

31 August 2012

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Fund Manager Comment

Market review

August saw equities add modestly to their recent gains, the FTSE World Index rising 0.7% in Sterling terms during the month. US macroeconomic data was broadly in line, with positive payroll and retail sales data offset by weaker than expected ISM manufacturing and durable goods orders. In contrast, the Chinese economy continued to decelerate, evidenced by weak industrial production and PMI reports. Fortunately, the macroeconomic malaise was ameliorated by a healthy conclusion to second quarter earnings season and further improvement in risk appetite following the 2 August speech by ECB President Mario Draghi. While the speech itself left some investors initially disappointed by lack of detail and urgency, the ECB appears not only up to the challenge but also appears to be attempting to accelerate the political change necessary to fashion a lasting solution. The potential for a further round of QE in the US received a boost following Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's speech at Jackson Hole, ten-year US Treasuries regaining most of their recent (Draghi-related) losses, while oil (+9%) and other commodities made further upward progress.

Technology review

Technology stocks outperformed during what is typically a seasonally quiet month for sector news flow, with the Dow Jones World Technology Index rising 2.8% in Sterling terms. The sector benefited from a solid conclusion to earnings season (strong results from the likes of Aruba, Broadsoft and Salesforce.com) and M&A activity, in particular IBM's acquisition of Kenexa (one of our holdings) for a 42% premium. On the negative side, Facebook weakened further following an in line quarter and 'lock up' expiry – adding to its post IPO malaise. The stand out weak spot was the PC sector with disappointing data points from the Asian supply chain supported by poor results from Acer, Dell, Hewlett Packard and Marvell. Semiconductors, particularly those with disproportionate exposure to PC and/or Samsung smartphones also lagged, the latter due to a potential injunction following Apple's recent US patent victory (having been awarded damages of at least \$1bn). Apple itself continues to perform well ahead of what is expected to be a strong slate of products likely to include the iPhone 5, a 7" iPad mini, an iMac refresh and possibly a new TV product.

Outlook

With the ECB committed to delivering "whatever it takes" to preserve the euro and US policymakers laying out the preconditions for a further round of QE, we remain hopeful that worst case outcomes will continue to be avoided. Obviously we are aware of the myriad risks to this (long-held) relatively sanguine view, including the upcoming US Presidential elections, the so-called 'fiscal cliff' and slowing growth in China. We remain hopeful that these risks are relatively well understood and that policymakers are every bit as keen as we are to avoid financial disaster. At the corporate level, earnings growth has proved relatively resilient beyond the most cyclical or secularly challenged areas. With investors still appearing to favour so-called 'safe havens' and the prospect of negative real returns there is a good chance that equities will continue to grind higher as we enter the final third of the year.

Turning to technology, we continue to believe that the sector remains a solid 'each way bet' for generalists – attractive for both its operating leverage and its aggregate balance sheet. However, with IT budgets likely to remain constrained given the challenging macroeconomic conditions, we expect corporate fortunes to once again bifurcate as IT buyers are forced to reallocate budget in favour of cheaper, more disruptive alternatives. While this has yet to benefit small and mid-caps that continue to be "crowded out" in favour of "defensive" and "franchise" businesses, we are hopeful that breadth will yet improve, particularly should equity markets continue their upward grind. In the meantime, we believe the valuation gap has narrowed, particularly once the superior growth of many small and mid-caps is taken into consideration. Should investors continue to eschew smaller companies we would expect M&A to fill the gap, particularly as competition between incumbents continues to intensify. As demonstrated by the recent acquisition of Kenexa by IBM, take-out premiums are likely to remain elevated. Despite our constructive view we have retained a little liquidity, principally because the next few weeks may prove volatile as markets navigate third quarter pre-announcement season.

Ben Rogoff, 12 September 2012

Trust Facts

Ordinary Shares	
Share Price (p)	391.30
NAV (undiluted) per Share (p)	390.35
Premium %	0.24
Discount %	-
Capital Structure	128,208,110 shares of 25p

Subscription Shares[†]

Share Price (p)	8.26
Exercise Price (p)	
- From 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2014	478.00
Capital Structure	24,798,092 shares of 1p

Total Net Assets (€m)	500
AIC Gross Gearing Ratio (%) [*]	106.00
AIC Net Gearing Ratio (%) [*]	95.00

^{*}Gearing calculations are exclusive of current year Revenue/Loss

Trust Characteristics

Launch Date	16 December 1996
Lead Manager	Ben Rogoff
Year End	30 April
Results Announced	Mid June
Next AGM	September 2012
Continuation Vote	2015 AGM; every 5 years
Listed	London Stock Exchange

Benchmark

Dow Jones World Technology Index (Total Return)
(from 1 May 2006)

Fees^{*}

Management Fee	1.00%
Performance Fee ^{**}	15% over Benchmark
Total Expense Ratio (historic)	1.16%

^{*} Further details can be found in the Report & Accounts

^{**} Subject to high watermark and cap

Trust Overview

Objective

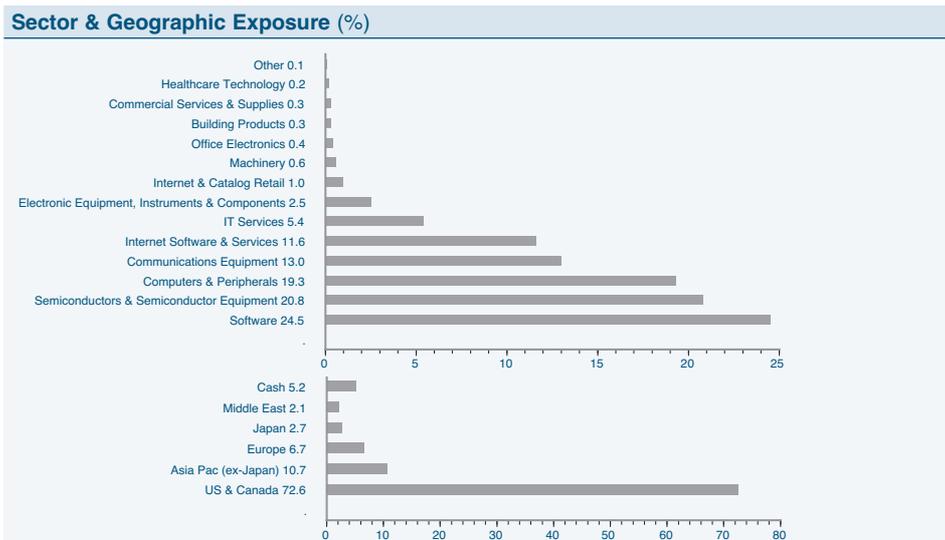
The investment objective is to maximise capital growth for our shareholders through investing in a diversified portfolio of technology companies around the world.

†For full details of the subscription shares and their exercise terms please refer to the prospectus of 18 January 2011 and the notes on the company's website.

It should not be assumed that recommendations made in future will be profitable or will equal performance of the securities in this list. A list of all recommendations made within the immediately preceding 12 months is available upon request.

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Total Number of Holdings	124
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Top Ten Holdings	(%)
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Apple	13.2
Google	5.1
Microsoft	4.6
Samsung Electronics	3.4
International Business Machines	2.9
Qualcomm	2.7
Oracle	2.5
Intel	2.3
Taiwan Semicon Manufacturing	2.0
Cisco Systems	1.9
Total	40.6

Market Capitalisation Exposure	(%)
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Large (greater than US\$ 10bn)	68.0
Medium (US\$ 1bn to 10bn)	23.6
Small (less than US\$ 1bn)	8.4

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Investment Rationale

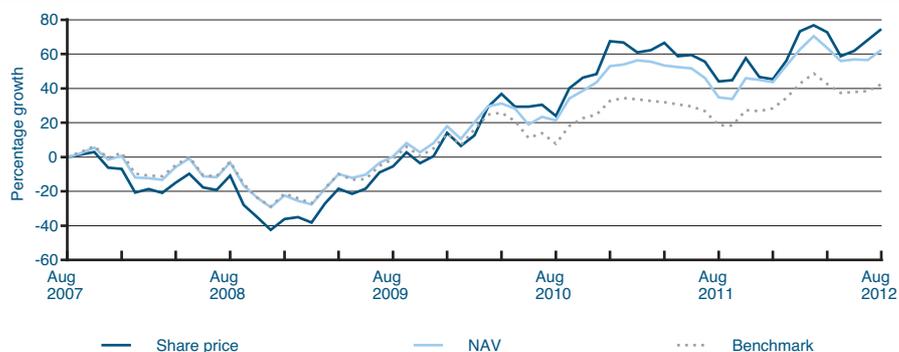
Over the last two decades the technology industry has been one of the most vibrant, dynamic and rapidly growing segments of the global economy. Technology companies offer the potential for substantially faster earnings growth than the broad market, reflecting the accelerating rate of adoption of new technology. Technology is transforming the competitive position of companies and entire economies, thereby fuelling a major secular increase in technology spending.

Full details of the Investment Objective, Rational and Strategy are available on the company's website.

Approach

Polar Capital selects companies for their potential for generating capital growth, not on the basis of technology for its own sake. We believe in rigorous fundamental analysis and focus on: management quality, the identification of new growth markets, the globalisation of major technology trends, and exploiting international valuation anomalies and sector volatility.

Performance Over 5 Years



Share Price & NAV per Share Over 5 Years



Cumulative Performance (%) to 31/08/2012

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	5 Years
Share Price	3.79	9.92	0.72	21.18	74.49
NAV per Share	3.83	4.26	-0.10	20.54	62.48
Benchmark	2.90	3.74	-0.27	20.09	42.42

Discrete Annual Performance (%)

	30/06/11 29/06/12	30/06/10 30/06/11	30/06/09 30/06/10	30/06/08 30/06/09	29/06/07 30/06/08
Share Price	1.48	23.39	58.63	-0.95	-18.81
NAV per Share	3.47	27.43	32.68	0.92	-14.02
Benchmark	6.44	16.60	27.59	-2.62	-9.57

Source: Lipper & HSBC Securities Services (UK) Limited, percentage growth, total return

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Polar Capital Technology Investment Management Team

Polar Capital Technology Trust is managed by the Polar Capital technology team. Polar Capital was established by the senior technology fund managers previously responsible for Henderson's specialist technology funds. Today's Polar Capital technology team comprises of five investment professionals.

Ben Rogoff - Director, Technology



Ben has been a technology specialist for fourteen years having begun his career in fund management at CMI, as a global technology analyst. He moved to Aberdeen Fund Managers in 1998 where he spent four years as a senior technology manager prior to joining Polar Capital in May 2003. He is lead manager of Polar Capital Technology Trust plc and is also joint manager of Polar Capital Global Technology Fund. Ben graduated from St Catherine's College, Oxford in 1995.

Technology Investment Management Team:

Nick Evans - Senior Fund Manager

Nick joined Polar Capital in September 2007 and has thirteen years experience as a technology specialist. He has been lead manager of the Polar Capital Global Technology Fund since January 2008. Prior to joining Polar he was Head of Technology at AXA Framlington and lead manager of the AXA Framlington Global Technology Fund and the AXA World Fund (AWF) - Global Technology from Aug 2001 to July 2007 (both rated five stars by S&P). He also spent three years as a Pan European Investment Manager and Technology Analyst at Hill Samuel Asset Management. Nick graduated from Hull University with a degree in economics.

Fatima lu - Fund Manager

Fatima joined Polar Capital in April 2006 after working as an analyst with Citigroup Asset Management for 18 months. She focuses on European technology stocks and has responsibility for coverage of the global medical technology sub-sector. Fatima graduated from Imperial College London in 2002 with a degree in Medicinal Chemistry.

Colin Moar - Fund Manager

Colin joined Polar Capital in January 2011, having spent 13 years covering pan-European and then Global Equity markets with the Technology sector as his main focus. He started his career at Morley Fund Management in 1997 initially covering UK/European equities before moving to their global equity team in 2002. From 2006 he took responsibility for €450m of the team's focused Global Equity funds. In January 2010 Colin joined HSBC Asset Management's Global Equity team as a Senior Fund Manager. Colin Graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a degree in Business Studies.

Xuesong Zhao - Fund Manager

Xuesong joined Polar Capital in May 2012, having spent most of the previous four years working as an investment analyst within the Emerging Market & Asia team in Aviva Investors, where he was responsible for the Technology, Media and Telecom sectors. Prior to that, he worked as a quantitative analyst and risk manager for the Emerging Market Debt team at Pictet Asset Management. He started his career as a Financial Engineer at Algorithmics, an IBM company, in 2005. He holds an MSc in Finance from Imperial College Science & Technology and a BA (Hons) in Economics from Peking University and is a CFA charter holder.

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Tel: 0870 850 0852
Online: www.shareview.co.uk/dealing

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Peterborough, PE2 6BP

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Registrar

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Bloomberg	PCT.LN

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Benchmarks

The following benchmark index is used: Dow Jones World Technology Index (Total Return). This benchmark is generally considered to be representative of the Technology equity universe. This benchmark is a broad-based index which is used for comparative/illustrative purposes only and has been selected as it is well known and is easily recognizable by investors. Please refer to www.djindexes.com for further information on this index. Comparisons to benchmarks have limitations because benchmarks have volatility and other material characteristics that may differ from the fund. For example, investments made for the fund may differ significantly in terms of security holdings, industry weightings and asset allocation from those of the benchmark. Accordingly, investment results and volatility of the fund may differ from those of the benchmark. Also, the index noted in this presentation is unmanaged, are not available for direct investment, and is not subject to management fees, transaction costs or other types of expenses that the fund may incur. In addition, the performance of the index reflects reinvestment of dividends and, where applicable, capital gain distributions. Therefore, investors should carefully consider these limitations and differences when evaluating the comparative benchmark data performance. The information regarding the index is included merely to show the general trends in the periods indicated and is not intended to imply that the fund was similar to the index in composition or risk.

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