

DNB Technology

A global long only equity technology, media and telecommunications (TMT) fund

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Strategy Introduction

20+ Years of Proven Track Record with Global Technology Investments

Global Long-Only Equity Fund in Technology, Media and Telecom

FUND HIGHLIGHTS

CAGR since inception (EUR, retail class)

16% / 13% Fund / Benchmark

Years since inception

17 Years

KEY HIGHLIGHTS STRATEGY¹ FUND

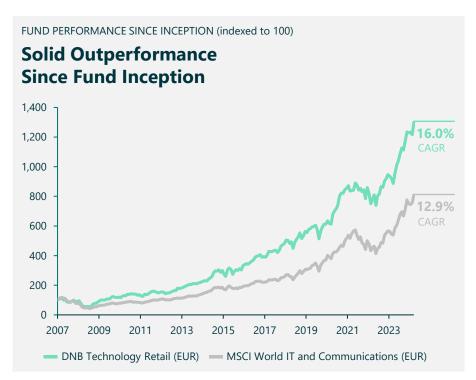
Launch date 2001 2007

Structure UCITS

SFDR Article 8

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Source: Bloomberg, DNB Asset Management as of October 29th, 2024. Note 1: Strategy refers to DNB Teknologi, the sister fund of DNB Technology, which is managed by the same team but domiciled in Norway

Strategy Introduction

Consistent Portfolio Management Team With No Turnover

Mr. Anders Tandberg-Johansen Mr. Erling Thune **Team role**: Head of Global Technology Team role: Portfolio Manager and Lead Portfolio Manager Industry coverage: Telecom and **Industry coverage**: Hardware Media **DNB Fund Technology** with **Technology and Semiconductors** strongest 10-year performance Entered the industry in January out of all 48,000 funds Entered the industry in July 1997. Joined 2000. Joined the company in available on Morningstar.de the company in June 1998 January 2008 Strategy Launch (LU) of launch date **DNB Technology** >€ 1bn > € 2bn > € 4bn > € 7bn Aug 2001 Aug 2007 Jan 2008 Apr 2013 Feb 2016 Aug 2018 Jun 2021 Sep 2007 Oct 2010 Apr 2014 Dec 2016 Jan 2019 Aug 2023 Launch of Launch (LU) of DNB Fund > € 3bn No. 1 L/S strategy **TMT Absolute Return** Mr. Sverre Bergland Mr. Erling Haugan Kise Mr. Marius Wennersten Team role: Portfolio Manager Team role: Portfolio Manager Team role: Jr. Portfolio Manager **Industry coverage**: Software Industry coverage: IT & Industry coverage: Cloud-Based and Internet **Payment Services** Software and Cybersecurity Entered the industry in January Entered the industry in July Entered the industry and joined 1995. Joined the company in 2011. Joined the company in the company in August 2023 May 2001 April 2014

Our Four Pillars of Stock Selection



Themes



Value Creation



Momentum



Valuation

What is the underlying thematic driver?

Artificial Intelligence

Cloud migrations

Mature smartphone market

Internet of Things, 5G

Regulation of Big Tech

How is value being created?

Management track record

Corporate Governance

Economies of scale

Barriers to entry

Regulatory risk

What is fueling shortterm price action?

Ownership and short interest

Market insight triangulation

Investor biases

Risk/reward around events

Assumptions in the share price

Is the valuation warranted?

Relevant pricing ratios

Earnings estimates

CS Holt Lens

Bloomberg

Broker research

Our Four Pillars of Stock Selection | Illustrative Example: **VISA**





Themes

Continuing conversion from cash to card and increasing consumer expenditures Penetration driven growth ■ PCE growth Card purchase volume growth (%) 10.1 % 9.8 % 9.0 % 5.2 % 3.9 % 5.6 % 4.9 % 5.1 % 4.2 % 2023-28e 2013-18 2018-23e



Value Creation

Duopoly with deep moats from large customer and merchant network effects Customers use the payment method all merchants accept Merchants offer the payment method all customers have



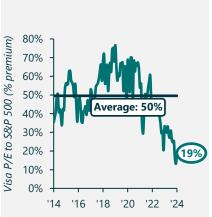
Momentum

Share class conversion overhang created attractive buying opportunity Visa share price (% change) -4% -6% -8% -10% Oct-23 Sep-23 Nov-23



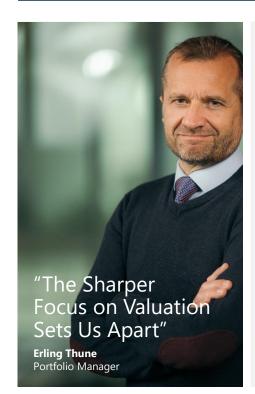
Valuation

P/E multiple historically at 50% premium to market, currently at 19%



Source: Bloomberg, company reports, Bernstein, DNB Asset Management as of end of August 2024

The DNA of DNB Technology





Valuation Conscious

Assess whether the valuation reflected in the stock price is warranted by the fundamentals

Bad companies can be good stocks

Premium valuations can be justified



Contrarian

Act on adverse stock movements as opportunities, if the thesis remains intact

No stop-loss methodology

Double-down on underperformers



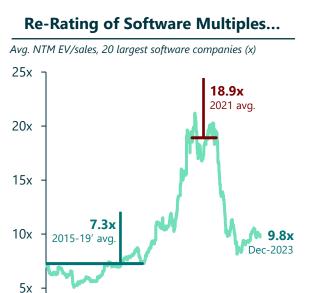
Discretionary

Exercise discretion to capitalize on opportunities, w/o guideline constraints

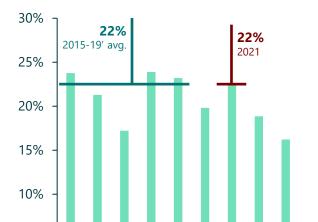
Factor-aware, not factor-led

No holding periods

Valuation Conscious: a Case Study



...Not Supported by Fundamentals... Median sales growth rate, 20 largest software companies (%)



... Caused Portfolio Pivot



Source: Bloomberg, DNB Asset Management as of 31st of December 2023. Note 1: Fund Software exposure relative to Benchmark

2023

5%

0%

2015

2017

2017

2019

0x

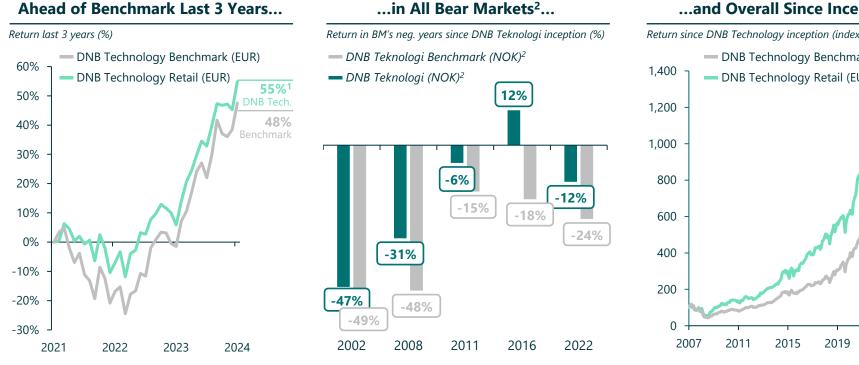
2015

2021

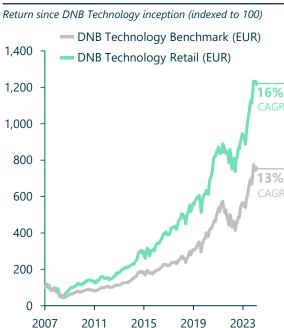
2023

2019

Downside Protection Has Yielded Strong Long-Term Performance



...and Overall Since Inception

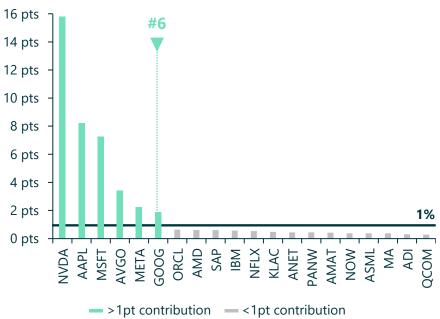


Source: Bloomberg, DNB Asset Management as of October 29th, 2024. Note 1: 3-year return for DNB Technology Institutional is 59%. Note 2: Performance shown for DNB Teknologi (NOK) as DNB Technology (EUR) was not incepted until 2007

Top Return Contributors More Diversified than Benchmark, Last 3 Years

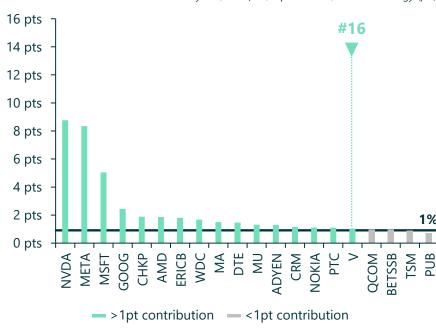
Only 6 Stocks Contributed >1pt to Benchmark Return...





... Versus 16 Stocks for DNB Technology

Contribution to absolute return last three years, excl. fees, top 20 stocks, DNB Technology (pts)



Source: Bloomberg, DNB Asset Management as of end of August 2024

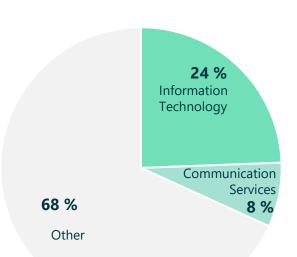
A Large and Diverse Investment Universe

Telecom

A Diverse Investment Universe... Technology Software Hardware Semi-Media conductors

... Making Up >30% of MSCI World...

MSCI World Index by sector (%)



...Including 7/10 Largest Companies

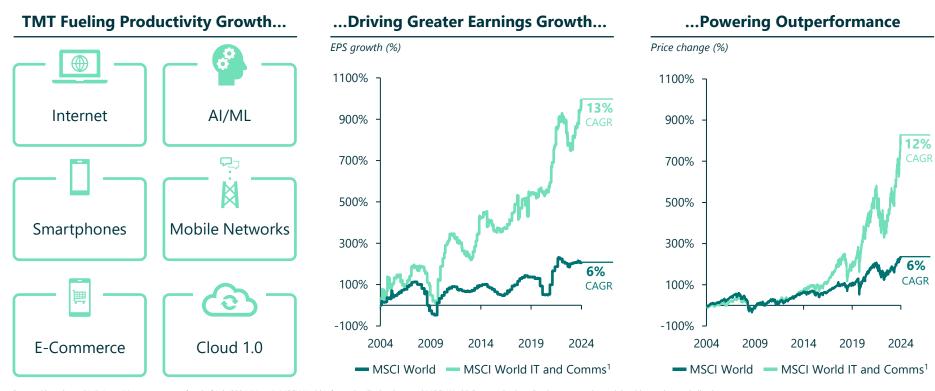
Largest companies globally by market capitalization (\$bn)

Company	MCAP (\$bn)			
Apple	3,053			
Microsoft	3,773			
Nvidia	2,410			
Alphabet	1,883			
Amazon	1,610			
Saudi Arabian Oil Co	1,587			
Meta Platforms	1,128			
Berkshire Hathaway	843			
Eli Lilly & Co	698			
Broadcom	611			

Source: Bloomberg, DNB Asset Management as of end of July 2024

Internet

The Economy's Productivity Growth Driver Is a Stock Market Winner



Source: Bloomberg, DNB Asset Management as of end of July 2024. Note 1: MSCI World Information Technology and MSCI World Communications Services, composite, weighted by market capitalization

"Do You Think Technology Will Be More or Less Important in the Future?"



Generative Artificial Intelligence



Cloud 2.0 and Accelerated Compute



Automation & Robotics



Superfast Mobile Broadband – 5G

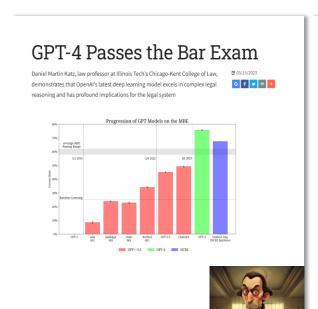


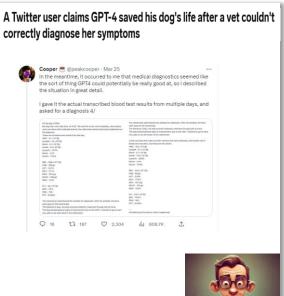
Self-Driving Transportation

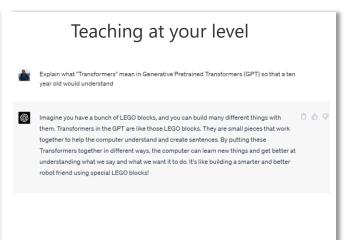


Internet-of-Things

Right Now, It's All About Generative Al

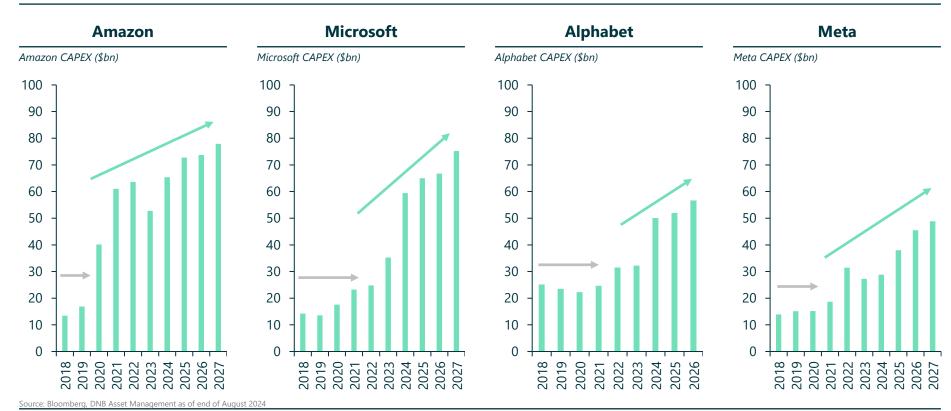








The Hyperscalers Have Accelerated Their Capital Expenditures



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We Positioned the Portfolio to Capitalize on GenAl in First Half of 2023...

8 Out of 15 Largest Holdings with Generative AI as Key Value Driver

Largest holdings as of June 1st, 2023	% of Fund
Microsoft	9.4 %
Meta Platforms	7.9 %
Telefonaktiebolaget Ericsson	6.3 %
Alphabet	5.5 %
Nvidia	4.5 %
Sony	3.6 %
Samsung	3.5 %
Salesforce	2.9 %
Nokia	2.7 %
Take-Two Interactive Software	2.6 %
Criteo	2.4 %
Visa	2.3 %
Mastercard	2.2 %
Adobe	2.2 %
Western Digital	2.2 %



...But Have Divested From the GenAl Stories We Deem "Fully Priced"

Reduced in Al Winners That Turned Too Expensive...

Largest holdings, June 1st, 2023	% of Fund	Change
Microsoft	9.4 %	-3.4 pts
Meta Platforms	7.9 %	-3.5 pts
Telefonaktiebolaget Ericsson	6.3 %	-1.8 pts
Alphabet	5.5 %	+2.4 pts
Nvidia	4.5 %	-0.2 pts
Sony	3.6 %	-1.9 pts
Samsung Electronics	3.5 %	+5.0 pts
Salesforce	2.9 %	-1.7 pts
Nokia	2.7 %	+2.4 pts
Take-Two Interactive Software	2.6 %	-1.3 pts
Criteo	2.4 %	-0.8 pts
Visa	2.3 %	+2.1 pts
Mastercard	2.2 %	+2.2 pts
Adobe	2.2 %	-1.7 pts
Western Digital	2.2 %	+2.6 pts

...and Increased in Overlooked Stocks

Largest holdings, October 31st, 2024	% of Fund
Samsung Electronics	8.5 %
Alphabet	7.9 %
Microsoft	6.0 %
Nokia	5.1 %
Amazon.Com	4.9 %
Western Digital	4.8 %
Ericsson	4.5 %
Visa	4.4 %
Mastercard	4.4 %
Meta Platforms	4.4 %
Nvidia	4.3 %
Electronic Arts	2.2 %
Embracer	2.1 %
STMicroelectronics	1.8 %
Deutsche Telekom	1.8 %





Market May Have Been Too Optimistic on Adobe's GenAl Opportunity

GenAl in Adobe Creative Cloud...



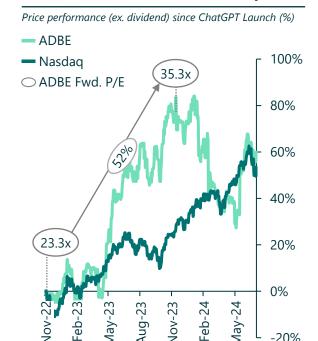
Adobe has augmented its flagship products (Photoshop, Illustrator, etc.) with generative AI and integrated Adobe Firefly to offer e.g., generative fill

...Could Drive 9% Revenue Uplift...

Estimated Revenue Impact, FY24		
FY24 Revenue	\$21,779m	
GenAl Uplift	+9%	
GenAl Revenue	\$1,990m	
Total FY24 Revenue	\$23,769m	

Monetization will be subscription and consumption based, with estimates expecting ~9% revenue uplift from GenAl

...and Resulted in 52% P/E Uplift



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research, DNB Asset Management as of end of July 2024

Much of Nokia's and Ericsson's EVs Can Now Be Justified by Patents Alone

Ericsson's Patents are Worth 35% of Current EV

Ericsson IPR Portfolio Valuation	
2024 Guidance (Midpoint)	SEK 12.5bn
EBIT Margin	70%
EBIT Contribution	SEK 8.75bn
Multiple	10x
IPR Portfolio Value	SEK 87.5bn

Nokia's Patents are Worth 51% of Current EV

Nokia IPR Portfolio Valuation			
Run-Rate	€1.3bn		
EBIT Margin	70%		
EBIT Contribution	€0.91bn		
Multiple	10x		
IPR Portfolio Value	€9.10bn		





Source: Bloomberg, Svenska Handelsbanken, DNB Asset Management as of end of August 2024. Note: assuming IPR EBIT flat from 2024 to 2025 in calculation of EV/EBIT for stub

Current Largest Overweight Is Samsung, Largest Underweight Is Apple

15 Largest Overweighted Stocks		15 Largest Underweighted Stocks			
Stock	Bet	Holding	Stock	Bet	Holding
Samsung Electronics	8.5 %	8.5 %	Apple	-14.5 %	
Nokia	5.0 %	5.1 %	Nvidia	-10.5 %	4.3 %
Amazon.Com	4.9 %	4.9 %	Microsoft	-7.2 %	6.0 %
Western Digital	4.7 %	4.8 %	Broadcom	-3.4 %	
Visa	4.4 %	4.4 %	Oracle	-1.2 %	
Mastercard	4.4 %	4.4 %	Meta Platforms	-1.2 %	4.4 %
Ericsson	4.4 %	4.5 %	Netflix	-1.1 %	0.3 %
Embracer	2.1 %	2.1 %	Advanced Micro Devices	-1.0 %	
Electronic Arts	2.1 %	2.2 %	Accenture	-0.9 %	
Sony Group	1.7 %	1.7 %	Texas Instruments	-0.8 %	
Adyen	1.7 %	1.7 %	International Business Machines	-0.8 %	
STMicroelectronics	1.7 %	1.8 %	Qualcomm	-0.8 %	
Criteo	1.6 %	1.6 %	Verizon	-0.8 %	
SK Hynix	1.5 %	1.5 %	Intuit	-0.8 %	
Taiwan Semiconductor	1.4 %	1.4 %	The Walt Disney Co	-0.7 %	

Source: DNB Asset Management as of October 31st, 2024

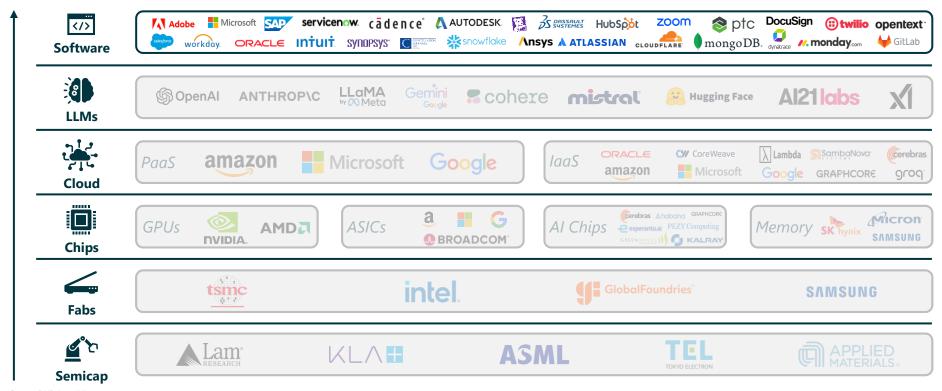
The Generative AI Ecosystem



We Believe PaaS and Memory Players Are Attractively Priced and Positioned



Will GenAl Be Disrupting or Benefitting Software Companies?



Determining the Future Leaders of GenAI: Incumbents VS Start-Ups | Pt. I

Distribution vs Disruption



Can the incumbents build cool stuff...



...before the start-ups build distribution?



Augment vs Architect



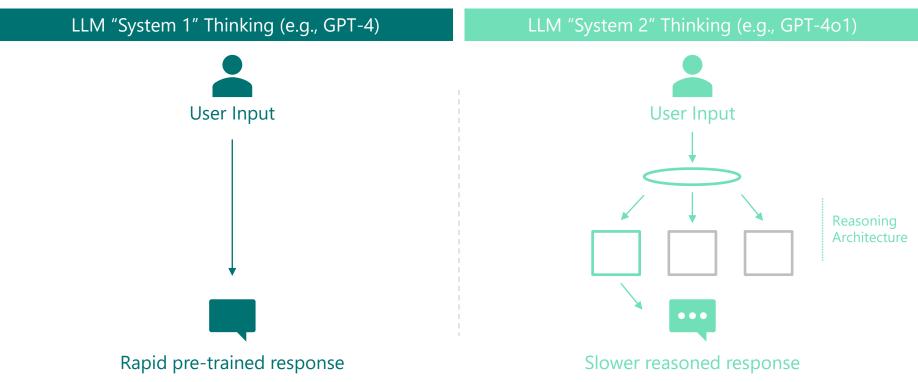
Will Generative Al augment...



...or re-architect the business?



Determining the Future Leaders of GenAI: Incumbents VS Start-Ups | Pt. II



Snippets on CAPEX from Q2 2024 Conference Calls

Alphabet:

"... the risk of underinvesting is dramatically greater than the risk of overinvesting"

Meta:

"... the amount of compute needed to train Llama 4 will likely be almost 10 times more than what we used to train Llama 3"

Amazon:

"... we continue to see strong demand in both generative AI and our non-generative AI workflows"

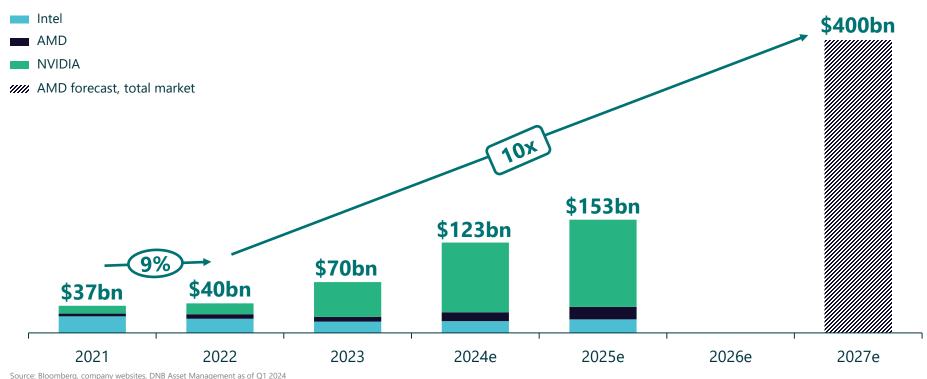
Microsoft:

"...we expect capex to increase on a seguential basis give our cloud and AI demand as well as existing AI capacity constraints"

Source: Bloomberg, company websites, DNB Asset Management as of end of August 2024

Generative AIWill Chip Manufacturers Eat the World?

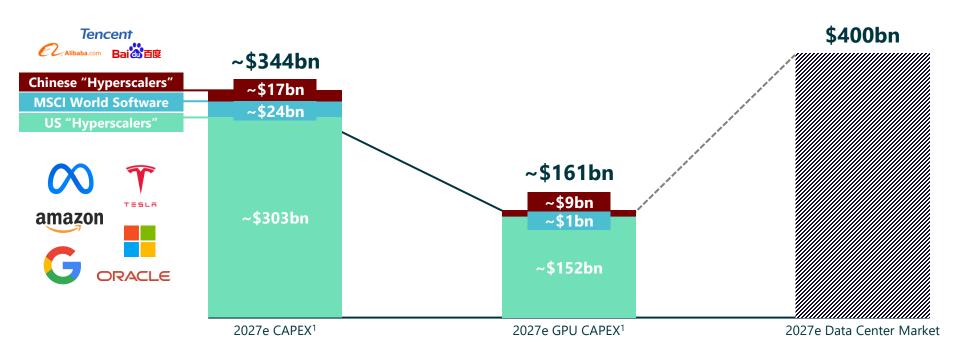
Data center revenue (\$bn), actuals (2021 - 2023), consensus estimates (2024 - 2025), AMD forecast (2027)



Source: Bloomberg, company websites, DNB Asset Management as of Q1 202

Generative AIWho Are the Buyers of AMD's \$400bn Market?

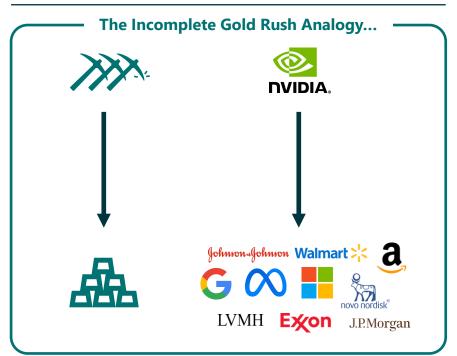
Comparison of 2027 estimated capex and estimated GPU capex for US and Chinese "Hyperscalers" and MSCI World Software companies, with AMD's 2027 data center market forecast, (\$bn)



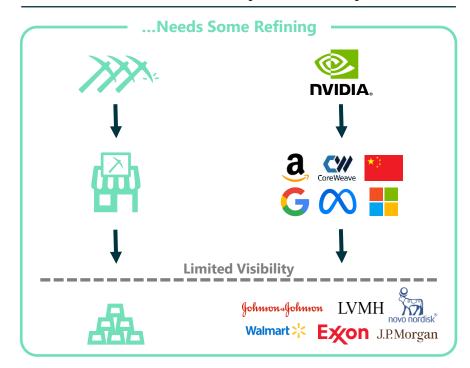
1: Assuming constant capital intensity from 2024 to 2027, assuming 50% of "Hyperscaler" (MSFT, AMZN, GOOG, ORCL, META, TSLA, BABA, BIDU, Tencent) capex goes to GPUs, assuming GPU % of CAPEX for software is in-line with that of ServiceNow Source: Bloomberg, company websites, DNB Asset Management as of end of June 2024

The Demand Environment for Compute is Murkier Than at First Glance

The Companies Buying Pickaxes to the Gold Rush...



...Do Not Have Direct Visibility of How Many are Needed



OpenAl's 5 Stages of Artificial Intelligence



Chatbots

Conversational language

2



Reasoners

Human-level problem solving

3



Agents

Systems that can take actions

4



Innovators

Al that can aid in invention

5



Organizations

Autonomous organizations

Source: Forbes, DNB Asset Management

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Asset Management

Performance

Absolute (+25.4%) and Relative (-2.9%) Net Return So Far in 2024

10 Largest Relative Contributors, 2024		10 Largest Relative Detractors, 2024			
Stock	Contribution	Current Holding	Stock	Detraction	Current Holding
Apple	1.6 %	0.0 %	Nvidia	-5.1 %	4.3 %
Microsoft	1.6 %	6.0 %	Samsung Electronics	-3.9 %	8.5 %
Nokia	1.1 %	5.1 %	Nordic Semiconductor	-1.0 %	1.2 %
Meta Platforms	1.0 %	4.4 %	Sony Group	-1.0 %	1.7 %
Ericsson	0.7 %	4.5 %	STMicroelectronics	-0.9 %	1.8 %
Taiwan Semiconductor	0.7 %	1.4 %	Broadcom	-0.6 %	0.0 %
Adobe	0.6 %	0.5 %	Skyworks Solutions	-0.6 %	0.5 %
Advanced Micro Devices	0.5 %	0.0 %	Ubisoft	-0.5 %	0.2 %
Qualcomm	0.5 %	0.0 %	TomTom	-0.4 %	0.6 %
Salesforce	0.5 %	1.2 %	Amazon.Com	-0.4 %	4.9 %

Source: Bloomberg, DNB Asset Management as of October 31st, 2024

Performance

Fund Characteristics and Performance Versus Benchmark

Characteristics	Explanation	Yearly returns, %	Fund	Index	Relative	
Benchmark	MSCI Communication Services & IT LUX	YTD ¹	25.4	28.3	-2.9	
Report Currency	EUR	2023	37.9	46.3	-8.4	
Return Type	Net of Management Fee	2022	-16.4	-28.0	11.6	
Report Period	31.10.14 - 29.10.24	2021	28.1	35.0	-6.9	
Last NAV	687.6	2020	18.4	25.7	-7.3	
	Performance of DNB Fund Technology last ten years	2019	33.7	42.9	-9.2	
		2018	5.7	0.6	5.2	
	nology Institutional A EUR — MSCI Communication Services & IT LUX	2017	19.0	11.8	7.1	
700		2016	19.2	13.3	5.9	
600		2015	24.9	15.1	9.9	
		2014*	9.2	5.9	3.3	
500			* Period limited by start of period or fund inception.			
	$\sim \sim$	Accumulated returns, %	Fund	Index	Relative	
400		3 Years	58.6	47.5	11.0	
		5 Years	131.7	156.9	-25.2	
300		—— Report Period	517.5	430.0	87.5	
		Annualized returns, %	Fund	Index	Relative	
200		3 Years	16.6	13.8	2.8	
~~~~		5 Years	18.3	20.8	-2.5	
100		Report Period	20.0	18.1	1.8	
		<b>Annualized risk measures</b>	3 yrs, %	Fund	Index	
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15 10	17 10 13 20 21 22 23 2	Tracking Error		8.7		

# **Fund Characteristics**Fund Characteristics

**Fund name** 

**DNB Fund Technology** 

Fund type

Unhedged, long only equity fund

Legal structure

SICAV, Luxembourg

**Inception date** 

16th of August 2007

**Base currency** 

**EUR** 

Liquidity

Daily

**Management company** 

FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A.

**Investment manager** 

DNB Asset Management AS, Norway

**Investment universe** 

Global equities within the technology, media and telecommunication sectors

**Benchmark** 

MSCI World Communication Services & Information Technology

**Portfolio targets** 

25-60 holdings, 5-10% tracking error

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