# **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 £1,165.1m Shares in Issue 397,640,798 (Ordinary 2.5p) Market Cap £1,018.0m

Share Price
256.0p

NAV per Share
293.0p

Premium/-Discount
-12.6%

**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 Net Asset Value (NAV) Total Return was 15.11% in May, compared to the Dow Jones World Technology Index return of 10.87%. During the month, stock selection contributed, and industry allocation modestly detracted from relative returns.

#### Contributors

Nvidia Corp. delivered a strong quarter, demonstrating significant demand across all products in its data centre business. Demand is primarily driven by accelerated spending on generative artificial intelligence (AI) (AI algorithms that can generate new text, images, code etc.) by cloud service providers, consumer internet companies and enterprises. Growth in gaming and pro visualisation continues as the company confirmed the end of inventory digestion and a ramp-up in its new RTX 40 Series GPUs. Higher contribution from data centers and rising software revenues continue to elevate gross margins, already at previous peak levels and expected to expand further with new products. as enterprises and consumers across the globe explore use cases of Artificial Intelligence. This is arguably the largest opportunity in Technology and it's our belief Cybersecurity will benefit accordingly as the technology is embraced.

Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), Inc. reported a mixed quarter, beating expectations for the first quarter but slightly missing guidance for the second quarter. The company did call the bottom (correctly predicting the lowest point) in its client business in the first quarter and for continued strength in data center. Within data, cloud continues to outperform, but the company is seeing some headwinds from a tough macro on the enterprise side. In gaming, the console business remains strong, but the PC gaming business is an offsetting factor to the entire segment. The company's growth segments are still growing, largely due to strength in data center and the client business which appears to be turning more positive. We remain constructive on AMD as a portfolio holding.



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### Detractors

Our underweight in Broadcom Inc. was among the top detractors during the month. Broadcom has benefited from a positive backdrop for a subset of semiconductors in general. Additionally, the stock rallied after Apple and Broadcom announced a multi-billion-dollar deal for radio frequency (RF) components Broadcom will continue to produce for Apple. However, growth is expected to decelerate in the upcoming quarters. A lot of good news appears to be priced into the stock, and for the portfolio we now see more upside opportunities in other holdings.

Intuit Inc. was also a top detractor in May. Intuit's third-quarter results were modestly below revenue expectations, driven by lower-than-expected consumer revenue. Weakness is largely due to pandemic filers who did not return to the platform. Absent the lower-than-expected filer count, the tax season was in line with management's expectation. Despite the headwinds to the tax business, management increased full-year guidance due to outperformance in the Small Business segment and cost discipline. We believe the company has the potential to deliver solid growth over time as execution has been strong in a challenging macro environment.



### 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.

Other top detractors included overweights to MercadoLibre,Inc. Clouflare, Inc. and Paycom Software, Inc.

#### Market outlook

Our expectation is that the recent macro challenges 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. Having said this, we are coanisant 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 technologybased solutions to improve productivity of limited staffs. As companies need to reduce costs and improve productivity, particularly in light of 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.

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 26 June 2023

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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.

### ■ Share Price ■ NAV

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

### Cumulative Returns (%)

	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y
Share Price	14.0	18.2	11.3	23.7	81.6
NAV	16.9	16.0	13.8	39.7	109.9
Benchmark	17.9	18.9	16.2	52.5	117.9

### Discrete 12 Month Returns to 31 May (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Share Price	11.3	-15.4	31.4	32.9	10.5
NAV	13.8	-10.4	36.9	35.5	11.0
Benchmark	16.2	0.7	30.3	37.3	4.0

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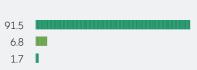
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Past performance does not predict future returns. Investing involves risk. The value of an investment and the income from it may fall as well as rise and investors might not get back the full amount invested.

### Portfolio Breakdown

### Sector Breakdown (%)

Information Technology Consumer Discretionary Cash



### Top Ten Holdings (%)

Apple 8.7 Nvidia 8.5 Microsoft 8.5 Alphabet - A shares 7.7 Meta 7.1 Advanced Micro Devices 3.4 HubSpot 2.9 Salesforce com 27 Palo Alto Networks 2.4 Okta 2.3

Total number of holdings

### Geographic Breakdown (%)

North America 94.4
Far East & Pacific 3.3
Europe ex UK 0.6
Cash 1.7

### Market Cap Breakdown (%)

 Over US \$100bn
 62.4

 US \$10bn to 100bn
 33.8

 US \$1bn to 10bn
 2.1

 Cash
 1.7



### **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 Fee1 Yes Ongoing Charges<sup>2</sup> 0.70%

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,

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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 (31.12.2022). 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**

Tim Scholefield (Chairman)

Katya Thomson (Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee)

Humphrey van der Klugt (Senior Independent Director)

Neeta Patel

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.

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

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