

## 31 July 2009

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## Fund Manager Comment

### Market Performance

Following a poor start to the month, equities rallied strongly during the second half of July, the FTSE World rising 8.0% in Sterling terms. Initial weakness was due to more mixed macroeconomic data (disappointing consumer confidence, weaker non-farm payrolls). This nervousness was evidenced by soft commodity prices, sharply lower Treasury yields and a weaker US Dollar, and led to some commentators going as far as to suggest there might already be a need for a second stimulus package. These concerns proved short-lived once Q2 earnings season commenced as the focus shifted from a mixed macroeconomic backdrop back to the company level where improvement has been unequivocal, with more than 73% of companies (at time of writing) reporting positive earnings surprises. The combination of a strong start to earnings season and encouraging news on inflation saw stocks move sharply higher and bonds surrender their recent gains. This so-called 'reflation trade' gained further traction due to encouraging housing data (starts, sales, pricing) and positive revisions to real GDP forecasts by the Fed. Internationally, stocks followed suit with Asian equities outperforming due to improved risk appetite and strong results from Samsung. In contrast Japanese stocks lagged, amid record stock issuance and upcoming elections.

### Technology Performance

Despite impressive year-to-date relative performance, technology stocks managed to match the returns achieved by the broader market during July, the Dow Jones World Technology index rising 8.0% in Sterling terms. As elsewhere, Q2 earnings season proved a positive catalyst for stocks although the largest positive earnings surprises were reserved for cyclical sectors that benefited from less inventory de-stocking amid economic stabilisation. As a result, semiconductor stocks meaningfully outperformed during the month. Beyond the most cyclical subsectors, news flow was a little more mixed - strong quarters from the likes of Apple, Intel and IBM were partially offset by disappointing results from Microsoft and Nokia. Nonetheless, overall earnings have been good enough to justify recent stock gains, whilst company guidance has been better than feared, reflecting improved sentiment as well as modest improvement in actual visibility. Lastly, there was further evidence of M&A that should help support valuations with IBM announcing its intention to acquire software vendor SPSS at a significant premium.

### Outlook

Despite stellar recent performance, we remain relatively sanguine about the prospects for further gains in equities, particularly in the US where leading indicators suggest that the recession may be over, even if this will not be confirmed officially for several months. With earnings expectations moving higher and inflation unlikely to prove an issue in the developed world, we suspect that there remains significant cash on the sidelines or in other asset classes that may be reallocated in favour of equities. Near-term there are some signs that this dynamic is well understood - investor confidence has improved materially and the IPO market is in rude health, particularly as it relates to anything Chinese. However, should short-term weakness materialise, we would expect dips to be bought, particularly as the S&P 500 dividend yield and ten year US Treasury yields have significantly converged.

As for technology, strong year-to-date performance suggest a period of consolidation (at least relative to the market) is likely, however our medium term secular thesis appears to be gaining resonance. Semiconductor stocks certainly continue to look well positioned despite their recent progress as we do not believe the restocking process has really begun, rather that what is happening today is that destocking is coming to an end, resulting in sequential improvement and lower inventories. Beyond the cyclical reasons for owning technology stocks we believe our secular thesis remains under appreciated. In particular with a new technology cycle unfolding, the sector should continue to offer a superior earnings profile against the backdrop of a prolonged period of below trend global growth. The sector's net cash position is not only supportive if macro conditions deteriorate but is likely to enhance growth (via buybacks) and support valuations (though increased M&A) should the recovery continues. Above all the core proposition of technology - productivity enhancement - is a concept that should continue to resonate as companies search for efficiency improvements to protect margins.

Ben Rogoff, 6th August 2009

## Trust Facts

Share Price (p)	204.00
NAV per Share (p)	231.85
Discount (%)	-12.01
Total Assets (£m)	319
Borrowing (£m)	25
Cash & Fixed Interest (£m)	28
Gearing Ratio*	108.67
Capital Structure	126,497,914 Ordinary shares of 25p

\* Gearing is expressed as a ratio of total assets to shareholders' funds multiplied by 100. The calculation ignores the effect of cash or fixed interest holdings.

## Trust Characteristics

Launch Date	16 December 1996
Lead Manager	Ben Rogoff
Deputy Manager	Craig Mercer
Year End	30 April
Results Announced	Mid June
Next AGM	July 2009
Continuation Vote	2010 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)	1.31%

\* Further details can be found in the Report & Accounts

## Trust Overview

### Objective

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

### 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.

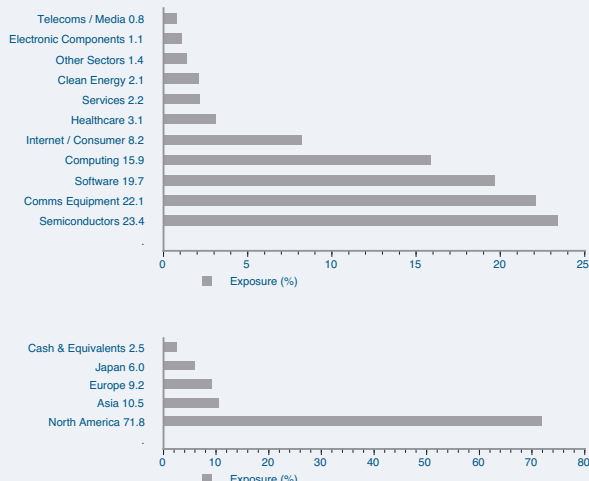
### Approach

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.

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#### Sector & Geographic Exposure (%)



**Total Number of Holdings** 116

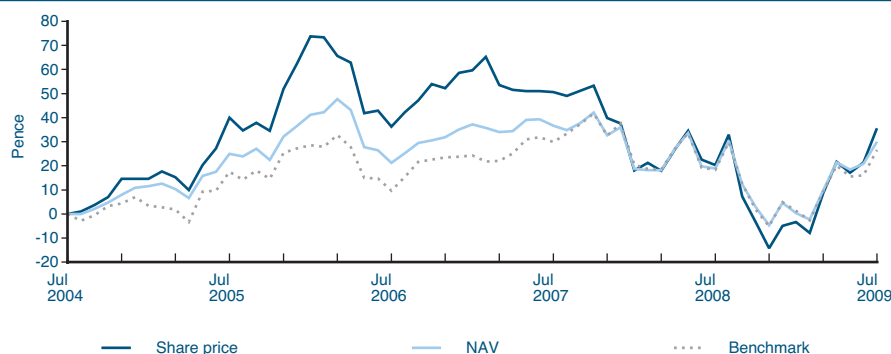
#### Top Ten Holdings (%)

Apple	5.5
Google	4.6
Cisco Systems	4.3
Microsoft	4.3
Qualcomm	3.4
Intel	3.3
Samsung Electronics	3.1
Hewlett-Packard	3.0
Oracle	2.7
International Business Machines	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.6</b>

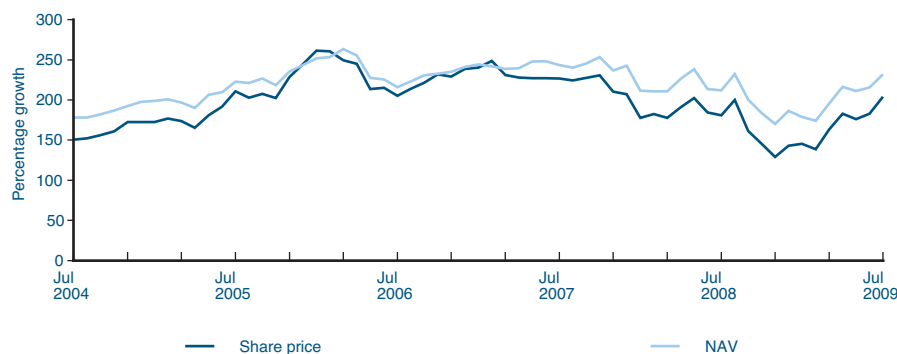
#### Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

Large (greater than US\$ 10bn)	63.9
Medium (US\$ 1bn to 10bn)	26.1
Small (less than US\$ 1bn)	10.0

#### Performance Over 5 Years



#### Share Price & NAV per Share Over 5 Years



#### Cumulative Performance (%) to 31/07/2009

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	5 Years
Share Price	11.63	11.48	40.21	12.71	35.55
NAV per Share	7.64	7.15	29.55	9.40	30.07**
Benchmark	9.00	5.38	24.89	6.97	26.52

#### Discrete Annual Performance (%)

	30/06/08 30/06/09	29/06/07 30/06/08	30/06/06 29/06/07	30/06/05 30/06/06	30/06/04 30/06/05
Share Price	-0.95	-18.81	5.70	12.27	16.41
NAV per Share	0.92	-14.02	10.17	7.57	8.10
Benchmark	-2.62	-9.57	14.85	4.61	-0.94

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

\*\*Not Adjusted for warrant exercise in September 2005. NAV per share performance is calculated on the basis of diluted NAV for the entire period.

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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#### 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 six investment professionals.

##### Ben Rogoff - Fund Manager



In May 2006, he took over the responsibility for managing the portfolio following three successful years running the US portfolio. Ben has been a technology specialist for over twelve years, having begun his career in at CMI as a global tech analyst. He moved to Aberdeen Fund Managers in 1998 as a senior technology manager prior to joining Polar Capital in May 2003.

##### Craig Mercer - Deputy Manager



In May 2006, Craig became the Deputy Manager of the Trust. Craig has twelve years fund management experience. He joined Scottish Equitable (later Aegon) in 1997 after gaining an economics degree from York University. He was responsible for the Aegon Japan OEIC. At Polar Capital he focuses on Japanese technology stocks.

#### Technology Investment Management Team:

##### Nick Evans - Fund Manager

Nick recently joined Polar Capital and has eleven years experience as a technology specialist. He was previously Head of Technology at AXA Framlington where, since August 2001, he had been lead manager of the AXA Framlington Global Technology Fund and the AXA World Fund (AWF) - Framlington Global Technology. Prior to this he spent three years as a Pan European Investment Manager and Technology Analyst at Hill Samuel Asset Management. He started his career as an IT graduate trainee at Lloyds TSB. He graduated from Hull University with a degree in Economics with Business Economics in 1994.

##### Fatima lu - Analyst

Fatima joined Polar Capital in April 2006 after working as an analyst with Citigroup Asset Management for 18 months. She graduated from Imperial College London in 2002.

##### Brian Ashford-Russell - Founder/Director of Polar Capital

Brian was head of the technology team at Henderson Global Investors (and prior to that Touche Remnant) from 1987 until his resignation in September 2000 to set up Polar Capital. He has been the appointed fund manager of Polar Capital Technology Trust plc, previously named Henderson Technology Trust and its predecessor TR Technology, since TR Tech's launch in 1988. He also managed the Henderson Global Tech Unit Trust from its launch in 1984 to 1996 as well as co-managing the Seligman Global Tech and Mackenzie Universal Science & Tech funds.

##### Tim Woolley - Founder/Director of Polar Capital

Tim began his career as a systems analyst for two leading financial service companies. He then joined Prolific as a trainee US fund manager in 1987 and was promoted to lead manager of the technology fund in 1993. He joined Henderson's technology team in 1996 and launched the Henderson Horizon fund that focused on small and mid cap companies. Tim left with Brian to establish Polar Capital in 2001.

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Online: [www.shareview.co.uk/dealing](http://www.shareview.co.uk/dealing)

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Lynchwood Business Park  
Peterborough, PE2 6BP

Tel: 0845 358 1109  
Fax: 01733 285 822

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#### Custodian

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#### Registrar

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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](http://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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