

30 January 2009

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Fund Manager Comment

Market Performance

Whilst the first month of the year is typically a weak one, particularly for technology stocks, January 2009 was amongst the worst in history. The FTSE World Index fell 9.2% in Sterling terms as a slew of negative economic data hit the market. Initial worries focused on rising US unemployment and disappointing December retail sales. Tensions in the Middle East contributed to rising risk aversion, temporarily driving oil prices higher. Internationally news was worse still, Japanese machinery orders/exports hitting record lows. Systemic risk also resurfaced as speculation mounted that both the Bank of America and Citigroup might require full nationalisation. Against this deteriorating backdrop, it was unsurprising that markets fell sharply during the month.

Technology Performance

Technology stocks meaningfully outperformed during January, the Dow Jones World Technology Index falling just 2.5% in Sterling terms. This outperformance was in stark contrast with corporate news flow which remained uniformly negative as Q4 earnings season proved predictably downbeat, evidenced by disappointing preannouncements and/or results from myriad technology companies. That tech outperformed reflected a rotation by generalist investors towards companies that either boast earnings resilience or stocks that empirically perform well early in a new economic cycle (such as semiconductors). The attraction of so-called 'early cycle' stocks was boosted by a sharp rally in long bond yields and continued improvement in credit market conditions. Encouragingly there appeared to be evidence of diverging fortunes between legacy incumbents and 'new cycle' beneficiaries, with a number of our 'core' next-generation holdings such as Apple, Google and Starent Networks, posting very respectable earnings reports during the month.

Outlook

Whilst equities were disappointingly weak during the month, we remain optimistic that markets remain in a bottoming process that will necessarily ebb and flow. The most encouraging development during the month took place in debt markets where improving spreads received a welcome boost from sharply higher long-dated Treasury yields. In our humble opinion, there is too much focus on the form that governmental stimuli will take and too little on the sheer magnitude of money that will be forced into the system to prevent its failure. Higher Treasury yields are therefore more than just 'green shoots' of recovery; they are a prerequisite for market stabilization for they suggest that the forces of deflation are waning.

Recent technology outperformance may appear unwarranted based on current fundamentals, but just as in debt markets it is becoming increasingly clear that investors are beginning to discount today's gloom in order to better position their portfolios for the period of sub-trend growth that will invariably follow. We strongly believe that a prolonged period of below trend global growth will drive the emergence of a new technology cycle as enterprises renew focus on delivering productivity. In addition to companies / products with short payback periods, and demonstrable ROI, we continue to favour themes such as 'cloud computing', 'software as a service' and mobile broadband/data as they remain early in their respective adoption curves.

Ben Rogoff, 13th February 2009

Trust Facts

Share Price (p)	145.50
NAV per Share (p)	178.96
Discount (%)	-18.70
Total Investments (£m)	231
Borrowing (£m)	-31
Gearing (%)*	88.20
Capital Structure	128,693,914 Ordinary shares of 25p

* The gearing ratio is calculated by dividing total assets by net assets. 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.

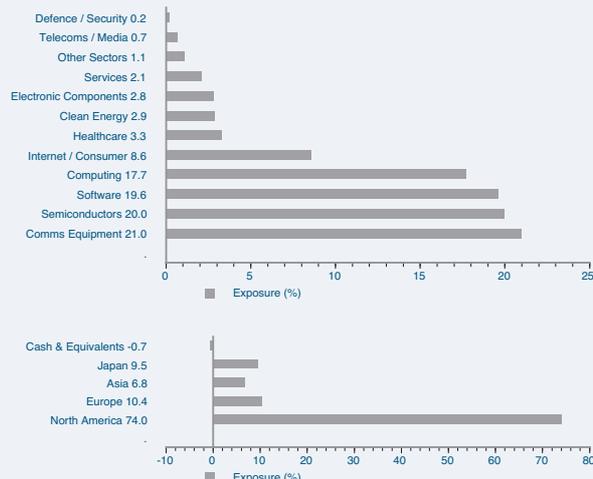
Approach

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 114

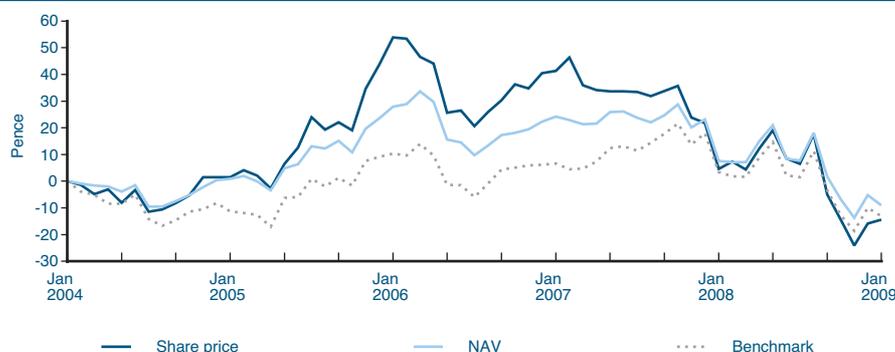
Top Ten Holdings (%)

Google	5.2
Apple	4.9
Oracle	4.5
Qualcomm	4.4
International Business Machines	4.1
Cisco Systems	4.1
Intel	4.0
Microsoft	3.8
Hewlett-Packard	3.5
Samsung Electronics	2.7
Total	41.2

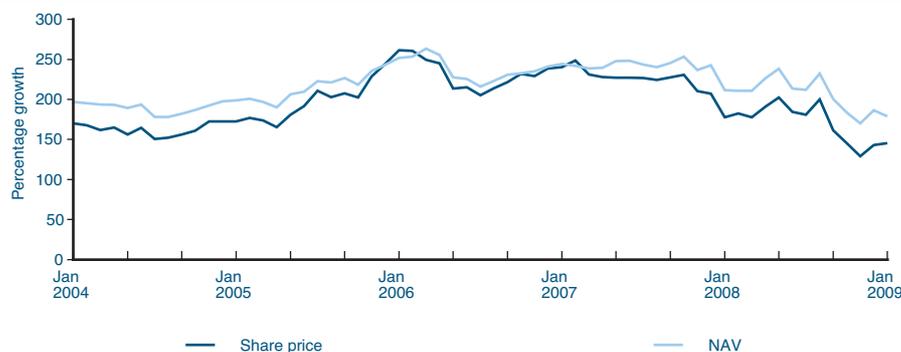
Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

Large (greater than US\$ 10bn)	64.4
Medium (US\$ 1bn to 10bn)	23.2
Small (less than US\$ 1bn)	12.4

Performance Over 5 Years



Share Price & NAV per Share Over 5 Years



Cumulative Performance (%) to 30/01/2009

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	5 Years
Share Price	1.75	0.00	-19.61	-18.14	-14.41
NAV per Share	-4.07	-2.46	-15.56	-15.46	-9.09**
Benchmark	-3.44	-0.47	-14.35	-15.91	-13.09

Discrete Annual Performance (%)

	31/12/07 31/12/08	29/12/06 31/12/07	30/12/05 29/12/06	31/12/04 30/12/05	31/12/03 31/12/04
Share Price	-30.92	-13.29	-2.35	41.74	5.99
NAV per Share	-23.07	0.69	-1.04	23.16	5.53
Benchmark	-23.74	11.14	-2.70	18.92	-4.27

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.

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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 Iu - 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.

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.

Share Dealing Services

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

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

Savings Scheme & ISA

Shares in the company may be purchased through a share saving scheme and an ISA administered by BNP Paribas Fund Services, by contacting:

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