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## Platinum Capital Limited (ASX: PMC) Monthly Investment Update and Net Tangible Asset (NTA) Report

Platinum Capital Limited hereby releases the Monthly Investment Update and NTA Report for the month ended 30 April 2024 (as attached).

For more information in relation to PMC, please refer to the website at: <a href="http://www.platinumcapital.com.au">www.platinumcapital.com.au</a>

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# Platinum Capital Limited ASX: PMC

# MONTHLY REPORT 30 April 2024

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Market capitalisation \$403.26 mn			Financial Year						
Listing date		29 June 1994		15					
Current share price Current dividend vie	ld	\$1.365 4.40%	are	10 -					
Pre-tax NTA Post-tax NTA		\$1.5541 \$1.5239	Cents per share		2.6	3.0	2.6	2.6	
Maximum franked d	ividend	4.67 cps	Cent	5	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	1.3
Management fee:	1.10% p.a. (excl. GST) of portfol	io value plus		0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Performance fee: 15.00% p.a. (excl. GST) of outperformance over benchmark (MSCI All Country World Net Index (A\$)). Performance fees are calculated after recovery of any underperformance carried forward from prior periods.			0	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
			Franking (CPS)		)	Interim Dividend (CPS)		(FYTI	
					Special Divider	nd (CPS)	Gross annualis	ed yield (%)	
PERFORMANCE	2				Final Dividend	(CPS)			

#### Since 2 years 3 years 5 years 7 years 10 years 1 month 3 months 6 months CYTD 1 year inception p.a. p.a. p.a. p.a. p.a. p.a. Company % (Pre-tax NTA) (0.6)6.0 7.3 4.8 7.0 3.9 5.3 6.7 7.6 11.0 3.5 MSCI % (2.8)5.9 16.8 9.9 19.5 14.5 10.5 11.2 11.7 12.1 7.9

PMC's returns are calculated after the deduction of fees and expenses, adjusted for taxes paid and any capital flows and assume the reinvestment of dividends. PMC's returns have not been calculated using PMC's share price. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

## **INVESTED POSITIONS**<sup>4</sup>

	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %	CCY %
Asia-Pacific	37.0	(0.2)	36.8	56.1
Australia	0.3	(0.2)	0.1	1.9
China	21.5		21.5	21.5
Japan	8.0		8.0	25.1
South Korea	2.9		2.9	2.9
Taiwan	3.2		3.2	3.2
Other Asia-Pacific	1.1		1.1	1.5
Europe	22.0		22.0	26.1
Austria	1.2		1.2	
Euro				14.4
Finland	2.9		2.9	
France	4.8		4.8	
Italy	1.4		1.4	
Netherlands	1.0		1.0	
Switzerland	2.8		2.8	2.8
United Kingdom	7.4		7.4	8.9
Other Europe	0.5		0.5	
North America	20.9	(1.2)	19.7	15.7
Canada	2.5		2.5	2.5
United States of America	18.4	(1.2)	17.2	13.2
Other	2.1		2.1	2.1
Sub-Total	82.0	(1.4)	80.6	100.0
Cash	18.0	1.4	19.4	
Total	100.0		100.0	100.0

Long - 64 stocks, 1 swap, 2 other Short - 9 swaps

#### TOP TEN POSITIONS<sup>5</sup>

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	3.9
Alphabet Inc	United States	Comm Services	3.3
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info Technology	3.2
Allfunds Group Plc	UK	Financials	3.1
Samsung Electronics Co	South Korea	Info Technology	2.9
UPM-Kymmene Oyj	Finland	Materials	2.9
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	Comm Services	2.8
UBS Group AG	Switzerland	Financials	2.8
Trip.com Group Ltd	China	Cons Discretionary	2.5
Airbus SE	France	Industrials	2.4
		Total	29.6

### INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN<sup>4</sup>

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Industrials	17.3	(0.1)	17.3
Financials	15.6	(0.4)	15.2
Information Technology	12.4	(0.7)	11.8
Consumer Discretionary	11.0	(0.1)	10.9
Communication Services	7.1	(0.2)	7.0
Materials	6.6		6.6
Energy	5.8		5.8
Real Estate	3.6		3.6
Health Care	1.3		1.3
Consumer Staples	1.0		1.0
Utilities	0.2		0.2
Sub-Total	82.0	(1.4)	80.6
Cash	18.0	1.4	19.4
Total	100.0		100.0

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Shows dividends determined in respect of the relevant financial year. This information is historical. No guarantee is given about future dividends or the level of franking of such dividends.
The "Long %" is the exposure to long securities and long securities/index derivative positions, the "Short %" is the exposure to short securities/index derivative positions and the "Net %" is the total of the "Long %" is the exposure to long securities and long securities/index derivative positions, the "Short %" is the exposure to short securities/index derivative positions and the "Net %" is the total of the "Long %" and "Short %", each as a percentage of PMC's portfolio value. The "COY %" is the effective currency exposure of PMC's portfolio value, taking into account 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".

4. and 5. Country classifications for securities reflect Bloomberg's "country of risk" designations, and currency classifications for securities reflect the relevant local currencies of the country classifications. 5. The "Top ten positions" show PMC's top ten long securities positions as a percentage of PMC's portfolio value (including long securities and long securities derivative positions). All data where MSC is referenced is the property of MSCI Limited ("MSCI"). No use or distribution of this data is permitted without the written consent of MSCI. This data is provided "as is" without any warranties by MSCI. MSCI assumes no liability for or in connection with this data. Please see full MSCI disclaimer in <a href="https://www.platinum.com.au/Special-Pages/Terms-Conditions">https://www.platinum.com.au/Special-Pages/Terms-Conditions</a>

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and unrealised income and gains. The NTA is unaudited. 2. Source: Platinum for portfolio returns and Factset Research Systems for MSCI returns. The returns are calculated relative to the MSCI All Country World Net Index in A\$ (except the gross MSCI index was used prior to

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MONTHLY REPORT **30 April 2024** 

# MARKET UPDATE AND COMMENTARY

- The Portfolio returned -0.6% for April 2024, beating the MSCI AC World Index which was down -2.8% for the month.
- Chinese stocks contributed 2% to monthly returns, mainly through consumer discretionary and real estate stocks. European stocks were the worst performers, detracting 1.0% from monthly performance.
- Platinum's investment philosophy has always been to find mispriced stocks and opportunities in areas that are out of favour and away from the crowd. We avoid trying to predict which direction the overall market is heading and instead look for attractively-valued idiosyncratic business opportunities to invest capital in over the medium to long term.

#### Performance Analysis\*

The portfolio returned -0.6% for April 2024, outperforming the MSCI AC World Index which fell 2.8% for the month.

Our Chinese holdings were the standouts, contributing 2% to monthly performance. The top contributor to portfolio performance was China Overseas Land and Investment Limited, a Hong Kong based real estate conglomerate. China's property sector has been in the doldrums for the past few years, however, we have seen the government recently announce further stimulus measures targeted at the sector. The latest urban village renovations and social housing programs are further signs the government is committed to helping the sector. The essence of the program is that the government can buy excess housing stock from developers to hold or rent out and/or buy housing in the secondary market to soak up inventory. The Portfolio's exposure to Chinese real estate is ~3%.

A major contributor to monthly returns – and a new addition to our top 10 stocks - is Alphabet, the parent company of Google. The portfolio bought its original position in May 2023 when there were concerns that a potential US recession would trim the advertising revenue of the company. Since then, recessionary concerns have eased and while the stock price has increased by nearly 60% since May 2023, its valuation multiple has remained largely the same as the company has improved profitability.

The current mispricing opportunity in Alphabet's stock is the market's concern that Al will disrupt Google's search business. There are also questions around:

- how Google will be able to serve advertisements if they implement an AI ChatGPT style interface
- that the computing power required will be more expensive and therefore compress the company's margin.

There have been times in the past where investors worried about a platform change impairing Google's position in search. The first was the move away from desktop computers to mobile phones and the second was the increased uptake in voice assistants. In both those cases, the fear was overblown and we think this time will be the same. What gives us confidence is that Microsoft's search function, Bing, has integrated ChatGPT but failed to take market share away from Google. Given Google's market leading position, we think it well positioned to lead the AI-enabled search evolution. The company has proven they can address these threats and evolve their business e.g. they built Android to deal with the shift to mobile.

Alphabet have experience in making valuable Al products (e.g. Google Translate), they have their own specialist Al chips (the best chips independent of Nvidia) and they are positioning Google Cloud as the provider of choice for Al start-ups. We approach Alphabet like our other investments in the Al theme - we are investing in businesses that will benefit from the continued spend in Al but have good quality underlying businesses that are growing and can sustain their valuation multiples even if the spend or hype in Al dies down. This describes Alphabet, which is growing at double digits and trading at a substantial discount to other Al enablers like Microsoft

#### An attractively valued portfolio

The portfolio's aggregate valuation metrics are attractive in both an absolute sense and relative to the market, with a ~43% higher earnings yield and a ~39% discount on an asset basis (see table below).

Metric	Platinum Capital Limited	MSCI AC World Net Index (A\$)
NTM Earnings Yield	8.3% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 12.1x)	5.8% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 17.1x)
NTM Dividend Yield	2.6%	2.4%
NTM Enterprise Value-to-Sales	1.8x	2.3x
LTM Price-to-Book Ratio	1.7x	2.8x

The valuations in the table have been calculated by Platinum and for the Portfolio 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 April 2024. 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 Portfolio fees and costs (other than brokerage). Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.