



AXA IM appoints two portfolio managers focusing on technology, including the AXA Framlington Global Technology Fund

AXA Investment Managers (AXA IM) announces the appointments of James Dowey and Matthew Ward to its Thematic Equities team focusing on technology, effective already.

Together they will focus on AXA IM's technology range including co-management of the **AXA Framlington Global Technology Fund** and offer valuable expertise to an experienced team whose franchise has been successfully growing over the past few years.

Based in London, both new hires report to Tom Riley, Head of Global Thematic Strategies for AXA IM Core. Tom joined AXA IM 15 years ago and works with Pauline Llandric (Portfolio Manager, Technology) who has been with the company for 16 years.

James joins AXA IM as Portfolio Manager, Technology and has 19 years of industry experience, most recently as Co-Head of the Global Innovation Team and Co-Manager of the Global Technology, Global Innovation and Global Dividend Funds at Liontrust Asset Management.

Matt has 23 years of industry experience and joins AXA IM from Barings, where he was Head of Global Technology Equities and Co-Head of Global and International Equities. He launched and managed the Barings Global Technology Fund as well as managing multiple other Global and International equity strategies.

Commenting on the appointments, Tom Riley, Head of Global Thematic Strategies for AXA IM Equity, said:

"We are pleased to bring in investors with the experience, quality and enthusiasm of Matt and James. Thematics has been an important growth driver for AXA IM Core over the last decade and our Technology capabilities have been at the forefront of this. Over the past few years, we've developed a

number of differentiated and innovative investment propositions aiming to deliver strong performance for clients and accelerating the growth of these franchises. These high-calibre appointments will strengthen our management and continued development of our Global Technology strategies and our broader global equity capabilities.”

AXA IM has a long history and heritage of running sector funds with its Global Technology, Healthcare and Biotech UK Unit Trusts. In 2015, AXA IM leveraged this expertise to launch its Thematic range with a strategy investing in robotics. Since then, AXA IM has developed a range of unique and innovative strategies that have attracted a broad array of clients worldwide. Today, the thematic range encompasses 8 main strategies, with circa \$9 billion of assets under management ^[1].

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