would be reduced.*

| Tracking Error | Upside Capture Ratio | Downside Capture Ratio | Batting Average | Beta | Alpha | Equity Style |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.47 | 104.85 | 85.17 | 63.89 | 0.88 | 4.83 | Growth/Large |

| **Volatility Measurements** | |
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| **3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)** | 13.63% |
| **3-Yr Mean Return (average)** | 20.59% |

| **Investment Style Details** | |
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| Giant | 68.65% |
| Large | 19.07% |
| Medium | 2.12% |
| Small | 0.00% |
| Micro | 0.00% |

| **Top 5 Holdings – 29 Holdings, 51.89% in top 10 holdings** | | |
|---|---|---|
| Microsoft Corp | Technology | 8.81% |
| Adobe Inc | Technology | 6.30% |
| Alphabet Inc Class C | Communication Services | 5.83% |
| Tencent Holdings Ltd | Communication Services | 5.51% |
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd ADR | Consumer Cyclical | 5.36% |

| **Top 5 Sectors** | |
|---|---|
| Technology | 31.08% |
| Communication Services | 16.98% |
| Healthcare | 16.63% |
| Consumer Cyclical | 16.53% |
| Financial Services | 11.95% |

| **Top 5 Regions** | |
|---|---|
| United States | 65.27% |
| Eurozone | 15.07% |
| Asia – Emerging | 11.36% |
| Europe ex Euro | 5.48% |
| Australasia | 2.82% |

**UPDATE….**

**These updates have been written at the time of the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020, which has impacted the global financial markets in a way that has never been seen before.**

This was our first introduction to the fund and strategy. This is one of several strategies that is focusing on a concentrated portfolio of around 20 to 30 global companies, and choosing what they see as the best businesses in the world.

The average holding period is 5 years and they still hold about half of what they did when they set up the fund. The fund demonstrates strong upside and downside capture as well as a batting average above 50. We can also see that this plays out in the performance, outperforming since launch and demonstrating in two down periods in 2018 and 2020 significant outperformance.

In terms of the types of companies they like, those with double digit returns with lower levels of risk. This means these are companies with strong balance sheets, they have stable or growing margins, strong cash flow, growing revenue growth and low levels of debt.

Examples of companies include Oracle (data bases which are hard to move), Abbott (medical devices and healthcare) and Align Technology (teeth correction). In terms of what they do not own, this includes the likes of financials, industrials, energy, materials, utilities, and real estate which do not offer the quality and consistency they are looking for. They also do not need one company to carry the fund and want everything to work together. In part this is why they do not own the likes of Apple and Tesla.

In summary, there are a growing number of these types of strategies which are looking to focus on a small number of excellent quality businesses. This is not about investing in one area but investing across the globe to find those resilient businesses. They are also looking for those businesses that spend to build on the brand, with the likes of Nike and LVMH making it very hard for competitors to match or break. Ultimately these are long term holdings which they hope will give investors a smoother investment journey.

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