# **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 PLC 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 DateDecember 1995AllianzGI AppointmentApril 2007

AIC Sector Specialist Sector: Technology,

Media & Telecoms

Benchmark Dow Jones World Technology

Index (sterling adjusted, total

return)

Annual Management Fee 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.

Performance Fee<sup>1</sup> Yes
Ongoing Charges<sup>2</sup> 0.70%
Year End 31 December

Annual 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
Investment Managers

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Mike Seidenberg (Lead
Portfolio Manager)

Erik Swords (Portfolio Manager)

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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 (31.12.2023). 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 £1,527.6m Shares in Issue 383,872,319 (Ordinary 2.5p) Market Cap £1,351.2m

Share Price
352.0p

NAV per Share

397.9p

Premium/-Discount
-11.5%

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.

#### **Fund Manager's Review**

#### Portfolio review

Allianz Technology Trust's Net Asset Value (NAV) total return was 0.45% in September, compared to the Dow Jones World Technology Index return of 0.54%.

Technology stocks were mixed for the month and there was a rotation in the market, with interactive media and communications equipment industries posting gains, while technology hardware and semiconductors were lower, countering strong tailwinds from the year-to-date period.

Monthly relative results were essentially inline and aided by a belowbenchmark weight and selection in technology hardware as well as bottom-up picks in semiconductors, which was offset by more conservative stock selection in IT service and software industries.

Our avoidance of consumer and communications equipment provider Samsung Electronics Co. contributed to relative performance in September as the stock declined amid expectations of a lower memory pricing power. We continue to prefer other companies with better business models and superior near-term catalysts rather than own the South Korean conglomerate.

Shares of Palantir Technologies, Inc., a global leader in the field of data analytics, with a range of products and services, rallied on the continued momentum for artificial intelligence (AI)-related applications as well as news it would be added to the S&P 500 Index, which is likely to increase liquidity in the stock. We added to our position during the month thanks to an attractive alpha versus risk trade-off.

Our above-benchmark allocation to social media and advertising giant Meta Platforms Inc. aided results as the stock was higher due to favourable industry momentum and new product launches, which seek to persuade consumers to spend more time using virtual and augmented reality to play games.



Investors are paying attention to a closer race in the upcoming U.S. elections which may also add to volatility, especially around geopolitics and global supply chains

The avoidance of digital marketing and creative software developer Adobe Inc. and an active overweight allocation to chip maker Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. also contributed to monthly performance results.

#### Detractors

Shares of Zscaler, Inc. a cloud-based provider of web and mobile security, threat protection and networking solutions, was lower following weakerthan-expected guidance which elicited questions about potential growth, competition and up-sell opportunities. We viewed this more conservative stance as an opportunity for the company to reset market expectations, in light of a less certain macroeconomic environment and seasonal software trends, which is likely to allow for future revenue and earnings beats.

Our avoidance of Chinese internet media and services provider **Tencent** Holdings Ltd. offset results as shares rallied amid a share buyback and improved momentum in the country following news of stimulus measures aimed at spurring consumer demand.

Cyber security pure play Palo Alto Networks, Inc. saw its share price moderate following upside earnings results and a double-digit gain in August, as there was little in the way of new news to drive momentum which has been building over prior months.

Our active positions in semiconductor makers Monolithic Power Systems, Inc. and KLA Corp. detracted from monthly results given short-term industry performance.



#### Mike Seidenberg, Lead Portfolio Manager

Michael Seidenberg is a senior portfolio manager for the global technology strategies and an equity analyst on the fundamental thematic team at Voya Investment Management. He joined the firm following Voya's integration of certain assets and teams comprising the substantial majority of Allianz Global Investors U.S. business, where he was a portfolio manager, analyst and director on the U.S. global technology team. Prior to that, he worked at a number of hedge funds, including Pequot Capital, Andor Capital and Citadel Investment Group. He also worked in the software industry and at Oracle Corporation. Michael earned a BS in business administration from the University of Colorado and an MBA with concentrations in finance and accounting from Columbia Business School.

#### New buys and sells

Turnover in September was at a lower-than-typical level as the portfolio was already well-positioned from a bottom-up and thematic perspective.

We newly purchased shares in Al-hardware and software solutions provider Samsara, Inc. due to expectations of outsized growth as the company offers leading technologies and helps companies improve the safety, efficiency and sustainability of their operations. We also bought shares in digital and mobile payments provider Paypal Inc. due to a revamped management team and new product platform aimed at gaining market share, as well as marketing solutions platform Klaviyo, Inc. thanks to its strong product offering and outsized growth potential. Regarding sales, we fully exited three stocks: identity management platform Okta, Inc., application software maker JFrog, Ltd. and computer hardware and data center leader Dell Technologies Inc. amid concerns of moderating growth in each company.

#### Outlook

The near-term outlook for technology stocks has improved in light of the U.S. Federal Reserve rate cuts, which are likely to have an incrementally positive impact on the asset class, particularly for longer-duration companies which benefit from lower rates. Investors are paying attention to a closer race in the upcoming U.S. elections which may also add to volatility, especially around geopolitics and global supply chains. Our expectation is that merger and acquisition activity may rise as capital markets continue to show signs of strength. Amid any potential volatility, we are opportunistically looking to upgrade select names and add to higher conviction ideas to better position the portfolio for improved performance.

Our focus remains on building the portfolio from a bottom-up perspective with a macro-overview. Technology remains a key enabler across almost every vertical industry and we will continue to seek stocks which solve difficult problems and can be long-term outperformers. Despite shortterm periods of higher volatility, earnings growth ultimately drives stock prices over the long term, and in our view, we are still early in the spending trend supporting this dynamic segment.

#### Mike Seidenberg 17 October 2024

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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.

# ■ Share Price ■ NAV

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

#### Cumulative Returns (%)

	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y
Share Price	-11.2	1.3	34.6	18.3	121.7
NAV	-8.1	1.4	34.5	22.9	152.6
Benchmark	-4.8	6.2	34.7	45.9	156.2

#### Discrete 12 Month Returns to 30 September (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Share Price	34.6	17.5	-25.2	18.5	58.1
NAV	34.5	15.7	-21.0	28.5	59.9
Benchmark	34.7	28.3	-15.6	24.7	40.8

2.5

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Source: Thomson Reuters Refinitiv DataStream, percentage growth, mid to mid, total return to 30.09.24. Copyright 2024 © 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.

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#### Portfolio Breakdown

# Sector Breakdown (%) Information Technology

Consumer Discretionary Industrials Cash



### Top Ten Holdings (%)

Nvidia	9.9
Apple	9.2
Microsoft	8.4
Meta	7.7
Broadcom	4.9
Alphabet	3.6
Amazon	3.0
ServiceNow	2.8
Taiwan Semiconductor	2.6

Total number of holdings

Monolithic Power Systems

## Geographic Breakdown (%)

North America
91.3
Middle East
3.2
Far East & Pacific
Europe ex UK
1.3
Cash
1.7

# Market Cap Breakdown (%)

Over US \$100bn	73.7	
US \$10bn to 100bn	23.3	
US \$1bn to 10bn	1.3	
Cash	1.7	



#### **Board of Directors**

Tim Scholefield (Chairman)

Katya Thomson (Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee)

Neeta Patel (Senior Independent Director)

Sam Davis

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.

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