

Trust Fact Sheet

28 November 2014



Trust Facts

Ordinary Shares

Share Price	570.00p
NAV per share	571.23p
Premium	-
Discount	-0.22%
Capital	132,336,159 ordinary shares of 25p

Assets & Gearing¹

Total Net Assets	£755.9m
AIC Gearing Ratio	0.00%
AIC Net Cash Ratio	4.83%

Benchmark

Dow Jones World Technology Index Total Return adjusted for withholding taxes (from 1 May 2013)

Fees²

Management	1.00%
Performance	15% over Benchmark

Risk Warning

Your capital is at risk. You may not get back the full amount you invested. Please note the Important Information on Page 4 and the Investment Policy and full Risk Warnings set out in the Prospectus, Annual Report and or Investor Disclosure Document.

Discount Warning

The shares of investment trusts may trade at a discount or a premium to Net Asset Value for a variety of reasons including market sentiment and market conditions. On a sale you could realise less than the Net Asset Value and less than you initially invested.

Company Profile

Investment Objective

The investment objective is to maximise long-term capital growth through investing in a diversified portfolio of technology companies around the world.

Investment Rationale

Over the last three 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 broader market, reflecting the longer-term secular uptrend in technology spending.

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

Investment Approach

Polar Capital selects companies for their potential for shareholder returns, 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

Performance over 5 years (%)



	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	5 Years
■ Ordinary Share Price	8.16	15.97	22.58	20.20	152.77
■ NAV per Share	5.02	9.46	19.16	22.06	119.89
■ Benchmark	6.70	9.49	18.40	27.37	102.02

Discrete Annual Performance (%)

	30/04/14 28/11/14	30/04/13 30/04/14	30/04/12 30/04/13	28/04/11 30/04/12	30/04/10 28/04/11
Ordinary Share Price	28.96	10.92	2.97	3.61	21.74
NAV per Share	24.59	11.17	5.01	6.64	16.88
Benchmark	24.14	13.07	5.98	8.12	4.87

Source: Lipper & HSBC Securities Services (UK) Limited, percentage growth, total return. Past performance is not indicative or a guarantee of future results.

1. Gearing calculations are exclusive of current year Revenue/Loss.

2. The performance fee is subject to a highwater mark and cap. Further details can be found in the Report and Accounts.

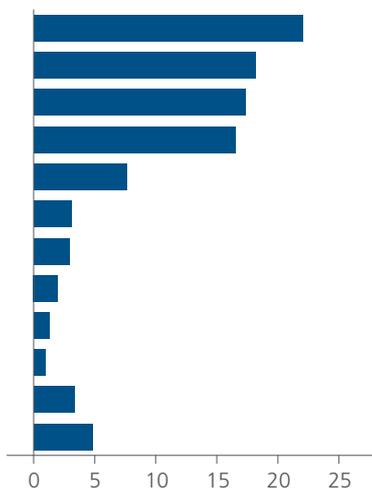
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Portfolio Exposure

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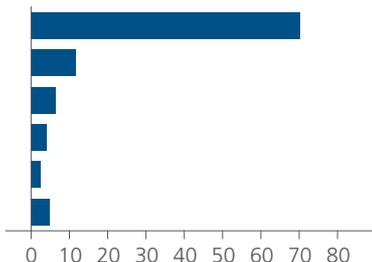
Sector Exposure (%)

Internet Software & Services	22.1
Software	18.2
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip.	17.4
Tech. Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	16.5
Communications Equipment	7.6
IT Services	3.0
Elec. Equip. Instruments & Components	2.9
Internet & Catalog Retail	2.0
Healthcare Technology	1.3
Unclassified	1.0
Other	3.4
Cash	4.8



Geographic Exposure (%)

US & Canada	70.4
Asia Pac (ex-Japan)	11.7
Europe	6.5
Japan	4.2
Middle East & Africa	2.5
Cash	4.8



Top 10 Holdings (%)

Apple	10.3
Google*	7.0
Facebook	3.7
Intel	2.8
Microsoft	2.7
Cisco Systems	2.2
Baidu	1.9
Samsung Electronics	1.8
TSMC	1.6
Tencent	1.5

Total 35.5

Total Number of Positions 130

Market Capitalisation Exposure (%)

Large Cap (>\$10bn)	70.0
Mid Cap (>\$1bn - \$10bn)	22.2
Small Cap (<\$1bn)	7.8

Investing in the Trust and Shareholder Information

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.

Telephone 0800 326 323
Online www.alliancetrust.co.uk

Savings Scheme & ISA

Shares in the company may be purchased through a share saving scheme or an ISA.

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Custodian

HSBC Plc is the Depositary and provides global custody of all the company's investments

Registrar

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Trust Characteristics

Launch Date	16 December 1996
Year End	30 April
Results Announced	Mid June
Next AGM	September 2014
Continuation Vote	2015 AGM
Listed	London Stock Exchange

Codes

Ordinary Shares

ISIN	GB004220025
SEDOL	422002
London Stock Exchange	PCT

The entire investment portfolio is published in the annual and semi annual reports and as part of the interim management statement.

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Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

*Combination of Class A and Class C Google shares.

Fund Manager Comments

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Market Review

Positive developments in the US, together with continued policymaker support elsewhere, saw global equities add to their year-to-date gains, the FTSE World Index rising 3.8% in sterling terms during November. Although October nonfarm payrolls began the month on a slightly disappointing note, US economic data remained generally robust with existing home sales, leading indicators and the Philly Fed all surprising positively, while Q3 GDP was revised sharply higher. US mid-term elections were also welcomed by investors as the Republican party won control of the Senate by a wider than expected margin, leaving Barack Obama a so-called 'lame duck President' for his remaining two years in office. Elsewhere, economic newsflow was less encouraging, Japan officially entering recession as a 0.4% contraction in third-quarter GDP marked a second consecutive quarterly decline in economic activity, while the European Commission slashed its 2015 growth expectations from 1.7% to just 1.1%. This weaker economic outlook weighted somewhat on sovereign yields (10-year US Treasury yields falling to 2.19%), while relative US strength saw the dollar advance a further 2.2% against the pound.

Fortunately weaker international economic data was met with further intervention, as the People's Bank of China (PBoC) delivered its first rate cut in two years, lowering its deposit rate by 0.25% to 2.75% while trimming its one-year lending rate by 0.4% to 5.6%. European rhetoric regarding potential quantitative easing also remained in overdrive, ECB President Mario Draghi suggesting the bank would shortly commence an asset purchase programme. However, the most significant positive economic development during November – at least from a developed market perspective – were plunging energy prices as OPEC (responsible for c.1/3rd of the world's oil production) ruled out a supply cut to counter price weakness. Having already weakened significantly during the summer, oil ended the month 17.7% lower – its worst monthly showing since 2008 – dragging other commodities lower too, the CRB Index falling 6.5%. Energy-related stock price weakness was ameliorated by strength in airlines and retailers, the oil price decline since June said to be worth \$230bn to US consumers on an annual basis.

Technology Review

Large-cap strength, combined with further US/US Dollar outperformance saw the technology sector continue to outpace global equities, the Dow Jones World Technology Index rising 6.6% in sterling terms during the month. Large-cap strength in the broader market was magnified within the technology sector where large-caps outperformed small-caps by more than 3%, fuelled by strong individual performances from the likes of Apple (+10.1%), Intel (+9.5%) and Oracle (+8.6%). Third-quarter earnings season continued to provide a supportive backdrop for technology stocks during the month as most companies delivered in line or better than expectations. Despite Microchip's fallacious warning of an impending industry downturn, a number of semiconductor companies (including Analog Devices, NVidia and Skyworks – none held) continued to post constructive earnings reports, with Intel raising 2015 guidance citing PC stability and server strength. Post earnings/iPhone glow continued to support Apple with strong earnings at a number of its key suppliers suggesting there is upside to fourth quarter iPhone shipment expectations. In contrast, Qualcomm (-7.2%) outlined a more sombre outlook at its analyst day, lowering its long-term chipset operating margin guidance amid on-going regulatory scrutiny in China.

A reasonable earnings report from Cisco (aided by an encouraging product cycle story) remained in stark contrast to most companies with service-provider exposure, where both earnings and newsflow remained grim. Not only did AT&T's initial 2015 capital spending budget come in c.14% below this year's budget, but costly (ongoing) wireless spectrum auctions, together with President Obama's unprecedented intervention in the net neutrality debate (pushing the FCC to regulate Internet providers like other utilities) are likely to further weigh on service provider spending. Next-generation earnings remained broadly supportive with continued strength particularly evident at security (Palo Alto Networks) and Big Data (Splunk) vendors alike. However, there was a stock-specific disappointment at Cornerstone, while softer guidance at both Salesforce.com and Workday (not held) weighed on overall next-generation sentiment. Despite encouraging online trends during the Thanksgiving holiday season, Internet stocks remained firmly out of favour with disappointing earnings/guidance at Priceline and TripAdvisor and somewhat incendiary calls to 'break-up' Google emanating from the European parliament. In contrast, Alibaba delivered a strong debut quarter as a public company driven by accelerating gross merchandise value (GMV) and improved mobile monetisation. While Internet stock underperformance was disappointing, the weakest monthly returns were reserved for alternative energy/environmental stocks which corrected sharply amid tumbling oil prices.

Outlook

Looking into 2015, stocks continue to look attractive versus most alternatives and especially so against cash, where negative returns appear all but certain. Whilst we acknowledge that this unusual investment backdrop must normalise at some point, we expect policymakers to continue to tread carefully given the uneven recovery and the risks associated with deflation. This view – somewhat at odds with consensus earlier this year – is less controversial today because world economic activity has continued to disappoint. The pursuit of more sustainable/higher-quality growth in China has continued to present challenges elsewhere in the global economy with sharply lower commodity/energy prices impacting a number of emerging and oil-sensitive economies (including Brazil, Russia and Venezuela). Although markets have rebounded impressively from their October lows, a number of indicators (German bund yields below 1%, Eurodollar at 1.25, oil below \$90) suggest that the risk of another growth scare remains elevated.

Fortunately, the economic outlook is not all 'doom and gloom' as the US recovery has remained on track, driven by continued improvement in employment conditions and consumer confidence. Lower energy prices should be considered positively and are likely to support developed world growth (some estimates suggest that a \$20/barrel decline in oil could potentially be worth as much as \$140bn (c.0.8% of GDP) to the US economy over a full year). Benign input prices, together with continued slack in labour markets (beyond the US), have left inflation below central bank targets in most advanced economies. With most central banks/policymakers therefore focused on deflation (rather than inflation) risk, we expect highly accommodative monetary policy to persist into 2015, as should the remarkable alignment of interests between policymakers and investors (amply demonstrated by recent events in Japan) that have underpinned risk assets since 2009. The one potential (and important) exception to this is the US where the labour market has continued to tighten. However, we expect US policymakers to tread cautiously regarding the timing/pace of interest rate hikes given the risks associated with slower global growth and pronounced US Dollar strength.

Fund Manager Comments

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We continue to believe the new technology cycle has entered a more pernicious phase now that new technologies (epitomized by Cloud computing) have begun to substitute, rather than merely complement existing ones. The shift away from enterprise computing appears to be gathering pace with IBM the latest (and so far, the highest profile) casualty of new cycle deflation – the company recently abandoning its long-term earnings targets citing "the unprecedented pace of change in our industry". Despite IBM's travails, investors have continued to flock to large-cap incumbent companies this calendar year because many of them have benefited from a period of stabilization in the PC market, while others have belatedly tried to rebrand themselves as would-be 'Cloud' beneficiaries. Beyond the PC market, we continue to believe that legacy business models remain "incompatible with cloud computing", evidenced by slower growth and weaker margins at a number of high-quality incumbent companies. This is unlikely to reverse course anytime soon given slower emerging market growth, currency headwinds and greater disruption associated with new technologies.

Despite this, many legacy companies are today trading at their highest relative price-to-earning (PE) ratios for years and with some now attempting to deconsolidate businesses (e.g. HP and Symantec), we cannot help think that it is late in the day for the value/large-cap technology trade. Moreover, we continue to believe that many of these legacy companies are far from 'ports in a storm'; rather they are better understood as incumbents being picked off by new competitors, technology alternatives and new cycle deflation. Of course, financial engineering can paper over these cracks, but this is likely to prove a finite process, evidenced by IBM's recent fall from grace. While we cannot know when PE expansion – the primary driver of large-cap outperformance so far this year – will have played out, one of the key financial engineering 'levers' – global tax arbitrage – looks at risk following the US government's decision to clamp down on tax inversion. In the near-term, the lack of top-line growth at many of these incumbents is likely to become more apparent over the coming months due to their disproportionate exposure to emerging markets and increasingly formidable foreign exchange headwinds.

In contrast, we expect next-generation companies to continue to deliver growth as recipients of reallocated budgets and/or beneficiaries of new, untapped pools of technology spending as the technology sector permeates into (and reinvents) other industries. Given their relative insensitivity to a still faltering global economic recovery, we are hopeful that investors will begin to gravitate back towards next-generation stocks, many of which remain cheaper than they did in late Q1 due to the combination of strong growth and lower stock prices. We have therefore used the relative de-rating to increase our exposure to our favoured investment areas, including online advertising, ecommerce, social media, software-as-a-service, cybersecurity and digital payments, in addition to emerging themes such as robotics, wearable computing and the Internet of Things (IoT). While we do not anticipate a significant setback, a number of our preferred indicators (implied volatility, investor sentiment) are suggestive of less favourable near-term risk reward. As such, we have retained a little more liquidity than usual which we will look to invest on market weakness and/or once growth headwinds associated with the resurgent US dollar appear more fully appreciated by investors.

Nick Evans & Ben Rogoff

11 December 2014

Polar Capital Technology Trust Management Team

Ben Rogoff

Director, Technology

Ben has managed the Trust since 2006, he joined Polar Capital in 2003 and has 19 years of industry experience.



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