# Allianz Technology Trust PLC

Technology investing from the heart of the industry



# Aim

The Trust's objective is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing principally in the equity securities of quoted technology companies on a worldwide basis.

# **Trust Benefits**

The award-winning Allianz Technology Trust PLC offers investors access to the fast moving world of technology with the reassurance that investment decisions are made by Walter Price who has over 45 years of experience of investing in technology. He is Co-Head of the AllianzGI Global Technology Team which currently manages \$12bn in assets under management.

# At the Heart of the Industry

Allianz Technology Trust is managed by the highly experienced AllianzGI Global Technology team based in San Francisco. The team benefits from its close proximity to Silicon Valley where many of the world's key technology companies are headquartered.

# **Awards & Ratings**





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**Share Price** is the price of a single ordinary share, as determined by the stock market. The price shown above is the mid-market price.

Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share is calculated as available shareholders' funds divided by the number of shares in issue, with shareholders' funds taken to be the net value of all the company's assets after deducting liabilities. An undiluted, cum-income NAV is shown. **Premium/Discount.** Since investment company shares are traded on a stock market, the share price that you get may be higher or lower than the NAV. The difference is known as a discount or premium.

# **Fund Manager's Review**

### Portfolio Overview

The Allianz Technology Trust's NAV total return was 3.7% in March, slightly underperforming the Dow Jones World Technology Index return of 3.8%. During the month, stock selection detracted and industry allocation contributed to relative performance.

Our position in electric vehicle maker, Tesla, was the top relative contributor. Shares surged during the period after the company officially opened its flagship European production facility in Berlin. Additionally, the company announced the board had accepted a proposal for a second stock split in two years prompting further share gains. We believe the near-term results could remain solid amid strong demand and ramping supply. We believe the world is now embracing EVs and the move toward sustainable transport has reached an inflection point. We also believe that Tesla is positioned to be a leader in this transition as it embraces continued rapid innovation.

Our position in security software vendor, CrowdStrike, was also a top relative contributor. The company is emerging as a leader in the nextgeneration endpoint security market. Shares gained after the company reported better than expected revenues and profits in the most recent quarter driven by strong momentum in new client sales and growth with current customers. Management also gave guidance that suggested strong growth and profitability would persist for the current fiscal year. We continue to believe CrowdStrike's endpoint security solutions are particularly relevant in the new distributed workforce context that many enterprises find themselves in today.

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Other top active contributors included overweight positions in MongoDB and KnowBe4 and not owning Tencent.

Our position in Okta was the top relative detractor during the period. The company provides software that enables secure connections between people and technology. Shares came under pressure following the company's disclosure of a security breach that affected a small number of customers. In our view, Okta still has a significant opportunity ahead, targeting markets that are still in the early stages of penetration and with the opportunity to expand into adjacent markets. We believe the company is on a multiyear journey benefiting from massive tailwinds such as zero trust, digital transformation, and cloud transition.

Our position in cloud-based data storage and analytics company Snowflake was also a top relative detractor. The company reported strong quarterly financial results with 102% year-on-year revenue growth, but this fell short of elevated expectations. Snowflake had record bookings during the quarter and added another 14 Fortune 500 customers and 21 in the Forbes Global 2000. Snowflake has built a highly advanced cloud-



# Walter Price CFA, Portfolio Manager

Allianz Technology Trust PLC is managed by Walter Price who is a Managing Director and Co-Head of the AllianzGI Technology Team in San Francisco, having joined in 1974. Walter is a current Director and past president of the M.I.T. Club of Northern California. He also heads the Educational Council for M.I.T. in the Bay Area and is a past Chairman of the AIMR Committee on Corporate Reporting for the computer and electronics industries.

native architecture that represents a major leap over traditional analytical databases that have been in the market for decades. Our portfolio investment case remains that the company has a significant opportunity to grow for several years as it benefits from the cloud transition and the rising demand for cloud security solutions.

Other top active detractors included overweight positions in Micron and Seagate and an underweight position in Apple.

### Market Outlook

In our view, the technology sector continues to benefit from strong tailwinds which, we believe, should continue to drive attractive long term appreciation. There is no question in our minds that the COVID-19 crisis will spur the use of technology and change how we live and work in the future. Additionally, many businesses are struggling to find workers to meet customer demand and need technology solutions to improve productivity of limited staffs. As companies need to reduce costs and improve productivity, we expect to see accelerating demand for innovative and more productive solutions such as cloud, software-as-a-service, artificial intelligence, cyber security, etc. We are in a period of rapid change, where the importance of technology is key to the prosperity of most industries. We believe that this environment is likely to provide attractive growth opportunities in many technology stocks over the next several years.

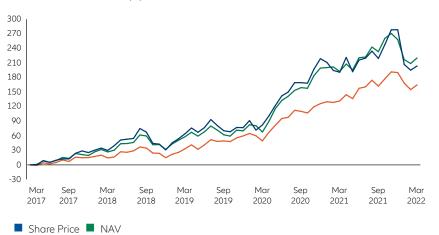
We continue to believe the technology sector can provide some of the best absolute and relative return opportunities in the equity markets – especially for bottom-up stock pickers.

# Walter Price 31 March 2022

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# **Performance Track Record**

#### Five Year Performance (%)



Benchmark: Dow Jones World Technology Index (sterling adjusted, total return)

**Risk & Features** 

Discrete 12 Month Returns to 31 March (%)

Investment trusts are quoted companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. Their share prices are determined by factors including the balance of supply and demand in the market.

Competition among technology companies may result in aggressive pricing of their products and services, which may affect the profitability of the companies in which the Trust invests. In addition, because of the rapid pace of technological development, products or services developed by these companies may become rapidly obsolete or have relatively short product cycles. This may have the effect of making the Trust's returns more volatile than the returns of a fund that does not invest in similarly related companies.

Derivatives can be used to manage the Trust efficiently

# Cumulative Returns (%)

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	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y		2022	2021	2020	2019	20
Share Price	-19.7	-4.9	4.4	85.0	203.6	Share Price	4.4	59.6	11.0	26.4	29
NAV	-10.5	-3.9	9.5	102.5	220.1	NAV	9.5	74.3	6.1	24.8	26
Benchmark	-8.7	1.0	14.3	98.9	164.7	Benchmark	14.3	55.1	12.2	16.4	14

Source: Thomson Reuters DataStream, percentage growth, mid to mid, total return to 31.03.22. Copyright 2022 © DataStream, a Thomson Reuters company. All rights reserved. DataStream shall not be liable for any errors or delays in the content, or for any actions taken in reliance thereon. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. You should not make any assumptions on the future on the basis of performance information. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market fluctuations and you may not get back the

amount originally invested.

# Portfolio Breakdown

Sector Breakdown (%)		
Information Technology	79.6	
Consumer Discretionary	14.7	
Industrials	3.5	
Cash	2.3	L. Contraction of the second se

#### Top Ten Holdings (%)

Tesla	6.0
Apple	5.6
Microsoft	5.3
Alphabet - A shares	3.7
CrowdStrike	3.3
Broadcom	3.3
ON Semiconductor	3.2
Nvidia	3.2
Taiwan Semiconductor	3.1
Micron Technology	2.9
Total number of holdings	56

# Geographic Breakdown (%)

North America	89.0	
Europe ex UK	5.2	
Far East & Pacific	2.6	
UK	0.9	
Cash	2.3	

# Market Cap Breakdown (%)

Over US \$100bn	37.0	
US \$10bn to 100bn	55.1	
US \$1bn to 10bn	5.6	
Cash	2.3	

# The data shown is not constant over time and the allocation may change in the future. Totals may not sum to 100.0% due to rounding. This is no recommendation or solicitation to buy or sell any particular security.

# **Key Information**

Launch Date AllianzGI Appointment AIC Sector

Benchmark

Annual Management Fee

Performance Fee<sup>1</sup> Ongoing Charges<sup>2</sup> Year End Annual Financial Report

published in August AGM April **NAV Frequency** Daily Price Information Financial Times, The Daily Telegraph, www.allianztechnologytrust.com **Company Secretary** Kirsten Salt Investment Manager Walter Price Codes RIC ATT.L SEDOL: BNG2M15

December 1995

Specialist Sector: Technology, Media &

Dow Jones World Technology Index

0.8% p.a. on market capitalisation up to

capitalisation between £400 million and

capitalisation over £1 billion. In addition there is an admin fee of £55,000 p.a.

£1 billion, and 0.5% p.a. on any market

Final published in March, Half-yearly

£400 million, 0.6% p.a. on any market

(sterling adjusted, total return)

April 2007

Telecoms

Yes

0.69%

31 December

1. Calculated as 10% of outperformance against the benchmark, after adjusting for changes in share capital and will be capped at 1.75% of the Company's average daily NAV over the relevant year.

2. As at the Trust's Financial Year End (31.12.2021). Ongoing Charges (previously Total Expense Ratios) are published annually to show operational expenses, which include the annual management fee, incurred in the running of the company but excluding financing costs.

# **Board of Directors**

Robert Jeens (Chairman) Humphrey van der Klugt (Chairman of the Audit & Risk Committee and Senior Independent Director) Neeta Patel Tim Scholefield Elisabeth Scott

# How to invest

You can buy shares in the Trust through:

- A third party provider see 'How to Invest' on our website, where you will find links to a range of these platforms, many of which allow you to hold the shares within an ISA, Junior ISA, SIPP and/or savings scheme.
- A stockbroker.
- A financial adviser.

# Contact us

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You will find much more information about Allianz Technology Trust on our website.

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