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Key takeaways

- This was a period defined by accelerating fundamentals across our core AI infrastructure and software holdings, from networking fabrics and chip design to enterprise automation and data platforms.
- Q3 top contributors: Astera Labs, Oracle and Broadom. Q2 detractors: C3.ai, Intuit and Lasertec.
- As we enter Q4 and look towards 2026, we see the improving fundamentals of these companies as the key driver of future returns Performance overview

Performance overview

The Liontrust GF Global Technology Fund returned 14.2% in Q3 in US dollar terms, compared with the 12.3% return from the MSCI World IT Index comparator benchmark.

Fund commentary

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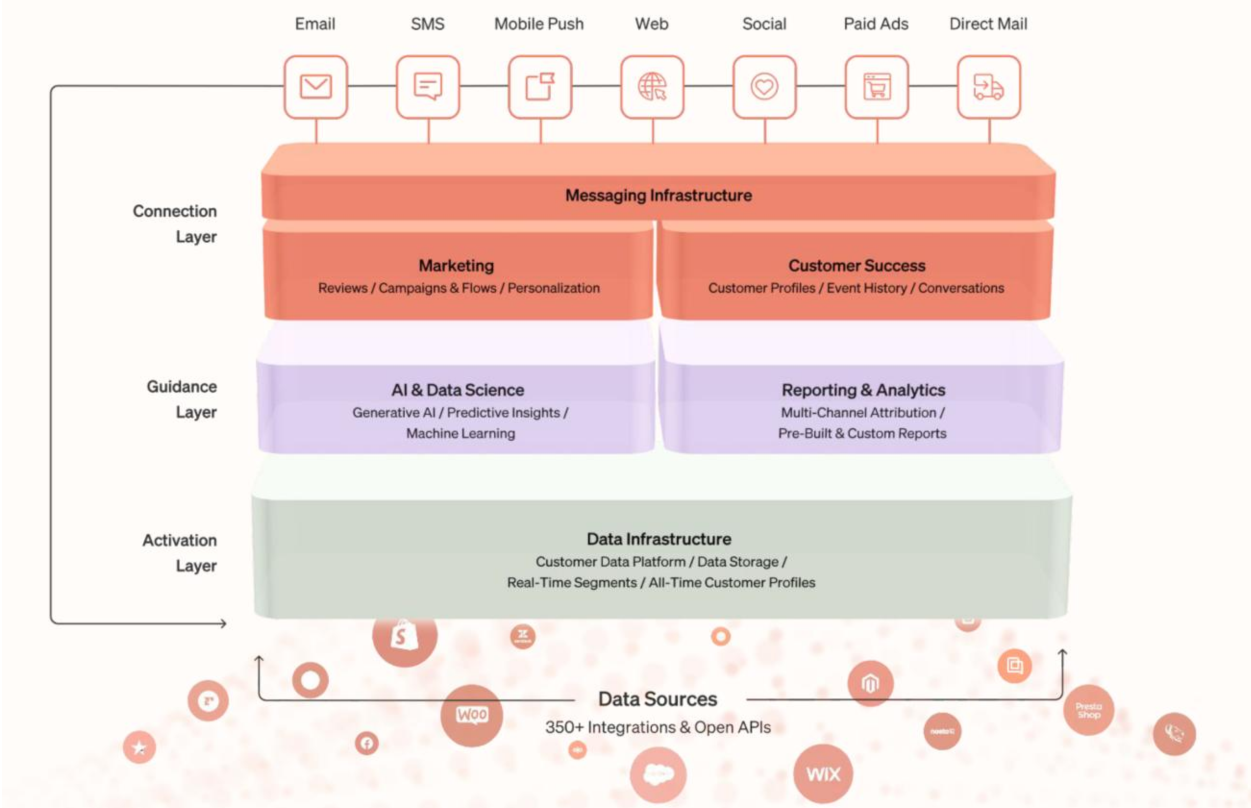
Arista exemplified this shift – once confined to front-end networking, it is now becoming a leading player in the AI data-centre fabric that connects and scales GPU clusters. The company's back-end AI networking revenues are set to exceed $1.5 billion this year, with $750 million in back-end deployments expected in 2025, a market that did not exist three years ago. Crucially, Arista's customer base is expanding rapidly beyond a handful of hyperscalers to include 25–30 enterprise and sovereign AI builders, with deployments extending to non-NVIDIA silicon. As training workloads grow, networking, once a background component, has become a critical determinant of GPU efficiency, and Arista is now the clear beneficiary.

This theme of data, connectivity and orchestration carried through to Klaviyo, a company we discovered on a research trip to Boston. Klaviyo's platform unifies customer data, activation and analytics, replacing the patchwork "Frankenstack" that burdens most marketing teams. Its architecture allows for real-time, schema-flexible integration across 400+ systems, enabling brands to execute AI-driven personalisation natively across email, SMS and social. The result is a virtuous cycle of better targeting and higher returns, with Q2 revenues up 32% year on year and a 37% earnings beat. Klaviyo demonstrates how AI-native design, rather than bolt-on functionality, creates lasting customer advantage.

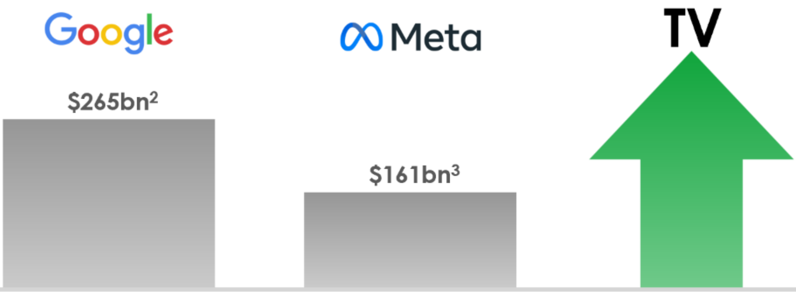
Klaviyo's data-first platform approach is a competitive advantage



Source: Klaviyo 08.05.25

While Klaviyo reshapes marketing technology, Mountain is rewriting the economics of TV advertising. By reducing the minimum campaign budget to just $500, Mountain has opened connected TV to small and medium-sized businesses, with $0.97 of every dollar on the platform representing new spend for the industry. As streaming consumption continues to outpace ad budgets, Mountain's self-serve model, attribution engine and AI-driven creative tools are scaling rapidly. Customers rose 85%, revenues 34%, and margins expanded to 77%. We see clear parallels to the early days of Google Ads, with connected TV emerging as the next frontier for measurable performance marketing.

TV has greater engagement and scale than search and social but is undermonitised[1]



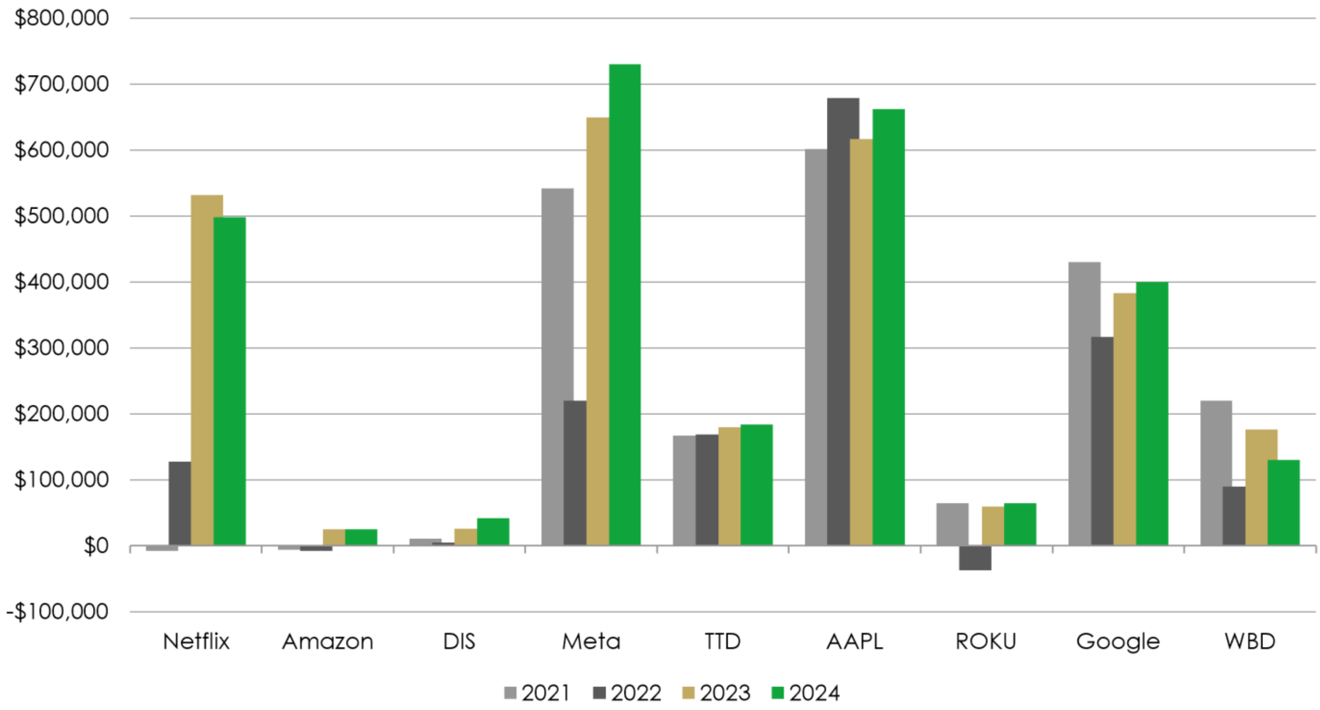
	Google	Meta	TV
Engagement (per day)	~10 mins[4]	~64 mins[6]	~180 mins[7]
Users	4.3B[5]	3.9B (MAU)[3]	5.5B (MAU)[8]

Source: mntn earnings report, August 2025

The same demand for scale and energy efficiency underpinned results from **TSMC**, which continues to be the cornerstone of the AI hardware stack. Having added to our position ahead of earnings, we benefited as the company reported 30% projected revenue growth for 2025 and confirmed that high-performance computing now represents 60% of its business. TSMC's upcoming N2 node, due in the second half of next year, promises a 15% speed gain and 30% power saving, critical for the world's expanding AI infrastructure. Once reliant on Apple's smartphone cycle, TSMC is now leveraged to the largest compute build-out in history.

In digital platforms, **Meta** continues to pair stronger ad performance with heavy AI investment. Proprietary engagement data across 3.4 billion users gives Meta a differentiated training asset. In Q2 the company invested $17 billion (36% of sales) in AI infrastructure and lifted full-year guidance to $66-72 billion, with multi-gigawatt clusters such as Prometheus, Hyperion and Titan slated to come online. The build-out is matched by talent and product focus through Meta Superintelligence Labs. We see these outlays as extending the company's advantage while supporting cash-flow durability.

Free cash flow per full time employee growth from 2021 to 2024



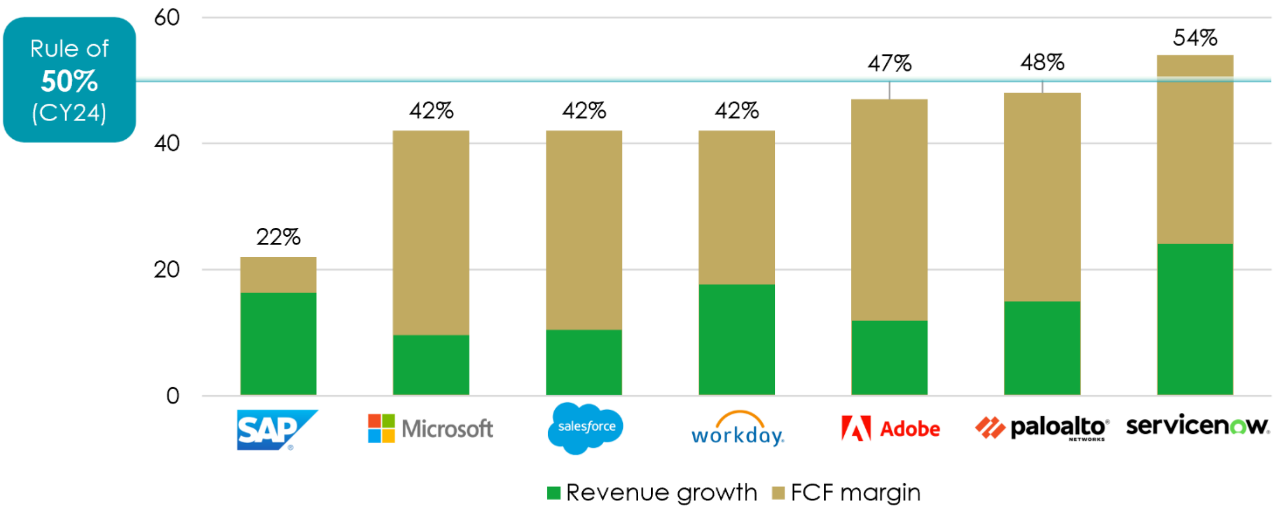
Source: Meta Platforms, earnings report July 2025

Oracle was a notable contributor, we view Oracle Cloud Infrastructure and the database franchise as a bridge between data gravity and AI workloads. Its network design and high-performance interconnects allow cost-efficient training and inference, while partnerships across the AI ecosystem broaden access to advanced accelerators. Fusion and NetSuite are embedding generative features across finance, supply chain and HR, deepening adoption within the installed base. For regulated industries, Oracle's sovereign-cloud and data-residency options align with compliance requirements. As customers consolidate databases and bring mission-critical workloads closer to their data, we expect Oracle to keep gaining share within AI-enabled enterprise stacks.

Automation is the final link, **Keyence**, a leader in factory-automation sensors. Revenue grew 6% year-on-year and operating margin stayed at 49.5%. The purchase of CADENAS adds a high-margin software pillar that fits its installed base. Management sees a route to about ¥100 billion of incremental recurring revenue this decade while keeping operating margins above 50%. This positions Keyence as an enabler of physical-AI adoption on the factory floor.

Further up the software stack, **ServiceNow** is positioning itself as the operating system for the "agentic enterprise". Its platform integrates all systems and data, structured or unstructured, on-prem or cloud, into one unified AI model capable of automating workflows across departments. Adoption of its agentic-AI control tower has been rapid, reaching its full-year target within 60 days. Beyond workflow automation, ServiceNow is expanding into CRM and workforce management, encroaching on traditional incumbents. With over 450,000 internal AI agents now active and more than 20% top-line growth, ServiceNow is redefining how enterprises operationalise AI.

ServiceNow continues to be in a league of its own



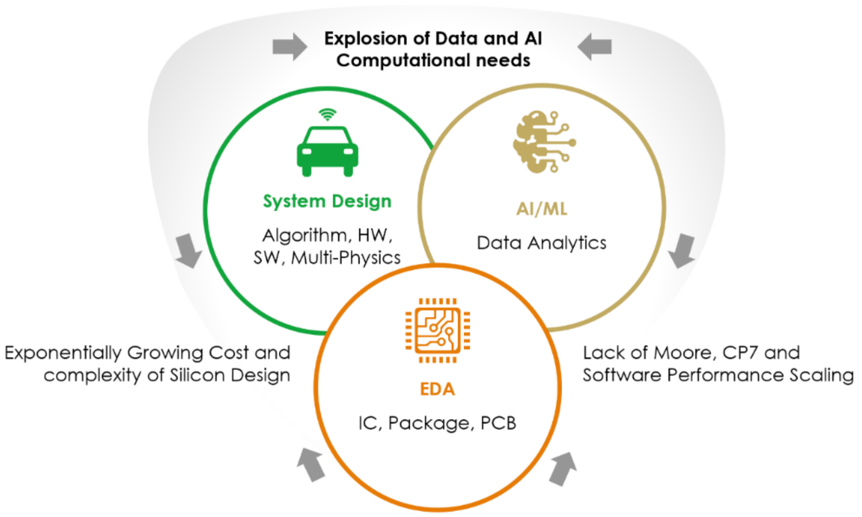
Source: ServiceNow Earnings Update, July 2025

The infrastructure enabling these workloads continues to evolve. **SK Hynix**, the global leader in high-bandwidth memory (HBM), remains central to AI scalability. HBM is now the single largest cost component in Nvidia's AI systems, and SK Hynix's technology, stacking DRAM to achieve terabytes-per-second throughput, has turned memory into a value-add rather than a commodity product. Revenues climbed 35% year-on-year in Q2 and are on track to more than double again this year. As AI moves from data-centre training to real-world inference and robotics, bandwidth, not compute, will be the constraint.

As AI capex accelerates, the "picks and shovels" are winning. **Amphenol** delivered record results, with sales up 57% year on year (41% organically) and EPS up 84%. IT datacom grew 133% organically, now 36% of group sales, as the company ships high-speed interconnects, power and fibre-optic products into next-generation data centres. Orders rose 36% to $5.52 billion and margins reached 25.6%. A broad portfolio across autos, aerospace, industrial and defence, plus targeted RF acquisitions, positions Amphenol to dominate the interconnect layer of the electronics build-out.

That same shift towards physical AI is creating a tailwind for Cadence Design Systems, whose software tools and IP sit at the heart of semiconductor design. Cadence delivered 20% revenue growth and a 29% EPS beat in Q2, supported by record backlog and rising demand for multi-die packaging tools. Its Cerebrus AI Studio allows engineers to design chips up to 10x faster with 20% better performance and power efficiency, a crucial leap as the industry targets a 30x productivity gain by 2030. We expect margins to continue expanding beyond 44% as AI-assisted automation scales across its customer base.

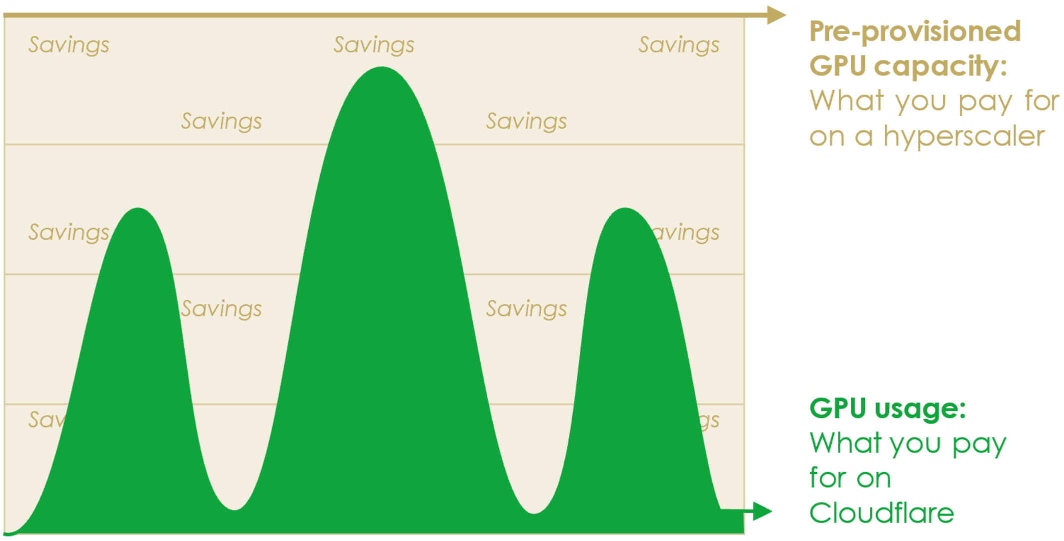
Drivers of convergence of semiconductor, system, and intelligence design



Source: Cadence earnings report, July 2025

At the network edge, Cloudflare is positioning itself as the "fourth cloud", a neutral, usage-priced infrastructure that connects users, devices and agents to data and applications anywhere in the world. Its 330 data-centre points of presence already sit in front of 20% of global web traffic, enabling sub-50ms latency for 95% of the world's population. On this foundation, Cloudflare is layering payment and permission rails for the emerging agentic internet, where machines transact directly with each other. Quarterly revenues rose 28%, ARR passed $2 billion, and its first eight-figure customer shifted inference workloads entirely from a hyperscaler to Cloudflare's Workers AI platform, citing cost savings of up to 70%. We believe Cloudflare could become the de-facto cloud for AI inference over the next three to five years.

GPU utilisation is on average only 30% – Cloudflare's usage-based serverless inference is up to 70% cheaper vs. renting from hyperscalers



Finally, **Arm** continues to benefit from the AI revolution's demand for energy-efficient compute. Its designs now underpin 99% of smartphones and an increasing share of data centres, automotive systems and edge devices. Quarterly revenue exceeded $1 billion, up 40%, with royalties surging 50%. Over 70,000 enterprises are now running workloads on Arm Neoverse chips, with adoption spreading across hyperscalers and device manufacturers alike. Following share-price weakness after results, we increased our weighting — fundamentals have strengthened materially while valuation has become more attractive.

Outlook

As we enter Q4 and look towards 2026, we see the improving fundamentals of these companies as the key driver of future returns. While short-term macro factors may inject volatility, we view such dislocations as opportunities to add to high-conviction positions within what remains one of the most powerful innovation cycles in modern history.

Key Features of the Liontrust GF Global Technology Fund

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & POLICY[1]:	The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the long-term (five years or more) through investment in shares of technology and telecommunications companies. **There can be no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.** The Investment Adviser will seek to achieve the investment objective of the Fund by investing at least 80% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in shares of technology and telecommunications companies across the world. A technology or telecommunications company is a company that primarily focuses on the development and distribution of technology/telecommunications products or services. These companies are often involved in industries such as software, hardware, electronics, telecommunications, artificial intelligence, and information technology. The core operations of a technology/telecommunications company typically involve the creation, innovation, and enhancement of products or solutions that leverage technology/telecommunications to solve problems or improve efficiency. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are included in the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS") Information Technology and Communication Services sectors. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of its Net Asset Value in other companies as well as in collective investment schemes (which may include funds managed by the Investment Adviser), cash or near cash, deposits and Money Market Instruments. In addition the Fund may invest in exchange traded funds ("ETFs") (which are classified as collective investment schemes) and other open-ended collective investment schemes. Investment in open-ended collective investment schemes will not exceed 10% of the Fund's Net Asset Value. The Fund may invest in closed-ended funds domiciled in the United Kingdom and/or the EU that qualify as transferable securities. Investment in closed-ended funds will be used where the closed-ended fund aligns to the objectives and policies of the Fund. Investment in closed-ended funds will further be confined to schemes which are considered by the Investment

Adviser to be liquid in nature and such an investment shall constitute an investment in a transferable security in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Investment in closed-ended funds is not expected to comprise a significant portion of the Fund's Net Asset Value and will not typically exceed 10% of the Fund's Net Asset Value.

RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT HORIZON:	The Fund is considered to be suitable for investors seeking long-term capital growth over a long term investment horizon (at least 5 years) with the level of volatility typical of an equity fund.
SRI[2]:	6
ACTIVE / PASSIVE INVESTMENT STYLE:	Active
BENCHMARK:	The Fund uses the MSCI World Information Technology Index (the "**Benchmark**") for performance comparison purposes. The Fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the Benchmark by virtue of the fact that the Benchmark is not used to define the portfolio composition of the Fund, and the Fund may be wholly invested in securities which are not constituents of the Benchmark
SUSTAINABILITY PROFILE	The Fund is a financial product subject to Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR).

Notes: [1]As specified in the PRIIP KID of the fund; [2]SRI = Summary Risk Indicator. Please refer to the PRIIP KID for further detail on how this is calculated.

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The Funds managed by the Global Innovation Team:

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May have a concentrated portfolio, i.e. hold a limited number of investments. If one of these investments falls in value this can have a greater impact on a Fund's value than if it held a larger number of investments.

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