

Platinum Investment Bond - APIR Code: LIF7284AU

Platinum Asia Fund



MONTHLY REPORT 30 November 2023

FACTS

Portfolio value	\$2.46 mn
Option commenced	23 March 2021
Unit valuation	Adelaide Business Day
Net asset value (\$ per unit)	\$0.9133

PERFORMANCE OF PLATINUM ASIA FUND ¹

	Fund %	MSCI %
1 month	1.0	2.1
3 months	(4.1)	(2.3)
6 months	(1.8)	(0.4)
Calendar year to date	(0.1)	4.7
1 year	1.4	3.2
2 years (compound pa)	(5.8)	(5.6)
3 years (compound pa)	(3.4)	(2.4)
5 years (compound pa)	6.2	4.4
7 years (compound pa)	7.2	6.3
10 years (compound pa)	7.5	6.8
Since inception (compound pa)	12.1	8.5

The returns shown are for the Platinum Asia Fund C Class (launched on 04 March 2003). It is one of the investment options available for investors in the Platinum Investment Bond, which was launched on 23 March 2021. Investors in the Platinum Investment Bond will not have experienced the returns prior to 23 March 2021 and the historical data is provided for information purposes only. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.**

INVESTED POSITIONS OF PLATINUM ASIA FUND ³

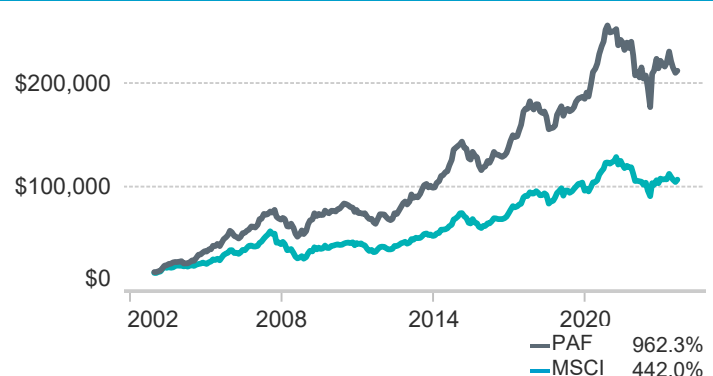
	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %	CCY %
Asia-Pacific	95.5	(0.9)	94.6	95.9
China	46.9		46.9	46.8
Hong Kong	2.4		2.4	3.3
Taiwan	6.9	(0.3)	6.7	6.7
India	7.1	(0.2)	6.9	7.1
Indonesia	2.9		2.9	2.9
Philippines	3.1		3.1	3.1
Singapore	1.1		1.1	1.1
South Korea	15.8	(0.4)	15.4	15.6
Thailand	1.6		1.6	1.6
Vietnam	6.8		6.8	6.8
Other Asia-Pacific	0.8		0.8	1.0
North America				4.0
United States of America				4.0
Sub-Total	95.5	(0.9)	94.6	100.0
Cash	4.5	0.9	5.4	
Total	100.0		100.0	100.0

Long - 64 stocks, 1 swap Short - 3 swaps, 1 index

FEES

Investment management fee	1.05% p.a.
Administration fee	0.30% p.a.
Investing transaction costs	0.30% on contributions

PERFORMANCE GRAPH OF PLATINUM ASIA FUND ²



TOP TEN POSITIONS OF PLATINUM ASIA FUND ⁴

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info Technology	6.0
Samsung Electronics Co	South Korea	Info Technology	5.9
SK Hynix Inc	South Korea	Info Technology	5.3
Vietnam Ent Investments	Vietnam	Other	4.8
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	4.5
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	Comm Services	4.3
InterGlobe Aviation Ltd	India	Industrials	4.1
Weichai Power Co Ltd	China	Industrials	3.6
China Resources Land Ltd	China	Real Estate	3.2
Ayala Land Inc	Philippines	Real Estate	3.0
Total			44.8

INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN OF PLATINUM ASIA FUND ³

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Consumer Discretionary	20.1		20.1
Information Technology	18.7	(0.3)	18.4
Industrials	15.0		15.0
Real Estate	13.4		13.4
Financials	8.7		8.7
Communication Services	4.5		4.5
Consumer Staples	4.2		4.2
Materials	4.3	(0.4)	3.9
Health Care	1.6		1.6
Energy	0.1		0.1
Other	4.8	(0.2)	4.6

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1. & 2. Source: Platinum for PAF returns and Factset Research Systems for MSCI returns. Investment returns are calculated using PAF's NAV unit price (i.e. exclude a buy/sell spread), and represent the combined income and capital returns in the specified period. All returns are pre-tax, net of fees and costs and assume the reinvestment of distributions. The returns are calculated relative to the MSCI All Country Asia ex-Japan Net Index in A\$. The investment returns depicted in the graph are cumulative on A\$20,000 invested in PAF since inception (04 March 2003). **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.** Platinum does not invest by reference to the weightings of the index. The index is provided as a reference only.

3. The "Long %" is PAF's exposure to long securities and long securities/index derivative positions, the "Short %" is PAF's exposure to short securities and short securities/index derivative positions and the "Net %" is the difference between the "Long %" and the "Short %", each as a percentage of the market value of PAF's portfolio. The "Currency %" is the effective currency exposure of PAF's portfolio as a percentage of the market value of its portfolio, taking into account long and short securities, cash, forwards and long and short securities/index derivative positions. For the "Industry breakdown", index positions (whether through ETFs or derivatives) are only included under the relevant sector if they are sector specific, otherwise they are included under "Other".

3. and 4. Country classifications for securities reflect Bloomberg's "country of risk" designations, and currency classifications for securities reflect the relevant local currencies of our country classifications.

4. The "Top ten positions" show PAF's top ten long securities positions as a percentage of the market value of PAF's portfolio (including long securities and long securities derivative positions).

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MARKET UPDATE AND COMMENTARY

This commentary relates to the underlying fund, the Platinum Asia Fund.

- The Fund returned 1.0% in November.
- Information technology companies from China and South Korea were the largest positive contributors to performance.

Market Commentary

Asian equity markets had a positive November apart from Hong Kong which declined 1%. The most notable uptick was the Kospi's 16% gain, driven by South Korea's decision to ban short selling. The ban has been put in place until June 2024 with the Korean Financial Services Commission (FSC) planning to investigate ten investment banks for alleged naked short-selling. This is the fourth time the FSC has temporarily banned short selling in Korea, the other times were during the GFC in 2008, the European crisis in 2011 and during COVID in 2020. Approximately 15% of the Platinum Asia Fund's long book is in South Korean stocks.

In India, Adani Group stocks outperformed following the news the International Development Finance Corp in the US had extended a US\$553m loan to fund further development of the Colombo Port Terminal Project in Sri Lanka. Adani holds a 51% stake in the west container terminal of the port. (Source: Reuters).

There was some positive economic data out of China with October retail sales coming in above expectations at 7.6% year-on-year growth (albeit off a low base from October 2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions). Industrial production growth also rose and beat expectations but the property sector remains a handbrake on the economy with property sales falling 20.3% year on year.

The Chinese government has been steadily providing more support for the property sector. In the latest news, Beijing released a list of 50 developers that will be eligible for easier bank loans as well as debt and equity financing. It may also allow banks to issue unsecured loans to developers for the first time. There is a lag between policy implementation and the effect it has on the economy and we expect that additional stimulus measures will increase the population's confidence in the property sector and in turn help boost the economy.

Performance Analysis*

Top contributors to monthly performance included South Korean semiconductor companies SK Hynix and Samsung Electronics and Chinese online retailer PDD Holdings. Detractors included Chinese insurance company Ping An Insurance Group, Chinese parcel delivery company ZTO Express and Chinese online retailer Alibaba.

Valuation

Relative to the market the Fund's earnings yield remains attractive – up approximately 12% - and with a relative Price-to-Book ratio running at around a 7% discount (see table below). Platinum's investment process is focused on finding businesses that have better long-term growth prospects but are oversold or out of favour due to temporary setbacks and therefore have attractive valuations.

Metric	Platinum Asia Fund	MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Net Index (A\$)
NTM Earnings Yield	9.3% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 10.7x)	8.3% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 12x)
NTM Dividend Yield	3.1%	3.2%
NTM Enterprise Value-to-Sales	1.3x	1.4x
LTM Price-to-Book Ratio	1.3x	1.4x

The valuations in the table have been calculated by Platinum and for the Fund refer to the long portion of the portfolio, exclude negative net earnings and use FactSet consensus earnings. MSCI data is sourced from Rimes, FactSet and Platinum. As at 30 November 2023. NTM = next twelve months. LTM = last twelve months.

*Source: Platinum. Contribution numbers are based on the total return of individual positions (in AUD) and are gross as they do not take into account the Fund's fees and costs (other than brokerage). **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.**