

# 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 40 years of experience of investing in technology. He is Co-Head of the AllianzGI Global Technology Team which currently manages \$4bn 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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**Total Assets** £1,003.1m    **Shares in Issue** 40,712,168 (Ordinary 25p)    **Market Cap** £1,021.9m

Share Price

**2510.0p**

NAV per Share

**2463.9p**

Premium/-Discount

**1.9%**

**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 returned 5.8% in August, underperforming the Dow Jones World Technology Index return of 7.3%. During the month, stock selection and industry allocation detracted from relative performance. For the year to date period, the Trust returned 41.9%, significantly outperforming the benchmark return of 24.0%.

Our position in electric vehicle maker, Tesla, was the top relative contributor during the period. Shares surged after the company announced a five-for-one stock split to take place at the end of August. Additionally, optimism around potential inclusion in the S&P 500 Index after the company achieved profitability in the latest quarter contributed to the rally. We believe the upcoming battery day in September will be a positive catalyst. Moreover, the work on the company's factories in Germany, Texas, and Shanghai appears to be progressing at surprising speed. With the rapid scaling of their vehicle production and further planned capacity, our earnings power estimates have increased significantly over the past several months.

Our position in small-business payments and software provider, Square, was also one of the top relative contributors during the period. The company reported strong second quarter results that included better trends across both seller and consumer ecosystems. Seller volumes declined 15% during the quarter, but Square fared better than many payments peers, as it added many new merchants who needed more mobile and online-friendly payment services. Consumers downloaded and transacted on Square's Cash App at an accelerated rate with physical

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forms of payments disrupted due to COVID-19. We believe these trends speak to the strength of Square's platform of products, which enable businesses and consumers to transact and operate in a more digitally oriented world.

Other top active contributors included an overweight position in Zoom Video, not owning Cisco Systems, and an underweight position in Tencent.

Our underweight position in Apple, one of the largest holdings in the benchmark, was the top relative detractor during the period. Shares continued their strong outperformance after the company reported quarterly financial results well ahead of expectations at the end of July. During the month, Apple became the first American company to reach a market capitalization of \$2 trillion. The strength in the quarter was driven by iPhone, iMac, and iPad sales that more than offset slightly weaker sales in wearables/accessories. In part, Apple is benefitting from the work-from-home trend as reflected in strength in their PC and tablet product categories. iPhone demand has picked-up meaningfully coupled with the launch of the second-generation of its lower-end iPhone, the iPhone SE, with a starting price of \$399. The lower price point creates strong growth opportunities in emerging markets like India and China, which could significantly increase the installed base of users and drive demand for wearables/accessories and services. The reopening of the economy as well as the beginning of the new 5G iPhone product cycle should provide a supportive environment for the remainder of the year. Apple remains the largest position in the portfolio but continues to be significantly underweight relative to the benchmark's large position.

Our position in Twilio was also one of the top relative detractors during the period. The company reported solid quarterly financial results driven



### 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.

by revenue growth of 46% year-over-year. Weakness in verticals such as travel, hospitality, and ride sharing were more than offset by its diversified customer base and strength in elevated use cases in education, health care, and retail. While the overall results were positive, they fell short of elevated investor expectations, and shares pulled back following very strong outperformance since the market lows in March. Twilio provides a cloud-based platform that enables developers to build, scale, and operate real-time communications within software applications as a pay-as-you-go service. Customers across industries are turning to the company's customer engagement platform to help accelerate their digital transformation efforts. We continue to see Twilio offering differentiated solutions and strong developer relationships in the communications platform-as-a-service market.

Other top active detractors included an underweight position in Salesforce.com and overweight positions in Micron Technology and Datadog.

### Market Outlook

While technology stocks have pulled back recently, we remain confident that long term trends continue to favour the sector. 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 present events around the COVID-19 crisis will spur the use of technology and change how we live and work in the future. As companies adjust budgets due to supply and/or demand disruptions, the need for companies to reduce costs should accelerate the move to cheaper 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.

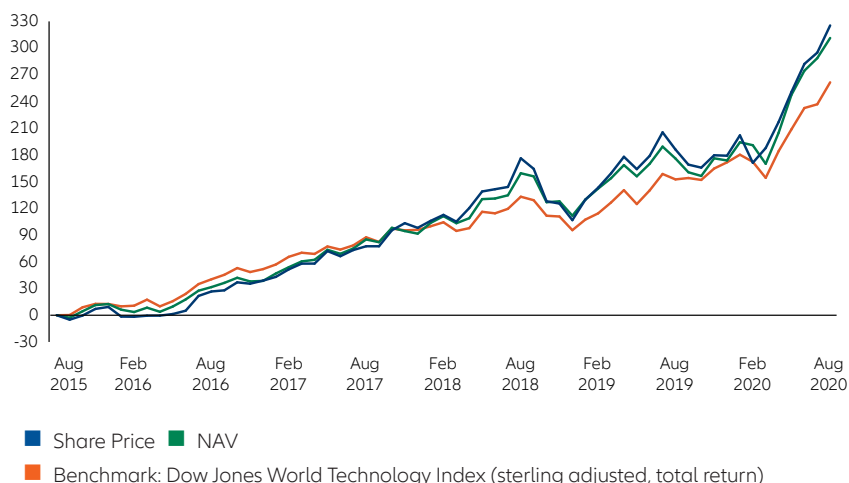
We continue to believe the technology sector can provide some of the best absolute and relative return opportunities in the equity markets – especially for bottom-up stock pickers.

**Walter Price**  
**16 September 2020**

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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	21.3	56.9	48.7	139.7	325.4
NAV	18.3	41.4	48.8	121.4	309.8
Benchmark	17.1	32.8	43.2	92.8	261.5

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

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Share Price	48.7	3.6	55.7	40.1	26.7
NAV	48.8	6.2	40.2	40.6	31.6
Benchmark	43.2	8.3	24.3	33.6	40.4

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## Portfolio Breakdown

### Sector Breakdown (%)

Technology	65.5	
Industrials	13.1	
Consumer Services	11.5	
Consumer Goods	4.4	
Financials	1.5	
Cash	4.0	

### Top Ten Holdings (%)

Apple	6.6
Amazon	4.5
Facebook	3.6
Tesla	3.4
Zscaler	3.0
CrowdStrike	2.9
Paycom Software	2.8
Square	2.7
Twilio	2.5
Samsung	2.4

Total number of holdings 70

### Geographic Breakdown (%)

North America	88.6	
Far East & Pacific	5.0	
Europe ex UK	1.6	
UK	0.8	
Cash	4.0	

### Market Cap Breakdown (%)

Over US \$100bn	43.0	
US \$10bn to 100bn	47.1	
US \$1bn to 10bn	5.9	
Cash	4.0	

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
Continuation Vote	2021 AGM
AIC Sector	Specialist Sector: Technology, Media & Telecoms
Benchmark	Dow Jones World Technology Index (sterling adjusted, total return)
Annual Management Charge	0.8% for any market capitalisation up to £400m, 0.6% for any market capitalisation between £400m and £1 billion, and 0.5% for any market capitalisation over £1 billion
Performance Fee <sup>1</sup>	Yes
Ongoing Charges <sup>2</sup>	0.92%
Year End	31 December
Annual Financial Report	Final published in March, Half-yearly published in August
AGM	May
NAV Frequency	Daily
Price Information	Financial Times, The Daily Telegraph, <a href="http://www.allianztechnologytrust.com">www.allianztechnologytrust.com</a>
Company Secretary	Eleanor Emuss
Investment Manager	Walter Price
Codes	RIC: ATT.L SEDOL: 0339072

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 (31.12.2019). Ongoing Charges (previously Total Expense Ratios) are published annually to show operational expenses 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 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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