## 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 \$11bn 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.





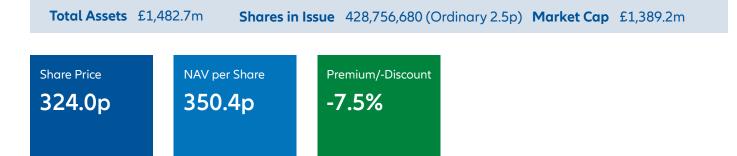
**Awards & Ratings** 



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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**

The Allianz Technology Trust NAV total return was 8.2% in October, outperforming the Dow Jones World Technology Index return of 5.7%. During the month, stock selection and industry allocation contributed to relative performance.

Our position in electric vehicle maker, Tesla, was the top relative contributor during the period. Shares gained after the company reported quarterly results that included strong profit margin improvements driven by pricing decisions and scale efficiencies. After the report, news circulated that vehicle rental company, Hertz, had ordered a significant number of Tesla Model 3 sedans to electrify its fleet. 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.

Our position in collaboration software provider Asana was also a top relative contributor. The company's recently reported quarterly financial results exceeded expectations driven by revenue growth of 72% yearon-year. Asana is benefiting from better-than-expected demand from large customers as well as strong international growth. Management raised revenue guidance driven by accelerating new customer growth, expansion of current customer contracts, investments in enterprise sales capacity, product enhancements, and international expansion. Asana offers a flexible and scalable work management platform that helps individuals, teams, managers, and executives coordinate and execute activities and tasks, streamline and automate workflows, and collaborate more effectively.

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Other top active contributors included overweight positions in Cloudflare and Zscaler and an underweight position in Meta (Facebook).

Our underweight position in Microsoft was the top relative detractor. The company delivered another strong guarter and topped expectations for revenue and earnings. Total revenue grew 20% year-on-year, and guidance for the December quarter was also stronger than expected. Microsoft Cloud annual revenue surpassed \$20 billion for the first time, growing 34% year-on-year and now accounting for 46% of total revenue. The company's security segment reported 70 billion attacks having been stopped over the last year alone, and the customer base grew by 50%. Management further detailed plans to invest \$20 billion over the next five years to advance Microsoft's security strategy and solutions. This has demonstrated a continued strong execution across both established and emerging products. The urgency of digital transformation has increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Microsoft has demonstrated its strategic position in helping customers along this journey, with a proven ability to execute across multiple vectors of growth. We remain underweight relative to the benchmark's large position in the stock.

Our position in Twilio was also a top relative detractor during the period. The company provides a cloud-based platform that enables developers to build, scale, and operate real-time communications within



#### 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.

software applications as a pay-as-you-go service. Shares fell after the company reported slowing organic growth in the latest quarter and management's guidance suggested further deceleration. The company faced difficult growth comparisons this quarter, and we believe management is establishing a conservative outlook. Twilio is benefiting from an acceleration of projects tied to digital transformation in customer engagement. The company's messaging capability is increasingly used to implement authorisations, notifications, and multi-factor authentication in security schemes.

Other top active detractors included an underweight position in Alphabet (Google) and overweight positions in Lyft and Micron.

#### Market Outlook

In our view, the technology sector continues to benefit from strong tailwinds which 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. This environment is likely to provide attractive growth opportunities in many technology stocks over the next several years.

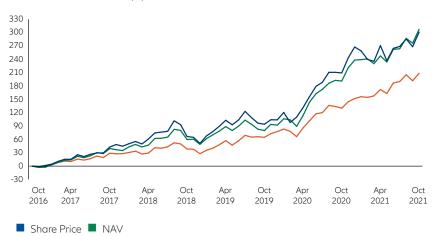
We continue to believe the technology sector can provide some of the best absolute and relative return opportunities in the equity markets – especially for bottom-up stock pickers.

#### Walter Price 19 November 2021

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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 October (%)

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		2021	2020	2019	2018	
Share Price	8.7	8.2	29.6	140.9	301.0	Share Price	29.6	59.4	16.6	16.7	
NAV	11.9	17.1	39.8	154.8	307.0	NAV	39.8	61.8	12.7	14.5	
Benchmark	6.4	13.4	34.0	122.8	208.5	Benchmark	34.0	39.8	19.0	7.3	

Source: Thomson Reuters DataStream, percentage growth, mid to mid, total return to 31.10.21. Copyright 2021 © 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	80.5	
Consumer Discretionary	12.8	
Industrials	3.7	•
Health Care	0.7	1
Real Estate	0.4	
Cash	1.9	The second second

#### Top Ten Holdings (%)

Microsoft	5.8			
Tesla	5.3			
Zscaler	3.7			
Alphabet - A shares	3.6			
CrowdStrike	3.5			
Snowflake	3.2			
Nvidia	3.0			
Taiwan Semiconductor	2.9			
Okta	2.8			
Infineon Technologies	2.8			
Total number of holdings				

#### Geographic Breakdown (%)

North America	88.0	
Europe ex UK	6.2	
Far East & Pacific	2.5	
UK	1.4	
Cash	1.9	

#### Market Cap Breakdown (%)

35.7		
55.6		
6.2		
0.6		
1.9		
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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 Continuation Vote AIC Sector

Benchmark

Annual Management Fee

	there is an admin fee of £55,000 p.a.			
Performance Fee <sup>1</sup>	Yes			
Ongoing Charges <sup>2</sup>	0.80%			
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	Eleanor Emuss			
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

£1 billion, and 0.5% p.a. on any market capitalisation over £1 billion. In addition

£400 million, 0.6% p.a. on any market

(sterling adjusted, total return)

April 2007

2021 AGM

Telecoms

1. Calculated as 12.5% of the outperformance of the NAV compared to the indexed NAV over the performance period. The fee is capped at a maximum of 2.25% of the Trust's NAV at the year-end.

2. Source: AIC, as at the Trust's Financial Year End (31.12.2020). 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 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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#### All data source Allianz Global Investors as at 31.10.21 unless otherwise stated.

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