

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

AT A GLANCE

Investment Objective	
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	29 th January 2015
Fund Factsheet Link	https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=F000011NVM

Management	
Manager Name	Start Date
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FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance from 1st January 2016 to 28th February 2021:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Amundi Funds – Polen Capital Global Growth Fund	20.81%	20.11%	9.06%	29.49%	20.53%	-0.71%
FTSE World ex UK	30.42%	13.45%	-2.68%	23.10%	14.15%	-0.69%

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	21.42%	64.79%	145.34%	174.43%
FTSE World ex UK	20.01%	36.31%	102.99%	107.10%

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
4.95	99.13	85.50	58.33	0.85	3.93	Growth/Large

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Volatility Measurements	
3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	13.80%
3-Yr Mean Return (average)	18.12%

Investment Style Details	
Giant	77.22%
Large	21.73%
Medium	0.00%
Small	0.00%
Micro	0.00%

Top 5 Holdings – 26 holdings		
Microsoft Corp	Technology	8.29%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd ADR	Consumer Cyclical	6.32%
Adobe Inc	Technology	6.18%
Tencent Holdings Ltd	Communication Services	5.72%
Abbott Laboratories	Healthcare	5.56%

Top 5 Sectors	
Technology	26.74%
Healthcare	18.26%
Consumer Cyclical	18.10%
Communication Services	15.76%
Financial Services	13.50%

Top 5 Regions	
United States	67.90%
China	12.17%
Germany	8.54%
Switzerland	3.82%
Australasia	2.46%

UPDATE....

This is a concentrated portfolio of up to 30 of the best companies from across the world. They look to be long term holders focusing on protecting on the downside but also capturing upside growth. They blend both quality and growth. This strategy will tend to underperform when underlying rates are rising, economies are recovering and there is an increased spend in infrastructure. This meant the fund underperformed in 2016 and over the last six months.

Due to this, the valuations of the fund are currently at all-time lows, but they believe that when there is a return to fundamentals then this fund will do well. Stock selection remains strong, but it is quality that is out of favour. Those companies with the weakest balance sheets are doing best at the moment and value stocks have effectively become momentum stocks. In reverse, quality stocks like Alibaba have become value stocks. Another example is Zoetis, where there has been no change to the story, but the market sees that is as out of favour. However, long-term quality stocks do and will outperform.

The five guardrails they use in developing the strategy are sustained return on equity above 20% p.a., strong balance sheets with little or no debt, strong excess cash flow, good profit margins and strong

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organic growth. By the nature of what they look for they do not invest in non-profitable technology which has been driving markets recently.

In summary, this is a focused portfolio looking to invest in the best companies in the world over a long period of time. This is unlikely to shoot the lights out but it is likely to protect more on the downside and provide long term steady returns. There are however a number of similar strategies and potential investors should consider this against those investments.

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