## 30 June 2012 | Factsheet

# RCM informed

#### **Investment Rationale**

From entertainment to manufacturing and from education to energy, technology has the ability to change lives on a global scale. The RCM Technology Trust connects investors to this fast-moving world. The Trust is managed by Walter Price, Managing Director and co-head of the award-winning RCM global technology team. Based in San Francisco, the team has specialist research resources which enhance its expertise in this sector. Walter Price has been analysing technology stocks for more than 35 years.

#### 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.

## History

The Trust was formed in December 1995 and re-launched by RCM in 2007 as a way for investors to gain exposure to quoted technology companies on a worldwide basis with the aim of achieving long-term capital growth. The Board appointed RCM to manage the Trust's assets from April 2007 based on the performance of RCM's US-based technology team, their experience and RCM's depth of expertise in the management of investment trusts.

## **Fund Manager's Review**

#### **Walter Price**



#### Performance

RCM Technology Trust NAV returned 6.63% for the month, outperforming its benchmark, the Dow Jones World Technology Index (£), which returned 5.04% during the period.

Our portfolio had several positive and negative stock impacts. On the positive side, our positions in Cerner,

Quanta Services, and NetSuite contributed positively to performance and we were helped by not holding Hewlett-Packard.

On the negative side, we did not own Oracle, which was one of the stronger stocks for the month when its results were better than anticipated. We were hurt by our holding in Rackspace, which experienced a product transition this quarter that caused customers to delay signings for their cloud services.

## Outlook

Our worries about the weakness in Europe flowing into results in the second quarter are unfortunately coming true. The market is now quite pessimistic about the recovery, as there is a recession in Europe and the economies of China and the U.S. seem to be slowing. We now expect most companies to give more cautious guidance when they release their second quarter results in July. Europe is at a critical juncture as our economists have detected a bank run in the weaker EU countries. We are hopeful that this crisis will lead to stronger bank support by the governments there, but the market may not recover until this risk is reduced. We remain optimistic that a stock rebound may occur later in the year, but several issues will need to be resolved. There are some positive developments, as the U.S. economy is still growing, albeit slowly, and China is beginning to stimulate its economy again. As we look towards 2013, we believe many companies can improve their earnings growth if the world economy stabilises.

## Performance (%)



#### Cumulative Performance (%)

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Share Price	-6.6	0.8	-12.4	44.0	32.2
NAV	-12.2	1.1	-10.9	54.6	42.9
Benchmark	-7.3	8.9	6.4	58.4	39.4

#### Discrete Performance (%)

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From	29.06.07	30.06.08	30.06.09	30.06.10	30.06.11
To	30.06.08	30.06.09	30.06.10	30.06.11	29.06.12
Share Price	1.6	-9.6	35.1	21.7	-12.4
NAV	-6.3	-1.4	32.7	30.8	-10.9
Benchmark	-9.6	-2.6	27.6	16.6	6.4

Source: Lipper, share price calculation percentage growth, mid to mid, total return to 30.06.12.

Benchmark: Dow Jones World Technology Index (Sterling Adjusted).

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. 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.

RCM was appointed manager of this Trust on 30th April 2007.

## **Capital Structure**

Total Assets:	£94.0m
Shares in Issue:	26,911,635 (Ordinary 25p)
Ordinary Share Price <sup>1</sup> :	299.5p
Net Asset Value (Ordinary) <sup>3</sup> :	349.2p
Premium/-Discount to NAV <sup>3</sup> :	-14.2%
NAV Frequency	Daily

- 1. Source: Lipper as at 30.06.12, market close mid price.
- 3. A trust's net asset value (NAV) 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, cumincome NAV is shown.



# RCM TECHNOLOGY TRUST PLC

## **Key Information**

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Launch Date:	December 1995		
Continuation Vote:	2016		
AIC Sector:	Specialist Sector: Technology, Media & Telecoms		
Benchmark:	Dow Jones World Technology Index (Sterling Adjusted)		
Annual Management Charge:	1.00%		
Performance Fee:2	Yes		
Total Expense Ratio:	1.40%		
Year end:	30 November		
Annual Financial Report:	Final posted in March, Half-yearly posted in July		
AGM:	April		
Price Information:	Financial Times, The Daily Telegraph, www.rcm.com/investmenttrusts		

## Board of Directors:

David Quysner CBE (Chairman), John Cornish FCA (Chairman of the Audit Committee and Senior Independent Director), Paul Gaunt, Richard Holway MBE, Dr Chris Martin

Company Secretary	Peter Ingram	
Investment Manager	Walter Price	
Codes:	RIC: SEDOL: ISIN:	RTT 0339072 GB0003390720

- 1. Source: Annual Financial Report as at 30 November 2011
- 2. Calculated as 20% of the outperformance of the NAV compared to the indexed NAV over the performance period.

#### **Risks & 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, which means that the shares may trade below (at a discount to) or above (at a premium to) the underlying net asset value.

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.

Investment trusts can enhance returns through gearing. This can boost a Trust's returns when investments perform well, though losses can be magnified when investments lose value. This Trust does not currently employ gearing. Derivatives are used to manage the Trust efficiently.

## **Portfolio Analysis**

Top Ten Holdings	(%)		(%)
Apple	8.1	Intel	3.0
Microsoft	6.4	Google	3.0
Amazon	3.7	Salesforce.com	2.9
Samsung Electronic	3.4	Cerner	2.9
Quanta Services	3.3	Rackspace Hosting	2.5
Total Number of Holdings			63
Sector Breakdown	(%)		
Technology	70.6		
Consumer Services	9.6		
Industrials	9.0		
Consumer Goods	4.6		
Cash	2.5		
Financials	2.1	1	
Telecommunications	1.2	I	
Health Care	0.4		
Geographic Breakdown	(%)		
North America	81.3		
Far East & Pacific	14.1		
Cash	2.5	1	
Europe ex UK	1.6	1	
UK	0.5		

## **HOW TO INVEST?**

The Trust is a UK public limited company traded openly on the stock market. You can purchase shares through a stock broker. Shares in the Trust can be held within an ISA and/or savings scheme and a number of providers offer this facility. A list of suppliers is available on our website or from the AIC at www.theaic.co.uk

## **CONTACT US**

To download the Annual Financial Report, Trust brochure or watch an interview with the fund manager, please visit us online at www.rcm.com/investmenttrusts



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