

## 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



RCM Technology Trust was down 4.10% for the month, performing in line with its benchmark, the Dow Jones World Technology Index, which was also down 4.10% during the period.

Overall stock selection was mixed for the month of April as it was positive in communications, semiconductors and IT Service subsectors, while it was negative in internet software and services, and computers & peripherals.

Our portfolio had several positive and negative stock impacts. On the negative side, we had positions in Netflix, Groupon and Zynga, whose share prices declined over 30%. Also negatively impacting our performance were SanDisk, Akamai, and Fusion-io, whose share prices declined more than the index for the month. We have been reducing positions where companies have reported disappointing results, including the first two companies above which we completely sold out in April.

Conversely, returns were helped by a positive reaction to our holdings in Tibco, Ariba, and Samsung. Samsung is a major beneficiary of the growth of low cost smart phones globally. In addition, we avoided several stocks that we felt are in secular decline, such as Nokia and Alcatel.

We continue to expect solid growth in the technology space in 2012, and we have been surprised by the positive reaction to cautious guidance from companies about 2012 earnings. We are still worried about the weakness in Europe flowing into results in the second quarter but think that most estimates can still be exceeded, as monetary stimulus continues and the world economies continue to grow. The stock rebound we expected later in the year seems to be coming earlier, but investors are now beginning to question the recovery and it is important that those estimates are met. However, as the year continues, we expect improving results in the second half from budget releases. We remain cautiously optimistic about 2012.

## Performance (%)



## Cumulative Performance (%)

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Share Price	6.6	-0.1	-7.6	54.1	42.5
NAV	-1.1	-0.3	-8.3	52.6	57.1
Benchmark	5.8	12.0	8.3	58.3	52.0

## Discrete Performance (%)

From	30.03.07	31.03.08	31.03.09	31.03.10	31.03.11
To	31.03.08	31.03.09	31.03.10	31.03.11	30.03.12
Share Price	-6.8	-8.8	54.1	18.5	-8.2
NAV	-3.4	-4.8	49.9	27.4	-2.2
Benchmark	-3.0	-7.7	52.1	6.5	12.0

Source: Lipper, share price calculation percentage growth, mid to mid, total return to 30.04.12.

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:	£96.9m
Shares in Issue:	26,911,635 (Ordinary 25p)
Ordinary Share Price <sup>1</sup> :	321.5p
Net Asset Value (Ordinary) <sup>3</sup> :	360.0p
Premium/-Discount to NAV <sup>2</sup> :	-10.7%
NAV Frequency	Daily

1. Source: Lipper as at 30.04.12, 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, cumulative NAV is shown.

## Key Information

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: <sup>2</sup>	Yes
Total Expense Ratio: <sup>1</sup>	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, <a href="http://www.rcm.com/investmenttrusts">www.rcm.com/investmenttrusts</a>
Board of Directors:	David Quysner CBE (Chairman), John Cornish FCA (Chairman of the Audit Committee and Senior Independent Director), Paul Gaunt, Richard Holway, Dr Chris Martin
Company Secretary	Kirsten Salt
Investment Manager	Walter Price
Codes:	RIC: RTT SEDOL: 0339072 ISIN: 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	7.6	Google	2.9
Microsoft	6.3	Rackspace Hosting	2.9
Samsung Electronic	3.7	Quanta Services	2.8
Qualcomm	3.1	Baidu	2.6
Salesforce.com	3.0	Cerner	2.6
Total Number of Holdings			61

Sector Breakdown	(%)
Technology	73.0
Industrials	7.4
Cash	7.0
Consumer Services	5.8
Consumer Goods	4.0
Financials	1.5
Telecommunications	0.9
Health Care	0.4

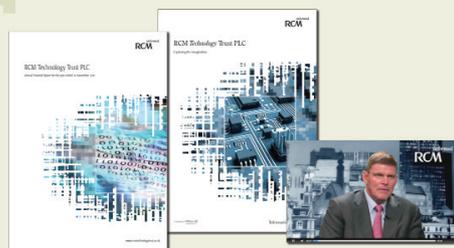
Geographic Breakdown	(%)
North America	75.3
Far East & Pacific	16.2
Cash	7.0
Europe ex UK	1.6

## 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](http://www.theaic.co.uk)

## CONTACT US

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