## A Sub-fund of DMS UCITS Platform ICAV, an Irish UCITS Fund

## Fund Objective and Investment Strategy

Alkeon's investment philosophy is centered on performing deep fundamental analysis of individual company stocks and identifying growth cycles that are largely independent of the economic cycles. The portfolio's long investments emphasize positions in growth companies with improving fundamentals, strong balance sheets and free cash flows, and superior competitive positions. On the short side, Alkeon maintains an active alpha-seeking stock specific portfolio by establishing short positions in low quality businesses facing long term challenges such as unstable and weak business models, deteriorating fundamentals, and declining profitability metrics. Core to the Alkeon approach is the concept that innovation often creates opportunities for growth, while at the same time it can destroy value - this leads to attractive long and short investment opportunities with the potential to create alpha on both sides of the portfolio.

Alkeon employs a bottom-up, fundamentally driven, research-intensive approach to investing, the core of which includes extensive analysis of business drivers and detailed modeling of projected earnings, executive-level understanding of industry competitive dynamics, market share shifts, profitability trends and growth rates, as well as extensive communications with industry leaders and executives globally. Alkeon has a mandate to pursue superior growth opportunities globally, including emerging markets.

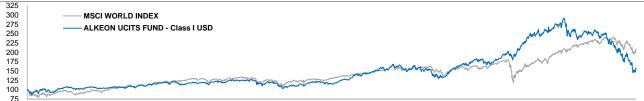
### **Fund Characteristics**

	22-Jul-11					
Inception Date						
Total Assets (USD)	\$111m					
Base Currency	USD					
Domicile	Ireland					
Passporting Status	Ireland, Italy, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Spain,					
(registered in)	Switzerland and United Kingdom					
Legal Structure	ICAV					
Dealing Day	Weekly. Every Friday (except legal public holidays in Ireland)					
Subscription/ 12 midday Irish time on the Friday prior to the relevant D						
Redemption notice	Day (subject to adjustment for legal public holidays in Ireland)					
Settlement	Subscription: Dealing Day +3					
	Redemption: Dealing Day +5					
Currency Classes	USD / EUR / CHF / GBP					
Available						
Investment Manager Alkeon Capital Management, LLC						
UCITS Manager	Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited					
Depositary	SEI Depositary Services (Ireland) Ltd					
Administrator	SEI Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd					
Auditor	PWC					

#### **Investment Management**

Established in 2002, Alkeon Capital Management, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company registered as an investment advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The company was founded by Panayotis "Takis" Sparaggis who has 28 years of experience in asset management. Alkeon has 78 employees with offices in New York, San Francisco and Hong Kong.

## Performance<sup>(1)</sup>



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## Historical Monthly Returns (2)

														World
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul <sup>(2)</sup>	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD <sup>(2)</sup>	Index <sup>(2)</sup>
2022	-8.49%	-5.98%	-3.60%	-11.56%	-6.10%								-31.12%	-13.64%
2021	-1.62%	0.60%	-8.60%	3.59%	-4.33%	4.28%	-1.26%	1.16%	-5.05%	2.28%	-7.44%	-0.66%	-16.61%	20.14%
2020	5.25%	-0.62%	0.34%	8.37%	8.68%	5.32%	3.91%	2.84%	-1.85%	1.05%	3.59%	4.13%	48.82%	14.06%
2019	11.41%	5.48%	3.02%	4.63%	-2.59%	5.38%	2.59%	1.19%	-6.89%	1.94%	5.58%	1.15%	36.82%	25.19%
2018	9.63%	-3.11%	-2.31%	-5.74%	3.44%	0.22%	-4.19%	4.80%	-0.85%	-10.14%	-1.36%	-1.99%	-12.31%	-10.44%
2017	4.74%	4.61%	1.67%	3.23%	6.34%	-1.66%	3.85%	2.77%	2.27%	3.96%	-0.52%	-1.38%	33.90%	20.11%
2016	-6.79%	-1.81%	2.87%	-1.57%	5.42%	-2.06%	4.30%	2.26%	0.50%	-0.82%	-2.26%	-2.48%	-3.04%	5.32%
2015	-2.76%	5.80%	-0.97%	-0.15%	1.02%	-0.75%	1.28%	-5.02%	-6.12%	7.69%	-0.11%	-2.15%	-3.06%	-2.74%
2014	-2.83%	3.62%	-3.59%	-2.21%	2.40%	1.55%	-1.33%	2.11%	-1.57%	2.62%	1.76%	-1.10%	1.10%	2.93%
2013	2.34%	-0.20%	0.85%	-1.06%	2.24%	-1.30%	4.29%	-2.34%	4.09%	1.79%	2.11%	1.70%	15.25%	24.10%
2012	5.79%	5.15%	3.68%	-0.75%	-3.99%	1.25%	0.93%	2.12%	-0.08%	-2.46%	0.82%	-0.34%	12.33%	13.18%
2011							-1.46%	-4.12%	-3.75%	12.28%	-3.79%	-5.45%	-7.12%	-12.32%

### Portfolio Construction<sup>(3)</sup>

	Alkeon UCITS Fund				
Universe/Strategy	bal Growth Equities (Net Long Bias)				
Market Capitalization	Iarket Capitalization				
Sectors	ectors				
Typical Net Exposure Range(Delta Adjusted)	0% to +100%				
Typical Gross Exposure Range	ng Term Average: 80% to 200%				
Targeted Volatility	ss than market				
Typical Position at Cost (Long)	1% to 5%				
Typical Position at Cost (Short)	0.50% to 1.5%				
Typical Number of Positions	Range: 80 to 200				
Typical Underlying Instrument	Listed equities (100% of the portfolio can be liquidated in less than 1 day)				

1. For 2011, Jul-11 and YTD performances are from 22 July 2011. Performance information prior to 17 December 2018 is from MS Alkeon UCITS Fund, a sub-fund of FundLogic Alternatives pic. Effective 17 December 2018, MS Alkeon UCITS Fund merged into Alkeon UCITS Fund. No Kaken UCIFS rund was used to the frammatice information is included for illustration purposes only and is not intended to imply that the portfolio was similar to any index either in composition or element of risk. The Index performance based on Class I Shares - USD. Index information is included for illustration purposes only and is not intended to imply that the portfolio was similar to any index either in composition or element of risk. The Index performance based on Class I Shares - USD. Index information is included for illustration purposes only and is not intended to imply that the portfolio was similar to any index either in composition or element of risk. The Index performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Performance is quoted net of fees and based on unaudited figures. ent of risk. The Index performance is adjusted to match Alkeon UCITS

3. See Portfolio Construction Disclosures section of this Factsheet for important information regarding Portfolio Construction

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## Fund Share Class Details<sup>(4)</sup>

Share Class			Performance				Identifiers	Fees <sup>(5)</sup>			
	Ссу	Min Inv	Launch Date	NAV	MTD	YTD	LTD	ISIN	Mgmt	Perf.	TER <sup>(6)</sup>
Class I	USD	1,000,000	22-Jul-11	1568.78	-6.10%	-31.12%	56.88%	IE00BGB6B830	2.0%	20%	2.27%
Class I	EUR	1,000,000	22-Jul-11	1345.62	-6.25%	-31.77%	34.56%	IE00BGB6B723	2.0%	20%	2.44%
Class I	CHF	1,000,000	22-Jul-11	1297.90	-6.36%	-31.88%	29.79%	IE00BGB6B947	2.0%	20%	2.44%
Class A	USD	10,000	25-Nov-11	1581.05	-6.14%	-31.25%	58.11%	IE00BGB6B277	2.5%	20%	2.84%
Class A	EUR	10,000	2-Mar-12	1268.26	-6.29%	-31.91%	26.83%	IE00BGB6B160	2.5%	20%	2.94%
Class A	CHF	10,000	10-Feb-12	1260.10	-6.40%	-32.01%	26.01%	IE00BGB6B491	2.5%	20%	2.94%
Class A	GBP	10,000	15-Feb-13	1290.20	-6.25%	-31.66%	29.02%	IE00BGB6B384	2.5%	20%	2.94%
Class P	USD	250,000	15-Feb-13	1427.20	-6.10%	-31.11%	42.72%	IE00BGB6BC75	2.0%	20%	2.34%
Class P	EUR	250,000	28-Jun-13	1286.02	-6.26%	-31.77%	28.60%	IE00BGB6BB68	2.0%	20%	2.44%
Class P	GBP	250,000	19-Jul-13	1263.32	-6.20%	-31.54%	26.33%	IE00BGB6BD82	2.0%	20%	2.44%
Class H	EUR	5,000,000	14-Sep-18	945.35	-6.22%	-31.62%	-5.47%	IE00BGXSYS83	1.5%	20%	1.94%
Class H	USD	5,000,000	25-Jan-19	1068.59	-6.06%	-30.96%	6.86%	IE00BGXQVG90	1.5%	20%	1.84%
Class H	CHF	5,000,000	28-Aug-20	600.08	-6.32%	-31.73%	-39.99%	IE00BGXQVW58	1.5%	20%	1.94%
Class DI	USD	250,000	21-Jun-19	887.74	-6.10%	-31.11%	-11.23%	IE00BFZXH181	2.0%	20%	2.34%
Class DI	EUR	250,000	26-Jul-19	812.18	-6.25%	-31.77%	-18.78%	IE00BFZXH074	2.0%	20%	2.44%
Class DI	CHF	250,000	24-Dec-20	555.19	-6.36%	-31.87%	-44.48%	IE00BFZXH298	2.0%	20%	2.44%

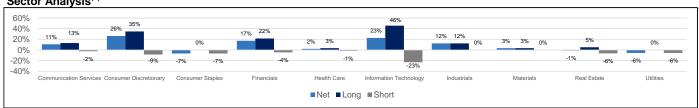
## **Risk Metrics**<sup>(7)</sup>

Exposure and Risk Summary				
	% of NAV			
Gross Exposure	198%			
Net Exposure (Delta adjusted)	72%			
Relative VaR (8)	0.64			

Position Summary				
	Number of Positions			
No. of Long	99			
No. of Short	74			
	% of NAV			
Top 5 Longs	18%			
Top 5 Shorts	-17%			

#### Market Cap Analysis (Equities)<sup>(9)</sup> 74% 80% 28% 40% 13% 5% 2% 1% 0% -4% -7% -8% -40% -16% -31% Mega Cap Mid Cap Small Cap Large Cap ■Net ■Long ■Short





## Geographic Analysis<sup>(9)</sup>



4. Only share classes that are both currently available for investment and have assets are listed above. Please see the Fund's Supplement for further information regarding all available share classes. Note: performance disparity among share classes is due primarily to different launch dates and high watermarks for purposes of calculating the Fund's performance fee, which is charged at the share class level. 5. The Fund may impose an anti-dilution levy or adjustment on large subscriptions or redemptions.

6. Total Expense Ratio includes Management Fees and platform fees (calculated as of February 28th, 2022). This figure may vary from year to year

7. Month-end data used. Number of positions is calculated on an issuer level. Certain information regarding the holdings of Alkeon UCITS Fund's reference portfolio is available upon request. Please contact Waystone or Alkeon for further information. For information on gross and net exposure, see Portfolio Construction Disclosures section.

8. VaR 99% - up to 20 days of the Fund's reference portfolio computed against the MSCI World Index as benchmark. 9. Month-end data used. For Options, where delta adjusted is not indicated, market premium is used as exposure. Country exposures are defined by Alkeon and may be based on a security's country of listing, principal place of business or such other methodology as Alkeon, in its sole discretion, determines to be reasonable. Top 10 countries by gross exposure listed. Mega Cap (>= 20b); Large Cap (>= 5b, < 20b); Mid Cap (>= 1b, < 5b); Small Cap (> 0, < 1b).

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#### Factsheet 31-May-22

## Investment Manager Commentary<sup>(10)</sup>

May offered negative results to global equities. Alkeon UCITS returned -6.10%. Long positions underperformed during the month, while our short positions had positive performance and our market hedges underperformed. Portfolio performance was negative in the US, Latin America, and Europe and positive in Asia. On a year-to-date basis, our long positions have contributed approximately -38.48% to the portfolio's cumulative performance, while our short positions and market hedges have contributed approximately 8.07%, each on a gross basis.

This has been the fourth worst start to a year in nearly 100 years, only trailing the Great Depression, World War II and the Vietnam War. (Source JP Morgan, May 2022.) For individual stocks, the correction has been even worse and has been somewhat masked by broad market averages. Specifically, during the year the percentage of stocks in a bear market (i.e., more than 20% off of their 12-month high) has included 81% of Nasdaq stocks and 56% of S&P 500 stocks. (Source Merrill, May 2022.) Moreover, the average Nasdaq stock has fallen 51%, and the average Russell 2000 stock has fallen 47%. (Source JP Morgan, May 2022.)

In fact, small-cap stocks traded as low as 12.5x forward PE during this year's correction; this is almost the same trough multiple as in March 2009, at the bottom of the Global Financial Crisis. (Source JP Morgan, May 2022.) Meanwhile defensive stocks have traded close to a record premium over cyclicals. (Source JP Morgan, May 2022.)

Importantly, we currently view this correction as a technical one, as the median stock P/E multiple fell by 27.5% from its peak – while earnings revisions have been positive. For technology stocks the correction has been most severe, with a median PE multiple contraction of 35.7%. (Source Credit Suisse, May 2022.)

The correction in growth stocks has been particularly harsh – and in high growth stocks even more so. For high growth stocks this has been a great depression, in our view. Specifically, and according to Empirical Research, the 75 fastest growing US stocks corrected 62% vs. the market from their peak last year. (Source Empirical Research, March 2022. Performance against the market measured by the largest 750 stocks in the U.S. by market capitalization as well as any S&P 500 stocks not already included. "Big Growers" are the top 75 high growth profile stocks as ranked by Empirical Research.)

We currently believe this severe correction has the potential to create some attractive opportunities to buy high quality, classic growth compounders at depressed relative multiples. Interestingly, and in this connection, the recent drawdown for these 75 fastest growing stocks has led to their underperformance vs. the market by 20% since the beginning of 2019, despite outperforming the market by approximately 110% from the beginning of 2019 to their peak early last year. Source Empirical Research, May 2022.)

Since these are fast-growers, this naturally means their multiple has also contracted. Indeed, the relative Price/Sales multiple for these fast growers recently reached a 20-year low. (Source Empirical Research, May 2022.)

### Portfolio Observations

With respect to our portfolio, the performance of our long positions last month continued to be affected by the severe correction in high growth stocks, one we would characterize as a great depression. Yet, we do regard this correction to be purely a technical one, as fundamentals of growth stocks have remained strong in aggregate and valuations are attractive, in our current view.

Specifically, and taking into account expected earnings growth, the de-rating of growth since its peak in 2020 has been most severe. On a forward P/E to growth ratio, growth traded at an 18% discount to value, a level we have not seen since the Global Financial Crisis. (Source Goldman Sachs, May 2022.)

This has affected the performance of our long positions. Since the beginning of 2021 and through the end of May our long book contribution to overall portfolio performance has been negative 35.99%.

This price behavior is not dissimilar to what we have broadly observed in the market. As we mentioned above, the 75 fastest growers in the US corrected by 62% vs. the market since the peak of last year. But unlike other corrections of similar or lesser magnitude, such as the dotcom TMT sell-off and the Global Financial Crisis, fundamentals for growth stocks have remained strong in aggregate during this year's sell-off. It is precisely this disconnect between fundamentals and stock prices that we currently believe may be highly exploitable.

Our steady focus on companies which we believe are high-quality secular compounders —many of which are now trading at very attractive prices relative to their growth rate, in our view— can provide us with staying power during periods of volatility and broader market underperformance. We own many businesses that we believe have high barriers to entry, strong balance sheets and provide high returns on invested capital, often protected oligopolies, which we believe should be bought at current levels, not sold.

Our investment approach remains consistent and disciplined regardless of market cycles. For example, since the inception of our program we have almost entirely avoided bank, oil & gas and deep cyclical stocks, many of which have burdened balance sheets, low barriers to entry, and lumpy if not anemic free cash flow generation.

Remarkably, quality growth assets have become increasingly scarce. To illustrate this, one need only look at global markets over the last twenty years, where slowgrowing companies (i.e., those with top-line growth below 4%) have increasingly crowded out fast-growing companies (i.e., those with top-line growth above 8%), creating a severe scarcity of growth assets. (Source Goldman Sachs, April 2020.)

In summary, as markets can be inefficient at times, our steady focus is on seeking to exploit such dislocations and the associated investment opportunities offered, and not react to what we believe are technical corrections. Having managed hedge funds for decades, it is our firm belief that as long as fundamentals remain strong and prices are reasonable, long-term investors over time will be rewarded for maintaining a high quality growth bias in their stock selection, despite occasional sector and style rotations or multiple contraction events that can be severe at times.

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## Investment Manager Commentary<sup>(10)</sup>

#### Broad Market Outlook

Moving to our current outlook, we now have a balanced view on equities in the short to medium run.

On one hand, relative valuation levels for stocks are supportive, as corporate free cash flow generation remains very robust. As we show below, on a price-to-free-cashflow basis, the market actually has been trading below its long-term average. Also, on a price-to-return-of-capital (dividends plus buybacks) basis, the market has been trading below its long-term average. And both consumer and corporate balance sheets are strong.

On the other hand, the combination of a tightening monetary policy, high inflation (which may also induce a general aversion towards highly expansive fiscal policies, thus creating a more constrained fiscal spending framework, which could in turn contribute to slower economic growth) and a contraction in real wages (recently falling to a multi-year low) could slow down the economy considerably. (Source Credit Suisse, March 2022.) However, this can create an incredibly attractive environment for high growth stocks, which have suffered severe losses since January 2021, in our current view.

To be clear we are not forecasting a recession, as real rates remain accommodative. For example, and looking at a popular recession indicator, i.e., the slope of the yield curve, in prior yield curve inversions real rates averaged more than 200bps. (Source JP Morgan.) Also, not all yield curves have yet inverted (and some of them have not even flattened), and importantly the lag between the beginning of inversions (and we are not there quite yet) and a recession has been as long as two years historically – and, from yield curve inversion to peak, the S&P has risen on average by 15% and substantially outperformed bonds historically. (Source JP Morgan, March 2022.) We also note that in general Fed tapering is not necessarily bad for stocks. In the past four periods of rate increases, the S&P went up 11% prior to the first rate hike and another 23% over the next three years. (Source Credit Suisse, March 2022.)

Against this backdrop, we currently believe this can be an incredibly attractive environment for high growth stocks. We believe the combination of attractive valuations –following a severe correction over the past year and four months– and a scarcity of compelling asset allocation choices with a potentially slowing economy can create a highly favorable setup for high growth stocks. And as such, we currently believe the general market backdrop may become increasingly attractive for our portfolio.

Our long-term view on equities remains constructive, as we see secular tailwinds in the form of balanced relative valuations, continued strong corporate free cash flow generation, as well as tactical support this year in the form of pent-up demand and low inventories. (Source Credit Suisse, March 2022.)

Longer-term, the equity market is supported by a scarcity of compelling asset allocation alternatives, in our view. In particular, from a relative value standpoint, low interest rates continue to make stocks look attractive on a relative basis, as the spread between dividend yield and bond yield has recently been approximately 30-140 basis points above average. (Source JP Morgan, April 2022.)

Importantly, despite the increase in yields, real rates have been negative. This keeps the relative value of equities at elevated levels and provides price support. (Source Bloomberg.)

And even though P/Es are elevated from an absolute standpoint, free cash flow generation has been very strong, enabling free-cash flow valuations to remain below average historical levels recently. (Source Credit Suisse, March 2022.) This is not unexpected. Although equity prices climbed higher last year, remarkably, and despite the crisis, corporate free cash flows have continued to reach new highs in 2021. (Source Credit Suisse, August 2021.)

We continue to favor growth sectors such as technology, communication services and ecommerce consumer discretionary, which we believe are supported by, one, superior fundamentals, e.g., stronger balance sheets, higher margins and strong free cash flow generation; two, strong secular growth trends; three, a scarcity of growth assets; and, four, supporting free cash flow valuations relative to the broader market and relative to the underlying growth rates.

Moreover, and as we have stated in previous investor communications, we consider technology to be not only a growth investment but also a defensive one due to its costcutting (high ROI) and productivity enhancing proposition to the end customer, superior balance sheet, strong free cash flow conversion, low labor cost to sales, ongoing industry consolidation, very low sensitivity to interest rates, and strong underlying secular innovation trends. This defensive posture is also reflected in the steady decline in technology beta over the last two decades. (Source JP Morgan.)

Importantly, revenue growth for technology stocks has substantially exceeded that of the broader market in the last decade. This was not the case during the tech bubble, when technology revenues (and earnings) underperformed. In particular, during the last decade margins for technology stocks more than doubled the market level. (Source Credit Suisse.)

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## Investment Manager Commentary<sup>(10)</sup>

#### Secular Opportunity for Technology

Our most recently published quarterly letter also extensively details our views on an emerging wave of technological innovation that we expect to be wide in scope, transformative and highly disruptive. We believe the investment implications of this upcoming wave of technological innovation are likely to be dramatic and generally favor long-short strategies that can benefit not only from long investments in companies that innovate but also from short investments in companies which will be trapped in an equally powerful cycle of technological obsolescence.

This emerging historic and deeply transformative wave of innovation, the upcoming Fourth Industrial Revolution, is often described as a beautiful "fusion of technologies that is blurring the lines between the physical, digital and the biological", "a technological revolution that will fundamentally alter the way we live, work and relate to one another". (Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman, World Economic Forum, 2016.) It is exactly what Jen-Hsun Huang, visionary CEO of Nvidia, described as "one of the most important revolutions ever, whereas computer scientists used to specify every single instruction one line at a time, now algorithms write algorithms, software, we write software, computers are learning by themselves, the era of [M]achine [L]earning", a historic time when "serendipity meets destiny". (Jen-Hsun Huang, GTC 2017.)

"We always overestimate the change that will occur in the next two years, and we underestimate the change that will occur in the next ten years" – Bill Gates

Indeed, in 2020, AutoML Zero, developed by scientists at Alphabet, elevated the idea of automatic machine learning algorithms that are machine-created and can automatically improve themselves through Darwinian style evolution. This approach elevates machine learning innovation to a different level by un-constraining the hand-designed machine learning algorithm building and discovery process that biases searches in favor of human-designed algorithms that are inherently limiting in the number of options they consider – as "you cannot search for what you cannot discover".

These recent algorithmic advances bring us closer to the type of AI one sees in movies - human-level AI that rivals the efficacy of human models.

Remarkably, it was only three years ago that the amount of data generated by machines surpassed the amount of data generated by humans, and that gap is now widening exponentially. As a result, while this new Al era is just beginning, it is already expected to be the biggest and most transformational era of computing.

Following significant advances in software and hardware in the last two years, and as AI begins to handle models with tremendous complexity, AI algorithms are becoming more "human-like". Additionally, next-level use cases require gigantic models. Advanced AI models are becoming massive and highly complex, and this is the only way to approach models of human intelligence.

For example, having solved the image recognition problem, in the last two years, AI researchers have focused on Natural Language Processing (NLP), where the correlation between the size of the model and the sophistication of the algorithm has remained quite high.

More recently, OpenAI's Generative Pre-Trained Transformer ("GPT-3"), one of the largest language models ever trained at 175 billion parameters, received much attention. There is great hype around GPT-3. As Jen-Hsun Huang described at GTC 2021:

OpenAI's GPT-3 is 175 billion parameters. That is 3,000 larger in just three years. The applications for GPT-3 are really incredible. Generate document summaries, email phase completion, GPT-3 can even generate Java script and HTML from plain English. Essentially telling AI to write core based on what you wanted to do." (Jen-Hsun Huang, GTC 2021.)

And in another breakthrough, last year researchers at Google developed the world's first trillion parameter model, T5-XXL, a language model with 1.6 trillion parameters. In this connection, Jen-Hsun Huang, also noted last year, "Model sizes are growing exponentially, on a pace of doubling every 2.5 months. We expect to see multi-trillion parameters models by next year and 100 plus trillion parameter models by 2023." (Jen-Hsun Huang, GTC 2021.)

Although AI is attracting most of the media headline attention, the underlying foundational components of this upcoming Fourth Industrial Revolution, such as 5G and IoT applications, are equally important.

Looking at this essential foundational layer, it is important to recognize that we are at the early and beginning stages of this technological revolution. Even 5G, a critical infrastructure platform underneath the compute and application layers, will take years to deploy fully – as 5G is not a single innovation, but rather a set of advances in spectrum usage.

Indeed, the network evolution towards 5G is just beginning. This creates an exciting, multi-year, secular investment cycle that is largely independent, and can at times be countercyclical to the economic cycle (e.g., currently in China).

This is a multi-year growth trajectory. By 2026, 5G networks are projected to carry more than half of data traffic globally. (Source Ericsson.)

It is important to note that these critical physical-layer components of the upcoming Fourth Industrial Revolution, such as 5G and IoT, are of significant size and rapidly growing. By 2030, the size of the US IoT market, for example, is expected to grow fifteen-fold relative to 2019. (Source Bernstein, July 2020.)

Importantly, global carriers, which are now aggressively building 5G networks, have a strong economic incentive to support and promote advanced commercial applications. Smart city projects, another important application, can allow carriers in the US to increase revenues almost twenty-four times over the next ten years. (Source Bernstein, July 2020.)

5G can also transform another huge end market, namely logistics, from driverless long-haul transportation, to last-mile delivery robots, to smart delivery boxes, to IoT-5Gassisted sorting centers and fully automated warehouses. In China, companies like Alibaba and JD Logistics are already building intelligent 5G-enabled logistics parks. (Source Bernstein, July 2020.)

Our most recently published quarterly letter provides an in-depth analysis of this broad-based wave of technological innovation, which is about to redefine the way we work, live and interact.

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