

Merrion Technology Fund FACTSHEET

30th June 2019

The Merrion Technology Fund is a specialist investment vehicle that focuses on the Technology, Media, Telecommunications and other dynamic growth sectors. Over the long term, we believe that technology will continue to be an important driver of global economic growth and equity market return.

FUND

Fund Type	Equity
Bid/Offer Spread	None
Launch date	21.12.1994
Base Currency	EUR
Liquidity	Daily
Risk Rating	5
Volatility*	18.3%
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI Tech Index

The Merrion Technology Fund returned 4.0% for the second quarter slightly ahead of the benchmark which returned 3.9%.

Over the quarter, the fund reduced much of the semiconductor exposure (with the exception of AMD) as fears over the “Trade War” with China and the Huawei crackdown were accentuated. At present the fund is happy to maintain the large semiconductor underweight as many leading indicators such as Global PMI’s, Korean exports and Global semiconductor sales remain negative.

The fund rotated much of the semi exposure into Software names which continue to grow margins and earnings, these should outperform in this world of “low growth “ and now co-ordinated global central bank easing. From a technical analysis perspective, Semis remain in a downtrend relative to Software.

Over the quarter, the fund closed underweights in Cisco and Oracle which had negatively impacted in the first quarter and the fund is now small overweight these two more defensive tech names. The fund also took profits on much of the Chinese exposure at attractive levels.

Positive contributors over the quarter included overweight’s in AMD (+12.9%), SAP (+8.2%) & Fanuc (+6.9%)

The technology sector offers investors companies with little or no debt and strong free cash flow, attributes that make large cap technology companies particularly attractive. The sector continues to provide opportunities for growth from companies exposed to structural drivers/ themes.

*‘Volatility’ on a risk scale of 1 to 7, with level 1 being generally low risk and level 7 being generally high risk. The volatility is measured from past returns over a period of five years using weekly and monthly data where applicable. Prior to making an investment decision, you should talk to your financial advisor or broker in relation to the risk profile most suitable for you.

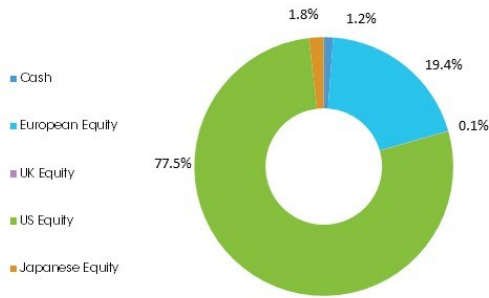
PERFORMANCE UPDATE AT 30.06.2019

	Technology*	MSCI ACWI (Tech)
1 Month	3.4%	6.7%
Quarter 2	4.0%	3.9%
YTD	24.4%	26.0%
1 Year	21.3%	13.0%
3 Years p.a.	20.0%	22.3%
5 Years p.a.	18.4%	19.9%
10 Years p.a.	17.8%	18.5%
15 Years p.a.	10.6%	10.4%
20 Years p.a.	7.2%	n/a

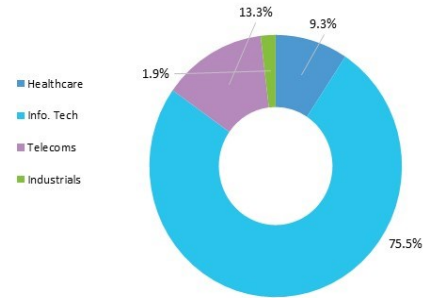
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Management fees are detailed in the relevant share class addendum.

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