

AXA Framlington Global Technology Fund Z GBP



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Fund Manager

Joined July 2007

Jeremy joined AXA Investment Managers in July 2007 and is the lead fund manager of the AXA Framlington Global Technology Fund. In 2017 he was named winner of the Tech Fund Manager of the Year Award at the UK Tech Awards. Previously he was named winner of the Investment Week Tech & Telecoms Fund Manager of the Year Award for 2011 and 2012.

Previously, he was a senior portfolio manager at Close Investments (formerly Reabourne Technology), a subsidiary of Close Brothers Group PLC, from 2003 to 2007, having been a portfolio manager for the previous three years and an assistant portfolio manager from 1997 to 2000 with Reabourne Technology. During his time at Close Investments / Reabourne, Jeremy was the lead fund manager on several technology funds and won the FTSE techMARK Technology Fund Manager of the Year award in 2003 and 2005.

Jeremy holds a BSc (Hons) in Mathematics (1st class) and an MSc. in Systems Engineering from Cardiff University (1992-1996). He is also a CFA charterholder.

Objective

The aim of this Fund is to provide long-term capital growth.

Fund manager's commentary

Main changes to the portfolio during February

We sold our position in Infineon, as disruptions caused by the coronavirus outbreak may continue to impact the company for longer than expected, especially in the automotive segment.

Factors affecting performance during February

Global equity markets declined in February with the MSCI World Index dropping 5.3%, while the technology sector outperformed, with the MSCI World Information Technology Index declining 4.2%.

Notable performers during the month included Alphabet (the holding company of Google), Tencent (China internet and gaming company), Endava (IT services business with a focus on digital transformation projects), Five9 (provider of cloud-based contact centre technology) and Facebook (leading social network platform).

Current market influences and outlook

We are now largely through earnings season for companies reporting 2019 results, and technology companies recently reported fourth-quarter results have continued to be robust. At the time of writing, for those companies in the MSCI World Index (representing the broader market) that have reported their fourth-quarter numbers, 54% have reported better-than-expected revenues and 62% reported better-than-expected earnings. For the technology component of the same index, the results were 71% and 76%, respectively; and for the Fund, these figures are 77% and 87%, respectively.

The outbreak of the coronavirus in China, and subsequent spread of cases around Asia and Europe, has unsurprisingly cast a cloud over equity markets given the uncertainty that it has created. The impact on the global economy will not be fully known for some time, and the timelines for bringing the issue under control are uncertain. However, the underlying long-term investment themes that we focus on within the technology sector are still intact, and will remain so, once the current situation is over.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the full amount originally invested. **Before investing you should read the fund's Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for full product details including investment risks and contact a financial adviser where unsure.**

Top 10 fund holdings

	Weight
APPLE INC	7.75%
ALPHABET INC	7.73%
VISA INC	4.46%
FACEBOOK INC	3.12%
QUALCOMM INC	2.87%
CISCO SYSTEMS INC	2.77%
SERVICENOW INC	2.63%
SALESFORCE.COM INC	2.41%
AMERICAN TOWER CORP	2.05%
AMAZON.COM INC	2.05%
Total*	37.84%
Total number of holdings	66
Turnover (1 rolling year)	11.42

* Total may not equal sum of top ten holdings weightings (above) due to rounding.
Stocks shown for information purposes only. They should not be considered as advice or a recommendation.
Turnover : (abs(purchase) + abs(sale) - abs(subscription - redemption)) / (2* average AUM)

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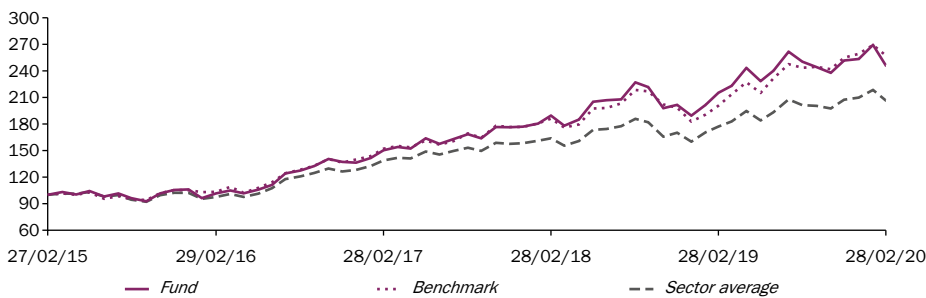
Discrete performance over 12 month periods to latest quarter end (%)

	31/12/14	31/12/15	31/12/16	31/12/17	31/12/18
	- 31/12/15	- 31/12/16	- 31/12/17	- 31/12/18	- 31/12/19
AXA Framlington Global Technology Fund Z GBP	13.2	28.5	29.8	7.0	33.8
Benchmark**	10.8	32.9	26.3	3.5	41.9

Cumulative performance

	Fund (%)	Benchmark**(%)	Sector median*** (%)	Ranking	Quartile
6 M.	-1.7	5.7	2.9	13/15	4
Year to date	-2.9	-0.7	-1.8	10/15	3
1 Y.	14.3	28.3	17.8	9/15	3
3 Y.	63.7	69.2	59.1	4/13	2
5 Y.	146.0	157.3	138.4	3/10	2

Cumulative performance over five years



Source: AXA Investment Managers and Morningstar. Figures are quoted on single price basis, net of Z share class fees and expenses with net income reinvested, in GBP. Performance takes into account ongoing charges but not any initial charge that may be payable. Between 8/9/2014 and 6/10/2014, AXA Framlington Authorised Unit Trusts moved to a single pricing basis (Net Asset Value - NAV), prior to this, they were on a dual pricing basis (bid to bid). To ensure consistent performance figures between bid and NAV prices an adjustment factor has been applied. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

**Benchmark is the MSCI World Information Technology Total Return Net. Prior to 01/01/2013 the benchmark of the fund was MSCI World Information Technology Total Return Gross. The benchmark index is shown for comparison purposes only. The fund manager has full discretion to select investments for the fund in line with the fund's investment policy and in doing so may take into consideration the benchmark index.

***The fund's peer group sector is the IA Technology & Telecoms sector.

The breakdowns provided look through to the underlying investments (including cash) of any in-house collective investment schemes held by the fund. Breakdowns may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

The geographical breakdown is based on the country classification as published by the index provider. The second available source is the Country ISO from Bloomberg (or Ultimate Country of risk for Emerging markets funds).

Geographical Allocation

	%
North America	84.89
Emerging	7.68
Europe Ex UK	3.41
UK	1.98

Sector Allocation

	%
Software	30.25
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	18.82
Interactive Media & Services	12.70
IT Services	9.92
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	9.82
Communications equipment	5.74
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	4.09
Entertainment	2.13
Real estate invest. trusts (reits)	2.05
Health care technology	1.28
Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	1.03
Diversified telecom. services	0.13
Cash	2.05

Fund facts

Fund type	Unit Trust
Fund size	£811.3m
Underlying Yield*	0.00%
Launch date	15/04/99
IA Sector	Technology and Telecommunications
Currencies available	GBP
Dealing day	09:00 to 17:30 business hours
Valuation point	12:00 London time

* As at 28/02/2020. * Net of tax, net of expenses. All information in this factsheet relates to unit class Z only. The underlying yield reflects the annualised income net of expenses of the fund as a percentage of the mid-market unit price of the fund as at the date shown. It is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. It does not include any initial charge and investors may be subject to tax on distributions.

Investment information

Initial charge	Nil%
Ongoing charges	0.82%
Min initial investment	£100,000
Min subsequent investment	£5,000
ISA status	Eligible

Fund codes

Sedol	accumulation income	B4W52V5 B5MQXC3
ISIN	accumulation income	GB00B4W52V57 GB00B5MQXC30
MEX	accumulation income	FRMNFA FRMNF1
Valoren	accumulation income	801389 801372
Bloomberg	accumulation income	AXAGTIA LN FRANETI LN

Income payments

Accounting Ref Dates	Final	15 Jan
	Interim	15 Jul

Sources: AXA Investment Managers UK Limited and Morningstar. Unless otherwise stated all data shown is at 28/02/2020.