

FACTS¹

Market capitalisation	\$403.26 mn
Listing date	29 June 1994
Current share price	\$1.365
Current dividend yield	4.40%
Pre-tax NTA	\$1.5541
Post-tax NTA	\$1.5239
Maximum franked dividend	4.67 cps
Management fee:	1.10% p.a. (excl. GST) of portfolio value plus
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.

PERFORMANCE²

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

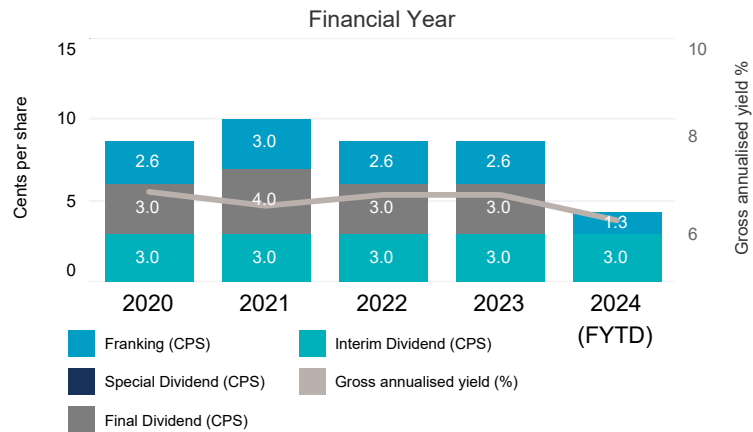
PMC's returns are calculated after the deduction of fees and expenses, adjusted for taxes paid and any capital flows and assume the reinvestment of dividends. PMC's returns have not been calculated using PMC's share price. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

INVESTED POSITIONS⁴

	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

HISTORY OF FULLY FRANKED DIVIDENDS (CPS)³



TOP TEN POSITIONS⁵

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 BREAKDOWN⁴

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
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1. Source: Platinum. The pre-tax NTA was calculated in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, based on the fair value of all investments. The post-tax NTA is the pre-tax NTA after provision for tax on both realised 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 31/12/96). 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. 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.

4. The "Long %" is the exposure to long securities and long securities/index derivative positions, the "Short %" is the exposure to short securities and 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 "CCY %" is the effective currency exposure of PMC's portfolio as a percentage of its portfolio value, 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".

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).

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