



RIT Capital – Portfolio Well Positioned

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RIT Capital Partners' October NAV was 2,715p, compared with 2,737p at 30 September. Including the 17.625p dividend paid on 29 October (ex-date 30 September), the NAV total return during the month was broadly flat.

This compares with a c.4% rise for the MSCI ACWI (50% Sterling/50% Local). Clearly it was a strong month for US markets, and whilst 48% of RIT's portfolio is North America, this is biased towards private companies, compared with the public equities portfolio which is more diversified globally. Further, I think it is worth pointing out that 20% of RIT Capital is invested in Private Funds which have a strong technology bias. The Nasdaq Index was rather muted in Q3, being small off, however clearly it is very much a different story so far up nearly 9% in Dollar terms.

RIT Capital (£4.36bn market cap) has performed well for investors as evidenced by the YTD2021 NAV performance of 20%, compared with 17.5% for the index.

We believe that the fund's emphasis on capital protection does and should fit well with the risk tolerance of many private investors. In addition, we believe that the team, supported by its connections to leading third-party managers, is well placed to exploit opportunities that arise across a range of asset classes on a global basis. I see this as a core holding in any portfolio!