

## 31 December 2012

### Fact sheet

#### Fund Manager Comment

##### Market review

Equity markets closed out the year on a constructive note as investors anticipated the positive resolution to fiscal cliff negotiations. The FTSE World Index rose 0.7% during the month, and 8.7% during 2012, both in sterling terms. January got off to a good start as early political exchanges regarding the fiscal cliff took on an encouraging tone, aided by positive US employment data, strong durable goods orders (ex-transportation) and a second consecutive expansionary Chinese PMI reading. Helpfully, the FOMC held interest rates steady at 0-0.25% and stated that rates would remain at exceptionally low levels until a target unemployment rate of 6.5% was achieved. The Japanese equity market added to its recent gains following the election victory of the Liberal Democratic Party amid hopes that new Prime Minister Shinzo Abe would push for more aggressive monetary easing and inflation targeting by the BoJ. However, protracted political negotiations in the US and waning hopes for a timely deal saw markets weaken into month-end with Senate Majority leader Harry Reid suggesting that the country would go over the 'fiscal cliff', a prediction which ultimately proved correct, if short lived.

##### Technology review

Technology stocks trailed during the month although this was partially due to US markets lagging global equities and US dollar weakness. The Dow Jones World Technology Index declined 0.3% during the month and ended the year up 7.2%, both in sterling terms. Technology newsflow was relatively light, with concerns about increasing smartphone and tablet competition and mixed supply chain data dominating - leading to further weakness in Apple and related stocks which weighed on sector progress. Beyond Apple, newsflow in enterprise-related names remained relatively upbeat, evidenced by encouraging off-quarter reports from Adobe, Oracle and Red Hat (billings +18% y/y ahead of consensus +16% y/y). The tone around service provider spending also remained positive, with the CEO's of both Cisco and Juniper appearing upbeat at recent events. Elsewhere, weak results from Research in Motion (stock specific issues related to services revenue) and Micron (PC-related softness) appear to have limited read across to the broader sector (beyond lacklustre PC demand post Windows 8 launch).

##### Outlook

Despite fears to the contrary, 2012 proved another good year for equity markets as investors continued to climb the so-called 'wall of worry'. While global growth trailed our initial expectations, corporate earnings remained remarkably robust while valuations were underpinned by policymakers who proved alive to the challenge, as we anticipated. The technology sector performed broadly in-line with global equities, although positive performance was skewed towards the first half of the year. More recently, the sector has trailed due to a problematic third quarter earnings season reflective of the macro / political uncertainty (in China, Japan and the US) and profit taking in Apple (and its supply chain).

With 'worst case' US fiscal cliff outcomes now removed we remain constructive on equity markets as risk appetite ought to improve, despite the risk associated with ongoing US budget negotiations and fourth quarter preannouncement season - both of which could introduce some near-term volatility. As such, we believe any weakness would represent a buying opportunity given that the sector trades at a market multiple despite its vastly superior aggregate balance sheet. While fourth quarter earnings season may have been negatively impacted by fiscal cliff uncertainty and Hurricane Sandy, we are encouraged by recent upward revisions to 2013 IT budget forecasts from Gartner (now forecasting spend +4.2% vs prior 3.8%) and anecdotal evidence of improving capex intentions from telecom service providers who under-spent significantly last year. We also remain upbeat about the new technology cycle that began in 2008/9, which is likely to continue to pressure traditional areas of spending in favour of newer technologies that enable companies to deliver more IT for less. This will likely result in further polarisation of fortunes within our sector, creating the potential for a stealthy outperformance of small / mid cap stocks supported by a combination of solid underlying growth, compelling valuations and ongoing M&A activity.

Ben Rogoff

15 January 2013

#### Trust Facts

##### Ordinary Shares

Share Price (p)	363.50
NAV (undiluted) per Share (p)	380.70
Premium (%)	-
Discount (%)	4.52
Capital Structure	128,220,216 shares of 25p

##### Subscription Shares<sup>†</sup>

Share Price (p)	7.75
Exercise Price (p)	
- From 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2014	478.00
Capital Structure	24,785,986 shares of 1p

Total Net Assets (£m)	488
AIC Gearing Ratio (%) <sup>*</sup>	0.00
AIC Net Cash Ratio (%) <sup>*</sup>	4.00

<sup>\*</sup>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<sup>\*</sup>

Management Fee	1.00%
Performance Fee <sup>**</sup>	15% over Benchmark
Ongoing Charges (historic)	1.16%

<sup>\*</sup> Further details can be found in the Report & Accounts

<sup>\*\*</sup> Subject to high watermark and cap

#### Trust Overview

##### Objective

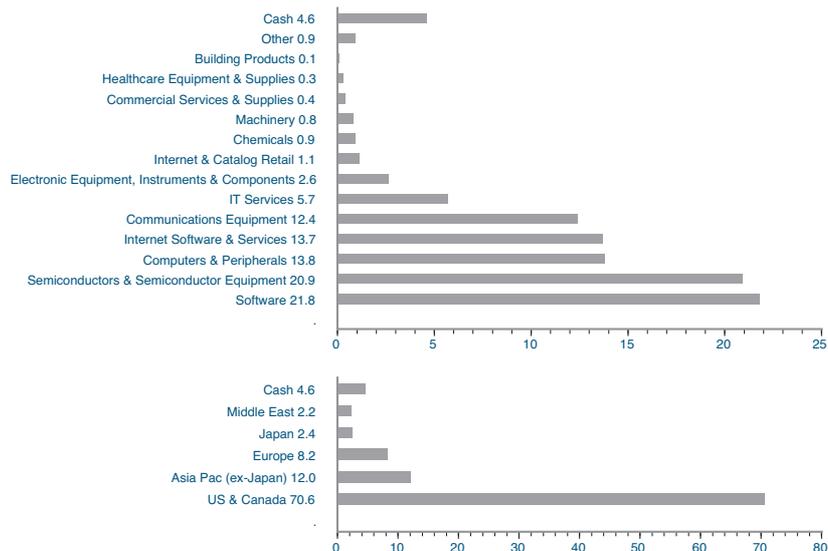
The investment objective is to maximise capital growth for our shareholders through investing in a diversified portfolio of technology companies around the world.

**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.**

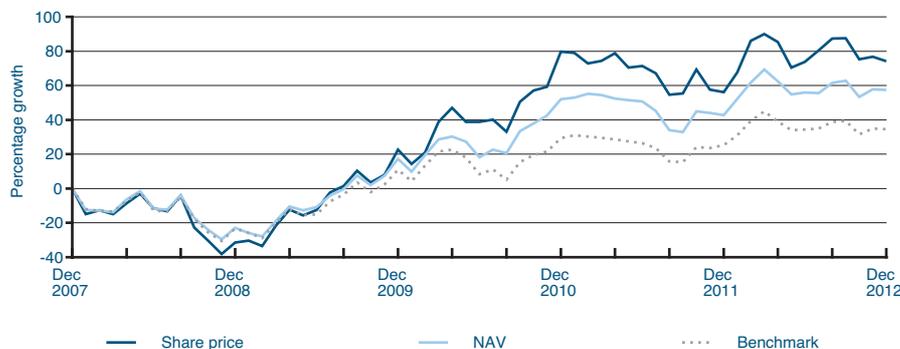
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### Sector & Geographic Exposure (%)



### Performance Over 5 Years



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



### Cumulative Performance (%) to 31/12/2012

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	5 Years
Share Price	-1.49	-7.20	0.14	10.49	72.68
NAV per Share	-0.25	-3.23	1.03	9.35	60.93
Benchmark	-0.31	-3.50	0.06	8.85	38.78

### Discrete Annual Performance (%)

	30/04/12 31/12/12	28/04/11 30/04/12	30/04/10 28/04/11	30/04/09 30/04/10	30/04/08 30/04/09
Share Price	-6.07	3.61	21.74	67.65	-4.06
NAV per Share	-3.02	6.59	16.88	45.63	-4.42
Benchmark	-3.24	8.12	4.87	39.63	-5.45

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

### Total Number of Holdings

125

### Top Ten Holdings

(%)

Apple	10.0
Google	5.9
Samsung Electronics	4.6
IBM	3.5
Microsoft	3.4
Qualcomm	3.2
Oracle	2.9
TSMC	2.4
SAP	2.2
Cisco Systems	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.0</b>

### Market Capitalisation Exposure

(%)

Large (greater than US\$ 10bn)	69.1
Medium (US\$ 1bn to 10bn)	22.7
Small (less than US\$ 1bn)	8.2

### Trust Overview

#### 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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## 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 Iu - 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.

## How to Invest

### Market Purchases

The shares of Polar Capital Technology Trust PLC are listed and traded on the London Stock Exchange. Investors may purchase shares through their stockbroker, bank or other financial intermediary.

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The company has arranged for Shareview Dealing, a telephone and internet share sale service offered by Equiniti to be made available.

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

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Tel: 0800 326 323  
Online: [www.alliancetrust.co.uk](http://www.alliancetrust.co.uk)

## Registered Office

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## Custodian

JP Morgan Chase NA acts as global custodian for all the Company's investments.

## Registrar

Equiniti  
The Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex BN99 6DA  
[www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk)

## Codes

London Stock Exchange	PCT
Reuters	PCT.L
Bloomberg	PCT.LN

## Website

[www.polarcapitaltechnologytrust.co.uk](http://www.polarcapitaltechnologytrust.co.uk)

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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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