

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 the highly experienced 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 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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From 25 July 2022, discretionary portfolio management services formerly provided to Allianz Technology Trust PLC (the "Company") by Allianz Global Investors ("AllianzGI") have been delegated to Voya Investment Management Co. LLC ("Voya IM"). All members of the former AllianzGI Global Technology Team transferred to Voya IM and continue to manage the Company's portfolio. It is anticipated that there will be no change to the investment process. AllianzGI will remain the Company's AIFM (Alternative Investment Fund Manager), providing company secretarial, administration and sales and marketing services.

Total Assets £1,038.5m **Shares in Issue** 407,477,718 (Ordinary 2.5p) **Market Cap** £935.2m

Share Price
229.5p

NAV per Share
254.9p

Premium/-Discount
-10.0%

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 -0.3% in October, compared to the Dow Jones World Technology Index return of -0.1%. During the month, positive bottom-up selections in communication services were neutralised by negative short-term performance in technology hardware and software industries.

Contributors

Our underweight in social media giant Meta Platforms Inc. contributed to results as the stock sold off significantly following a disappointing revenue outlook and rising costs related to the company's virtual reality and metaverse aspirations. Meta continues to face structural headwinds and intensifying competition, leading us to prefer companies with a better near-term potential for an excess return.

Our decision not to own Chinese social networking, e-commerce and entertainment company Tencent Holdings Ltd. also aided relative returns given the stock's underperformance combined with its moderate Index weight. Shares were impacted by challenges in China as regulatory risk and pandemic concerns influenced investor sentiment in the country. The prospects of slowing revenue growth also weighed on the company's share price. We continue to avoid the stock as a portfolio holding in favour of opportunities with a better near-term excess return versus risk profile.

Similarly, our avoidance of Chinese online marketplace Alibaba Group Holding contributed to relative results as the stock was also influenced by weakening sentiment in China combined with expectations of moderating growth. Furthermore, new regulations imposed by China could weigh on the company's budding fintech business. Our positions in credit card and transaction services providers Mastercard Incorporated and Visa Inc. contributed to results thanks to upside earnings surprises in both stocks led by a healthy level of consumer spending and a recovery in travel demand, particularly in Asia.

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Detractors

Our active underweight allocation in smartphone, computer and wearables maker Apple Inc. detracted from performance as the stock advanced on positive earnings results. Although Apple remains our largest absolute exposure with a near double-digit weight in the portfolio, the company commands a significant weight in the benchmark and our structural underweight is an artifact of position size limitations and prudent risk management in order to diversify the portfolio.

Our position in Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd., the world's largest dedicated contract semiconductor manufacturer, offset results due to continued concerns of chip supply, the industry impact from the China and US semiconductor export controls and rising geopolitical tensions in the region. We maintain our position in the stock due to its resilient margins and market leadership position, which has the potential to increase given the company's specialty semiconductor manufacturing and 3D-packaging technology.

Electric vehicle maker Tesla Inc. was lower despite an upside earnings surprise, as investors were focused on the short-term margin decline, due in part to a greater volume from China. Market participants were also fixated on Elon Musk's need to sell shares in order to fund the takeover of Twitter. Cloud-based monitoring and analytics platform Datadog declined as analysts reduced estimates amid the potential impact from Amazon and Microsoft reducing their cloud spending. Online retailer and cloud platform provider Amazon.com was lower despite better-than-expected earnings as investors braced for a potentially weaker-than-expected holiday spending. We maintained our portfolio positions in all three stocks due to their attractive business models and potential for earnings acceleration in the coming quarters.



Mike Seidenberg, Lead Portfolio Manager

Michael Seidenberg received his BS in Business Administration from the University of Colorado in 1990. He received his Master of Business Administration from Columbia Business School in 1996 with concentrations in Finance and Accounting. Prior to attending Columbia Business School, Michael worked for Roche Laboratories (a division of Hoffman LaRoche) in pharmaceutical and biotechnology sales. From 1996-2001, he worked in the software industry in a variety of roles and spent time at Oracle Corporation. He began his investing career with Citadel Investment Group in 2001 covering the software space. Over the next 8 years he broadened his coverage list to include a variety of technology sectors. Prior to joining the Global Technology team in Sept 2009, Michael worked at a number of hedge funds including Pequot Capital and Andor Capital.

Market Outlook

Our expectation is that the recent decline in technology stocks could translate to an attractive opportunity for long-term investors as the technology sector is likely to continue benefitting from secular tailwinds which should, we believe, drive capital appreciation over time. While the Covid-19 appears to be increasingly in the rearview mirror, the use of technology accelerated as a result of the crisis and may have permanently changed how we live and work and has translated to a further embrace of technology usage. Having said this, we are cognisant of the scrutiny on IT budgets and the potential challenge near term. In addition, many companies remain challenged to find workers to meet customer demands and are likely to further leverage technology-based solutions to improve productivity of limited staffs. As companies need to reduce costs and improve productivity, particularly in light a potentially uncertain macroeconomic outlook, 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.

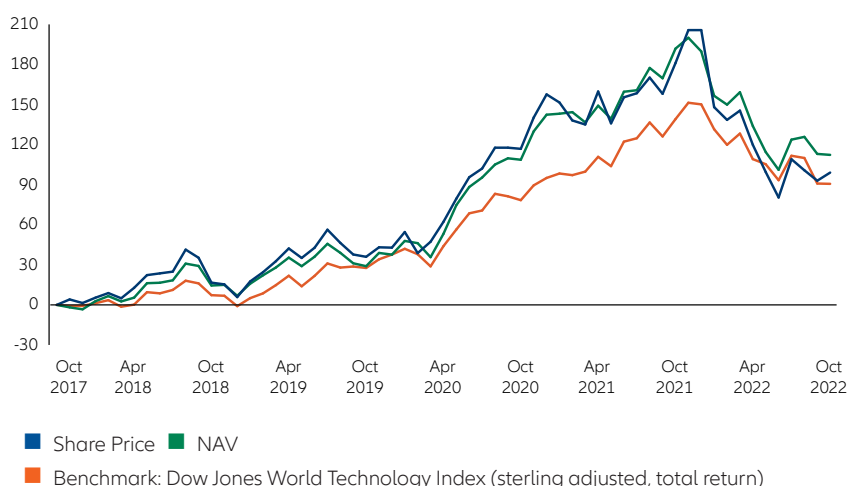
At the end of October, the portfolio remained overweight in software, IT services and automobile industries, thanks to their attractive bottom-up stock potential relative to the benchmark. These allocations were counterbalanced via below-benchmark weights in technology hardware, interactive media and semiconductor stocks, where near-term prospects were less attractive. We continue to believe the technology sector can provide some of the best absolute and relative return opportunities in the equity markets — particularly for bottom-up stock pickers with proven long-term selection capabilities.

Mike Seidenberg
15 November 2022

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Performance Track Record

Five Year Performance (%)



Risk & Features

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 (%)

	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y
Share Price	-4.8	-9.5	-29.2	46.4	99.0
NAV	-5.1	-9.3	-27.3	64.5	112.2
Benchmark	-9.9	-8.9	-20.3	49.4	90.6

Discrete 12 Month Returns to 31 October (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Share Price	-29.2	29.6	59.4	16.6	16.7
NAV	-27.3	39.8	61.8	12.7	14.5
Benchmark	-20.3	34.0	39.8	19.0	7.3

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Portfolio Breakdown

Sector Breakdown (%)

Information Technology	77.6	<div style="width: 77.6%;"></div>
Industrials	8.5	<div style="width: 8.5%;"></div>
Consumer Discretionary	7.6	<div style="width: 7.6%;"></div>
Cash	6.3	<div style="width: 6.3%;"></div>

Top Ten Holdings (%)

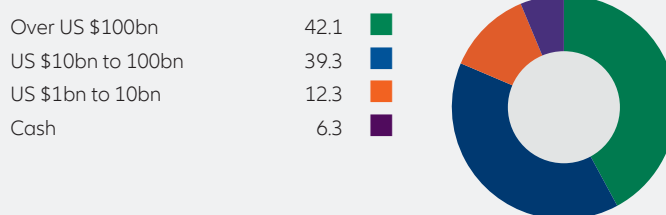
Apple	8.7
Microsoft	6.2
Alphabet - A shares	5.0
Palo Alto Networks	3.9
Broadcom	3.5
Aspen Technology	3.5
Paycom Software	3.5
CrowdStrike	3.4
Mastercard	3.1
Taiwan Semiconductor	2.6

Total number of holdings 48

Geographic Breakdown (%)



Market Cap Breakdown (%)



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	December 1995
AllianzGI Appointment	April 2007
AIC Sector	Specialist Sector: Technology, Media & Telecoms
Benchmark	Dow Jones World Technology Index (sterling adjusted, total return)
Annual Management Fee	0.8% p.a. on market capitalisation up to £400 million, 0.6% p.a. on any market capitalisation between £400 million and £1 billion, and 0.5% p.a. on any market capitalisation over £1 billion. In addition there is an admin fee of £55,000 p.a.
Performance Fee ¹	Yes
Ongoing Charges ²	0.69%
Year End	31 December
Annual Financial Report	Final published in March, Half-yearly published in August
AGM	April
NAV Frequency	Daily
Price Information	Financial Times, The Daily Telegraph, www.allianztechnologytrust.com
Company Secretary	Kelly Nice
Investment Manager	Mike Seidenberg
Codes	RIC: ATT.L SEDOL: BNG2M15

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
Katya Thomson (joined the Board on 18 July 2022)

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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