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## ***"RCM Technology Trust finds value in selected technology stocks"***

- **Consumer technology stocks proving resilient**
- **Demand for IT services being supported by Chinese demand**
- **Trust returned 5.74%<sup>1</sup> since appointment of new manager one year ago**
- **Short-term outlook is positive, we believe, with stronger returns expected in the second half of the year**

Despite volatile market conditions and fears of a US recession Walter Price, Manager of the RCM Technology Trust, is finding plenty of opportunities in the technology sector.

In January RCM increased the cash weighting on the RCM Technology Trust to 30 per cent, but in late March the liquidity was reduced to below 10%<sup>2</sup>. Growth in IT spending by Chinese banks and smart phones are two sectors showing strong growth despite the market slow-down.

The rise in demand for consumer orientated products has meant that China has become one of the primary drivers of the major global technology players. Commenting on the recent changes to the portfolio, and in the run up to the one year anniversary managing the Trust, **Walter Price said:** "We are particularly enthusiastic about the growth in 'smart phones'. For example, there are 350 million phone users in China and we are starting to see people use smart phones in China. The wealthy and young middle class people spend a lot of time messaging on their phones, sending photos on their phones and so the Chinese consumer will have more of an influence on the growth of usage of this sort of technology. Another example is that usage of the Apple iPhone for web access on the AT&T network in the US is 10 times previous phones."

Whilst Price remains optimistic about the short term prospects for the technology sector, he advises that investors should be prepared to see moderate economic growth overall. **Price continues:** "I believe that moderate growth is a time when technology companies generally do quite well because their products often go down in price every year and when people are looking for value and productivity they often tend to buy technology products.

Price is currently invested in advertising and internet-related Chinese stocks, which are currently selling at a tenth of the valuations of US or European companies. **Price says:** "These markets will develop and at present they are growing around 40 to 50 per cent a year which makes us believe that these companies will be much more valuable than they are today."

Compared with other investment trusts, the rating on the Trust's shares has remained strong, particularly if the value of the subscription shares is taken into account. Currently a 'package' of one subscription share and five ordinary shares is worth 226.50p compared with the diluted net asset value of five Ordinary Shares of 246.45p, representing a modest discount of 8.1%<sup>3</sup>.

• **Investment remit**

In May 2007 the portfolio was rebalanced to reflect RCM's views of markets, trends and opportunities. This resulted in a significantly higher weighting towards larger capitalisation securities and a reduced allocation to the UK and Europe.

The overall investment objective of the Company is to invest principally in the equity securities of quoted technology companies on a worldwide basis with the aim of achieving long-term capital growth.

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- 1- Source: RCM/ Datastream, 30 April 2007 to 30 April 2008, GB sterling. The Dow Jones World Technology Index has returned 1.51% over the same period.
- 2- Source: RCM as at 31 March 2008.
- 3- Source: RCM as at 30 April 2008.

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Competition among technology companies may result in aggressive pricing of their products and services, which may affect the profitability of the companies in which the Trust invests. In addition, because of the rapid pace of technological development, products or services developed by these companies may become rapidly obsolete or have relatively short product cycles. This may have the effect of making the Trust's returns more volatile than the returns of a fund that does not invest in similarly related companies.

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