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

Platinum Capital Limited hereby release the Monthly Investment Update and NTA Report for the month ended 31 March 2023 (as attached).

For more information in relation to PMC, please refer to the website at:  
[www.platinumcapital.com.au](http://www.platinumcapital.com.au)

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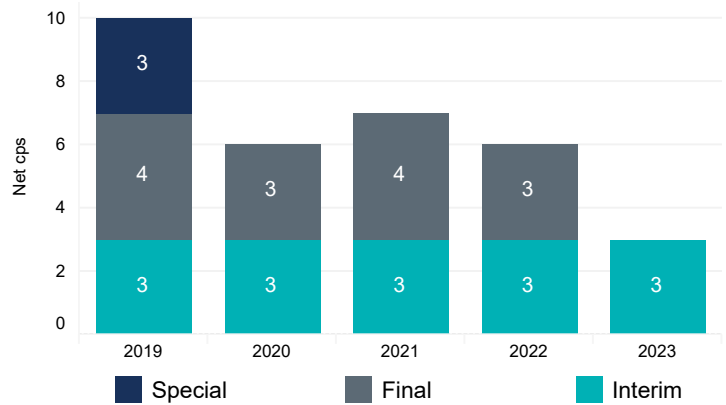
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## FACTS<sup>1</sup>

Market capitalisation	\$387.10 mn
Listing date	29 June 1994
Current share price	\$1.310
Current dividend yield	4.58%
Pre-tax NTA	\$1.5673
Post-tax NTA	\$1.5335
Maximum franked dividend	9.07 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.

## HISTORY OF FULLY FRANKED DIVIDENDS (CPS)<sup>3</sup>



## PERFORMANCE<sup>2</sup>

	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.
<b>Company % (Pre-tax NTA)</b>	1.2	5.6	15.0	5.6	13.6	4.0	9.9	5.0	8.3	10.3	11.3
<b>MSCI %</b>	3.8	8.7	13.1	8.7	3.8	6.3	11.9	9.9	11.3	12.9	7.4

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 %
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	36.9	(2.7)	34.2	49.4
Australia	2.1	(0.9)	1.3	2.3
China	19.7		19.7	19.7
China Renminbi Offshore				(1.0)
Hong Kong	0.1		0.1	2.4
India	2.0		2.0	2.0
Japan	8.2	(1.6)	6.6	19.3
South Korea	4.4		4.4	4.5
Other Asia-Pacific	0.4	(0.2)	0.2	0.2
<b>Europe</b>	26.1	(0.3)	25.8	29.0
Austria	2.1		2.1	
Euro				19.4
Finland	2.6		2.6	
France	3.2	(0.1)	3.1	
Germany	3.1		3.1	
Italy	2.2		2.2	
Netherlands	2.3		2.3	
Switzerland	1.3	(0.1)	1.3	1.3
United Kingdom	7.3		7.3	7.7
Other Europe	2.0	(0.1)	1.9	0.5
<b>North America</b>	18.7	(10.1)	8.6	19.9
Canada	1.8		1.8	2.7
United States of America	16.9	(10.1)	6.8	17.2
<b>Other</b>	1.8		1.8	1.8
<b>Sub-Total</b>	83.4	(13.1)	70.3	100.0
<b>Cash</b>	16.6	13.1	29.7	
<b>Total</b>	100.0		100.0	100.0

Long - 127 stocks, 4 swaps, 1 option, 2 other Short - 35 swaps

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

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	3.9
Minebea Co Ltd	Japan	Industrials	3.3
Microchip Technology Inc	United States	Info Technology	3.2
Ping An Insurance Group	China	Financials	2.7
UPM-Kymmene OYJ	Finland	Materials	2.6
Allfunds Group Plc	UK	Financials	2.6
Samsung Electronics Co	South Korea	Info Technology	2.2
Weichai Power Co Ltd	China	Industrials	2.2
LG Chem Ltd	South Korea	Materials	2.2
St James Place PLC	UK	Financials	2.1
<b>Total</b>			26.9

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

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Industrials	20.9	(2.4)	18.5
Financials	16.4	(0.9)	15.5
Information Technology	11.1	(1.9)	9.2
Materials	8.2		8.2
Energy	7.6		7.6
Consumer Discretionary	8.6	(3.8)	4.9
Health Care	3.9		3.9
Communication Services	3.5	(0.7)	2.9
Real Estate	2.4	(0.4)	2.0
Consumer Staples	0.6	(0.5)	0.2
Other		(2.5)	(2.5)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	83.4	(13.1)	70.3
<b>Cash</b>	16.6	13.1	29.7
<b>Total</b>	100.0		100.0

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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 paid during the calendar year. This information is historical. No guarantee is given about future dividends or the level of franking of such dividends (if any).

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 rose 1.2% for the month. This brings the one-year return to a solid 13.6% vs. the market's\* 3.8% return.
- The net invested position remains near historical averages.
- Looking forward, there are exciting opportunities on the long side, but we remain wary of further market weakness.

### Market Commentary

It was an extraordinary month in markets as the real effects of one of the fastest rate tightening cycles in US history were acutely felt. As mentioned last October, in bear markets, we often find corners of the market coming unstuck. The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank drew attention to the liquidity mismatching of the last few years as participants reached further out for a return on capital. This was a classic, but digital, bank run that sent markets into a panic. The volatility seen in bonds was unprecedented, with US 2-year Treasuries having their largest two-day move since the 1987 crash. Within a few days, the market had aggressively shifted its expectations of the Federal Reserve, from three *hikes* to three *cuts* by October 2023. With emergency liquidity being added to the system (five months of quantitative tightening were erased in two weeks), on top of rate cut expectations being rapidly pulled forward, the market unsurprisingly again sought out the perceived safe haven of long-duration technology stocks (for context, Apple and Microsoft now account for ~13% of the S&P500, which is the highest weighting of two stocks since the late 1970s). In fact, global 'growth' stocks had their best monthly performance vs. their 'value' counterparts since 1975. The NASDAQ and S&P are both now up 16.8% and 7.0%, respectively, in local currency terms for the calendar year to date.

The portfolio did not have exposure to any regional US banks or Credit Suisse. The portfolio does have exposure to a number of European financials, which were a drag on performance over the month due to overall fragility concerns in the financial sector more broadly. In our view, European financials have had a much stricter regulatory framework and are better placed than their US peers. We have been adding to this group during the month as their stocks were sold off.

Our Chinese positions added 1.3% for the month. Alibaba and JD.com announced restructuring plans. Alibaba co-founder Jack Ma returned to China, and the new Premier Li Qiang met with Tencent's CEO as tensions between the regulator and large technology companies continued to thaw. We continue to believe that China is a much-unloved stock market, and we remain confident in the Chinese businesses we hold. China is in a different part of its economic cycle from economies in the West, and the government is taking clear steps to stimulate the economy, particularly the property sector.

We believe such acute events and volatility as seen this month will continue to be felt as the decades-long easy money regime normalises. Understanding where the leverage and debt lie will be key. We expect much more divergent markets over the course of 2023, as a complex and uncertain environment creates mispricing in equities. We think this is a great market for active, 'true' investors.

Our net exposure remains at around 70%. We continue to buy stocks that we think offer good value and remain excited by opportunities across decarbonisation, semiconductors, travel, Chinese consumers, financials, and growth industrials. Our short book remains dynamic and aims to protect capital. The composition of the short portfolio continues to have less emphasis on highly valued growth names and more on COVID beneficiaries (e.g. retailers, e-commerce, logistics) that we expect will have weak earnings outcomes in the year ahead.

### Performance Analysis\*\*

For the quarter, our long positions contributed +7.6% (+5.0% over the year) to the portfolio's return. Our short positions cost -1.8% for the quarter (+8.3% over one year). The portfolio's quarterly return was driven by a broad array of long positions, with our semiconductor companies being the standouts (Microchip, Infineon Technologies and Micron). Asian industrial names were also solid contributors (MinebeaMitsumi, Weichai Power and ZTO Express).

### Valuation

The portfolio's aggregate valuation metrics are attractive in both an absolute sense and relative to the market, with a 38% higher starting earnings yield and a 40% discount on an asset basis (see table below).

Metric	Platinum Capital Limited	MSCI AC World Net Index (A\$)
NTM Earnings Yield	9.0% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 11.1x)	6.5% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 15.4x)
NTM Dividend Yield	3.2%	2.8%
NTM Enterprise Value-to-Sales	1.3x	1.6x
LTM Price-to-Book Ratio	1.5x	2.5x

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. As at 31 March 2023. NTM = next twelve months. LTM = last twelve months.

\*Market returns throughout this report refer to the MSCI AC World Net Index in A\$. Source: FactSet.

\*\*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's fees and costs (other than brokerage). **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.**