# BlueBox Funds- BlueBox Global Technology Fund

# **Direct Connection**

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Technology

# **Investment Theme—Direct Connection**

The Direct Connection of computers to the real world has enabled the technology revolution of the past 15 years, driving an acceleration in tech adoption simultaneously across all industry verticals. With every other industry investing its excess returns in technology, we expect the IT sector to continue to outperform the broader market as it steals the growth from the rest of the economy. The Fund focuses on the companies enabling Direct Connection, giving it exposure to the most exciting developments in the sector without needing to chase over-hyped themes or invest in over-valued stocks.

## **BlueBox Global Technology Fund Performance**



Performance to 31.08.2024	1 month	3 months	YTD	3 yr Ann	5 yr Ann	ITD Ann
BlueBox Global Technology Fund	-0.1%	3.6%	16.5%	7.3%	23.9%	19.8%
S&P Global BMI IT NTR Index	1.3%	7.8%	22.3%	10.1%	21.8%	19.0%

12M Rolling Performance to 31.08.2024	August 2024	August 2023	August 2022	August 2021	August 2020
BlueBox Global Technology Fund	30.1%	30.3%	-27.1%	53.7%	54.2%
S&P Global BMI IT NTR Index	34.3%	27.5%	-22.1%	34.0%	49.8%

<sup>1</sup> Performance based on Share Class S since launch 29.03.2018 (ISIN LU1793347128) 2 S&P Global BMI IT INDEX is Net Total Return, calculated since launch of BBGT on 29.03.2018

The fund performance is **not** measured against the benchmark. This is for information purposes only. Performance is of a USD share class, on net of fees basis, with gross income reinvested. Source: at 31/08/24. Past performance does not predict future returns. Performance related data will display only where relevant to the share class inception date. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

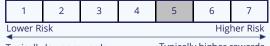
Equity Risk: The risk that investments depreciate because of stock market dynamics

Market Risk: The Fund's assets may decrease because of sovereign acts and political transformation, which may also influence free trade of currency. In addition, risks may arise because of restricted information possibilities in addition to less stringent supervision and control of certain markets. The performance of these markets may be subject to significant volatility. The concentration of the Fund on a given country implies the risk that the events concerning the given country may significantly and negatively affect the value of the whole portfolio of the Fund".

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# Risk Indicator\*

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.



Typically higher rewards Typically lower rewards

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less. You may not be able to cash in early. You may not be able to sell your product easily or you may have to sell at a price that significantly impacts on how much you get back.

### PRIIPS SRI

Medium-high risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-high level, and poor market conditions will likely impact our capacity to pay you.

Be aware of currency risk. In some circumstances, you may receive payments in a different currency, so the final return you will get may depend on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator. A complete description of risk factors is set out in the Prospectus in the section entitled 'Risk Factors Annex'.

Top 10 Holdings		<b>Country Allocation</b>		<b>Market Capitalisation</b>		Sector Allocation	
Microsoft	5.2%	United States	68.7%	Mega cap	17.6%	Semiconductors &	34.4%
MercadoLibre	4.8%	Netherlands	5.7%	(>\$400bn)		semi equipment	
Taiwan Semiconductor	4.6%	Argentina	4.8%	Large cap – upper (\$200bn - \$400bn)	14.5%	Software & services	35.1%
Adobe	4.3%	Taiwan	4.6%	Large cap – mid	27.1%		
Arista Networks	4.1%	lana.	4.50/	(\$100bn - \$200bn)	27.170	Hardware &	14.2%
Cadence Design	4.0%	Japan	4.5%	Large cap – lower	37.2%	components	
Salesforce	3.8%	Spain	2.5%	(\$10bn - \$100bn)		Consumer	10.3%
ASML Holding	3.6%	South Korea	2.3%	Mid cap (\$1bn - \$10bn)	0.0%	discretionary	10.570
Nvidia	3.6%	Switzerland	1.9%	Small cap	0.0%	Communication services	2.4%
Applied Materials	3.5%	United Kingdom	1.4%	(<\$1bn)	0.070	Services	
Total	<i>4</i> 1 5%	Cash & equivalents	3.6%	Cash & equivalents	3.6%	Cash & equivalents	3.6%

### **Investment Team**

Lead Portfolio Manage

William de Gale, FCA. CFA



Portfolio Manager

Rupert de Borchgrave



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#### Morningstar Overall Rating™

Among 1,129 Technology Equity funds. The Fund's risk adjusted returns based on Class S USD Accumulating had 4 stars for 3 years and 5 stars for 5 years of 1,129 and 721 Technology Equity respectively, for the period ended 31/07/2024





Morningstar Sustainability Rating™

The BlueBox Global Technology Fund is rated out of 1,253 Technology Equity funds as of 31/07/2024.

Based on 100% of eligible corporate AUM. Data is based on long positions only.

# **Fund Objective**

The Fund's principle objective is to seek long term capital growth by investing mainly in shares of companies having principle business in technology sector or profiting from it. The Fund invests globally, is actively managed and is not in reference to any

# Assets Under Management

Firm: USD 1.582 m Strategy USD 1 563 m Fund: USD 1,551 m

# **Key Facts**

Launch Date\*

**Asset Class** 

Fund Base Currency Liquidity Daily **Fund Type** LICITS Legal Status SICAV SFDR Article 8 Domicile Auditor Custodian Northern Trust

29 March 2018

### Portfolio Construction

Equity **Number of Securities** 30-40 Weight 10% maximum Turnover Low Mainly Targeting **Market Cap** \$10 bn -\$200 bn Geographic Global Cash always below 10% Flexible, not Benchmark benchmark oriented



\* The Fund was launched under Share Class S with Management Fee of 1% until December 2020, 0% Management Fee since. The Share Class is closed to new investors.

# BlueBox Funds- BlueBox Global Technology Fund Direct Connection

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Global Technology Fund

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# William de Gale's Monthly Comment

Following late July weakness, August began with a sharp drop for equity markets, including the Technology sector, triggered by resurgent macro concerns. This was followed by a vigorous but brief rally, taking the market back almost to its highs, before beginning to fade into month end. All this excitement and volatility netted out at virtually zero, with the BlueBox Global Technology Fund almost precisely flat on the month, slightly lagging our benchmark. The fund's weakest holdings were Airbnb (-16%), Tokyo Electron (-14%) and Lam Research (-11%); while the leading performers were MercadoLibre (+24%), Palantir Technologies (+17%) and Veeva Systems (+13%).

At the beginning of August we reduced our overall semiconductor target weight by a few percent. With US employment data a little weaker, consumer default rates rising and ISM manufacturing surprising on the downside, one can create a bear case for the US economy, should one want to. To us it still seems more like a softlanding than a recession, but we felt that this economic uncertainty could lead to a period of market weakness until the autumn reporting season. Trimming semiconductors makes the portfolio modestly more defensive, but more importantly it gives us scope to add significantly to the more cyclical chip names after such weakness – most likely in late October or early November. On the other hand, should the macro outlook deteriorate further, we are halfway towards battening down the hatches for a coming storm.

Not just the Tech sector, but the entire equity market appeared to be holding its breath for NVIDIA results after the close on 28 August: could the biggest beneficiary of the Al boom report and guide above lofty expectations for a sixth successive quarter? In the end the answer was "sort-of-No": NVIDIA's stock fell 6% the following day, with guidance not quite as stratospheric as many appear to have hoped, but the broader tech market shrugged it off, at least until the month end.

Investor disappointment was mainly with revenue guidance for the October quarter, but a decline in margins for the July quarter might be more significant. NVIDIA's profits have surged not so much because it is selling more silicon (it relies on TSMC to process silicon wafers, and

TSMC is supply-constrained), but more because NVIDIA can charge a far higher price for AI processors than for its traditional products. This is partly because they are more expensive to manufacture, but mainly because demand is way higher than supply, so NVIDIA can charge a substantial scarcity premium, giving a huge boost to its gross margins. These rose steadily from the mid-60s pre-GenAl to 78% in the April quarter, but that progression reversed in July to 75%, which could be the first indication that supply and demand for NVIDIA's chips may be edging back towards balance. There are other possible explanations, but when NVIDIA's period of over-earning inevitably draws to a close, it is likely to look something like this, so we feel that the short-term risk for the stock is now rising.

Weaker pricing for NVIDIA probably wouldn't signal the end of the GenAl boom: if Al processor supply rises due to increased capacity at foundries, successful die shrinks, or share gains by NVIDIA's competitors, it would help sustain Al spend by making it more cost effective. Even if the cause is slowing Al investment (and there is currently little obvious evidence for that), it wouldn't be a disaster for the wider Technology sector: the entire industry has itself long been supply-constrained. GenAl has been sucking investment away from many other areas, such as cloud software, so slower Al growth would allow scarce resources to be allocated back to the laggards, supporting overall demand for semis, chip equipment and other enabling technologies.

We see no evidence that the overall trend of 15% growth for the Technology sector is at risk. Companies continue to develop and deploy successive rounds of tech-driven disruption in every walk of life, enabled by the Direct Connection of systems to the real world. Tech enablers remain the main beneficiaries, stealing almost all the profit growth from the rest of the market, as they have done since 2007. These very profitable enablers continue to be the main engine earnings growth globally, giving BlueBox investors exposure to the strongest technology trends, without the absurd valuations and poor business models of many of the high-profile, but profitless, disrupters.

#### **Fund Characteristics**

Number of holdings

Weighted average market cap

USD 502 bn

1.50 %

### **Share Classes**

C Acc.	Retail
Min. Initial Investment:	\$1,000
Annual Management Fee:	2.20 %
Total Ongoing Charges:	2.59 %
Launch Date:	27 Nov 2020
	ISIN
USD	LU2092176275
EUR	LU2092176515
GBP	LU2092176358
CHF	LU2092176606
A Acc.	Retail
Min. Initial Investment:	\$10,000

_aunch Date:	10 Feb 2020
	ISIN
JSD	LU179334526
UR	LU179334542

**GBP** LU1793345346 **CHF** LU1793345692

R Acc. Retail

Min. Initial Investment: Annual Management Fee: Total Ongoing Charges: Launch Date:

Min Initial Investment:

Annual Management

Total Ongoing Charges:

ges: 1.39 % 20 Sept 2022 ISIN LU2497703376

\$150,000.-

1.00 %

\$150,000.-

LU1793347045

EUR LU2497703533

GBP LU2497703459

LU2497703616

I Acc. Institutional

Annual Management Fee: 1.00 % Frotal Ongoing Charges: 1.35 % Launch Date: 5 Oct 2020 ISIN

USD LU1793346666

EUR LU1793346823

**GBP** LU1793346740

Registration Countries: LU, CH, UK, DE, AT, ES, FR, BE, IT, PT

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