# 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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# **Key Information**

Launch Date
AllianzGI Appointment
AIC Sector

Benchmark

Annual Management Fee

Performance Fee<sup>1</sup> Ongoing Charges<sup>2</sup> Year End Annual Financial Report

AGM

NAV Frequency Price Information

Company Secretary Investment Manager Codes December 1995 April 2007 Specialist Sector: Technology, Media & Telecoms Dow Jones World Technology Index (sterling adjusted, total return) 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. Yes 0.70% 31 December Final published in March, Halfyearly published in August April Daily Financial Times, The Daily Telearaph, www. allianztechnologytrust.com Kelly Nice Mike Seidenberg RIC ATTI SEDOL: BNG2M15

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.

# Total Assets £1,188.1m

# Shares in Issue 396,435,569 (Ordinary 2.5p) Market Cap £1,038.7m

Share Price 262.0p



Premium/-Discount

-12.6%

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.

All data source DataStream and Allianz Global Investors as at 30.06.23 unless otherwise stated.

## **Fund Manager's Review**

#### Portfolio overview

The Allianz Technology Trust's NAV total return was 2.28% in June, compared to the Dow Jones World Technology Index return of 2.63%. During the month, stock selection contributed, and industry allocation detracted from relative returns.

#### Contributors

Palo Alto Networks, Inc. was a top contributor in the month of June. The company is seeing considerable strength with expansions within its installed base as more enterprises move to the cloud with the company's platform. Some large deal activity in the federal segment could be a growth driver the next few quarters for the company as Palo Alto appears to be well-positioned to benefit from the cloud transformation across multiple federal departments. In our view, overall cloud activity continues to be a key area of strength that is enabling the company to win more complex enterprise deals which are getting approved despite a murky macro-economic environment. The management team has been executing its growth strategy very well, and we maintain conviction in the company as a portfolio holding.

Nvidia Corp. delivered a strong quarter in May, and the stock continued to perform well in June. Demand is primarily driven by accelerated spending on generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) 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 (Graphics Processing Units). Channel checks are indicating ongoing strong demand as enterprises and consumers across the globe explore use cases of AI. and it's our belief cybersecurity will benefit accordingly as the technology is embraced.

Other top relative contributors included overweight positions in MongoDB, Inc., Tesla, Inc. and Shopify, Inc.

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#### Detractors

Okta, Inc. delivered solid results for its fiscal first quarter, beating expectations for revenue. The company also generated record free cash flow as the company tightly controlled costs. However, the company continues to see macro challenges increase in SMB (Small and Midsize Business) and enterprise, leading to shorter duration contracts, slower seat expansion and fewer new customer additions. Macro impacts were felt across multiple product lines. The results in the quarter were primarily driven by cross-selling efforts, as customers looked to rationalise the number of vendors they are dealing with, and Okta offers a broad range of solutions in the space. The weakness in new customer growth is weighing on investor sentiment and led to the decline in the month. While the company is taking steps to improve execution, we believe it will take time to sustainably resolve these issues. Additionally, competitive threats are rising, particularly from Microsoft Corp. as they are increasing their focus on security products and services. Due to these challenges, we exited our position in Okta during the period.

CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc. reported decent quarterly results, exceeding consensus expectations for net new annual recurring revenue, total revenue, and also raising full-year guidance. However, macro pressures led to elongated sales cycles and additional deal scrutiny with the environment worsening sequentially. The stock fell during the period, reflecting higher expectations entering the quarter. Despite the near-term decline in the stock price, we believe the results were still strong and our longer-term expectations remain intact. CrowdStrike indicated that it is seeing customers consolidate more onto its platform, which creates larger and more complex deals.



#### 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 an underweight in Apple Inc. and overweights to Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. and MercadoLibre, Inc.

#### Market outlook

Our expectation is that the recent macro-economic 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 drive capital appreciation over time. Having said this, we are cognisant of the scrutiny on IT budgets and the potential challenge in the near term. In addition, many companies remain challenged to find workers to meet customer demands and are likely to further leverage technology-based 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. Lastly, we are excited about the advancement of artificial intelligence and what it means to the companies who trial and embrace these new models. Like many secular themes in technology, we would expect the companies who both enable and benefit to have good long term revenue growth and profitability characteristics but caution investors to expect volatility in this emerging sector. This is yet another example of technology solving a difficult problem and providing companies with a competitive advantage over time. 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 24 July 2023

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#### **Performance Track Record**





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

#### **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 (%)

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	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y		2023		2022	2022 2021
Share Price	13.7	24.8	26.0	16.2	83.9	Share Price	26.0	-2	9.4	9.4 30.6
NAV	12.0	29.7	24.1	32.6	114.0	NAV	24.1	-22.	5	5 37.8
Benchmark	11.3	33.0	26.7	45.3	125.4	Benchmark	26.7	-13.0	)	) 31.8

Source: Thomson Reuters Refinitiv DataStream, percentage growth, mid to mid, total return to 30.06.23. Copyright 2023 © 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 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	89.0	
Consumer Discretionary	9.8	
Cash	1.2	I

#### Top Ten Holdings (%)

Apple	9.1
Nvidia	9.0
Microsoft	8.4
Meta	8.0
Alphabet - A shares	5.2
Amazon	3.3
Advanced Micro Devices	3.2
MongoDB	2.9
HubSpot	2.9
Palo Alto Networks	2.7
Total number of holdings	39

Discrete 12 Month Returns to 30 June (%)

# Geographic Breakdown (%) North America 94.3 Far East & Pacific 4.5 Cash 1.2

### Market Cap Breakdown (%)

Over US \$100bn	63.5	
US \$10bn to 100bn	33.4	
US \$1bn to 10bn	1.9	
Cash	1.2	

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.

#### **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

#### Glossary

**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.

# 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

If you have any queries regarding our investment trusts our Investor Services team can be contacted on:

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

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