

#### **Facts**

Portfolio value Fund commenced Minimum investment Regular Investment Plan (min.) Income distribution date Unit valuation \$4.27 bn (Post Distribution)
04 March 2003
A\$20,000 or NZ\$20,000
A\$200 or NZ\$200 per mth/qtr
Annual, 30 June

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Unit prices (CUM Distribution)

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#### Performance<sup>1</sup>

	FUND %	MSCI %
1 month	(1.40)	(0.10)
3 months	3.53	3.72
6 months	(4.08)	(0.15)
Calendar year to date	(4.08)	(0.15)
1 year	(10.34)	(9.14)
2 years (compound pa)	7.90	7.63
3 years (compound pa)	10.98	9.34
5 years (compound pa)	10.44	7.59
7 years (compound pa)	8.49	7.61
10 years (compound pa)	8.76	5.60
Since inception (compound pa)	14.71	9.45

#### Invested positions<sup>3</sup>

	LONG %	NET %	CURRENCY %
China	6.9	6.9	(4.5)
China Ex PRC	25.2	25.2	
Hong Kong	3.4	3.4	21.2
Taiwan	3.9	3.9	1.1
India	20.2	20.2	20.9
Indonesia	0.2	0.2	0.2
Korea	9.7	9.7	5.8
Philippines	4.8	4.8	4.8
Singapore	2.7	2.7	
Thailand	6.1	6.1	6.1
Vietnam	3.2	3.2	2.8
	86.2	86.2	
Australian Dollar			12.1
China Renminbi Off Shore			(4.5)
UK Pound Sterling			0.4
United States Dollar			32.5
Cash & Accruals	13.8	13.8	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Long - 67 stocks, 6 swaps, 1 bond

#### Fees

Entry fee Nil Exit fee Nil

Management Expense Ratio/
Indirect Cost Ratio (MER/ICR)

1.54% per annum
(inclusive of investment & administration costs)

Brokerage paid Nil
Buy/sell spread 0.5% total

#### Performance graph<sup>2</sup>



Source: Factset and Platinum

## Top ten positions<sup>4</sup>

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	Korea	Info Technology	4.3
Yes Bank Ltd	India	Financials	3.4
Kasikornbank PCL Foreign	Thailand	Financials	3.4
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China Ex PRO	Info Technology	3.4
Ayala Land Inc	Philippines	Financials	3.3
ICICI Bank Ltd	India	Financials	2.9
CNOOC Ltd	China Ex PRO	Energy	2.7
China Resources Gas Group	China Ex PRO	Utilities	2.7
Jardine Matheson Holdings	Singapore	Industrials	2.7
Uni-President Enterprises Co	Taiwan	Consumer Staples	2.5

#### Industry breakdown<sup>3</sup>

SECTOR	LONG %	NET %
Financials	24.9	24.9
Info Technology	19.4	19.4
Consumer Staples	10.4	10.4
Cons Discretionary	9.3	9.3
Industrials	7.9	7.9
Utilities	7.7	7.7
Energy	5.0	5.0
Materials	1.0	1.0
Other	0.4	0.4

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2. The investment returns depicted in this graph are cumulative on A\$20,000 invested in the Fund since inception relative to the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Net Index in A\$ ("Index"). The investment returns are calculated using the Fund's unit price. They are net of fees and costs (excluding the buy-sell spread and any investment performance fee payable), pre-tax and assume the reinvestment of distributions. It should be noted that Platinum does not invest by reference to the weightings of the Index. Underlying assets are chosen through Platinum's individual stock selection process and as a result holdings will vary considerably to the make-up of the Index. The Index is provided as a reference only.

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<sup>4.</sup> Top Ten positions shows the Fund's top long share exposure positions. Long derivative exposures are included, however, short derivative exposures are not.

#### Platinum Asia Fund

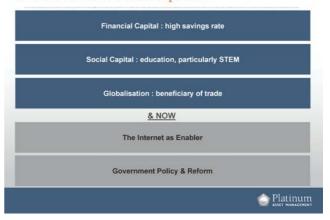
# Platinum's approach



### Rewards from Asian investing



## Drivers of Asia's Development



### Key Chinese Consumer-facing holdings



#### Market update and Commentary

While the Western world focuses on the ramifications of Brexit, Asian markets are starting to see a benefit from the perception that US rates will stay lower for longer – note our key theme on our recent roadshow was 'Lower for Much Longer' (see our website, The Journal entry of 18 May for more on this). While China's A-share market did not join the MSCI indices this time round, it is only a matter of time before it plays a greater role in professionally managed portfolios which will need to build Chinese positions in the future. A weaker Chinese currency is starting to unfold, but with fear in global markets rising around Brexit, it seems likely it will be, for now, supported by the PBOC. ASEAN's consumer focused economies are starting to attract investor attention again as they appear to be stronger than expected.

Whilst it is disappointing to report a negative return over the last year in the Fund, the outcome since the tumultuous events of last August has been broadly flat and hence the key hit to the Fund was taken primarily in the rapid falls in the Chinese market at that point. When one looks at the make up of the return, it is the Chinese market which took the brunt of the hit, indeed outside of China / HK, the contribution to the balance of the Fund was neutral and losses were concentrated in Financials (Chinese Insurers), Consumer Discretionary (in particular, China's 'Amazon', JD.com, and appliance makers suffered) and Industrials, with the balance of sectors making a positive contribution, led by Technology and Consumer Staples.

Tencent (China's 'Facebook') and Samsung Electronics, the global leader in smartphones, memory and display (TV's and monitors) were stand-outs in the tech sector, while Staples, like Vietnam Dairy (Vietnam's 'Nestle'), Chinese white spirits makers, Kweichow Moutai and Jiangsu Yanhe, and Taiwanese food conglomerate, UniPresident, known for its instant noodles, all did well. India's private YES Bank bucked the general downtrend in financials, and was in fact the biggest contributor to the Fund.

We have long documented the case for investing in Asia, and today we own a portfolio of strong local businesses, trading on a weighted median P/E of 14X, with some cash in hand to exploit any opportunities that present themselves.

We do believe that every professional investor is aware of the challenges that China faces in its transition and which the administration is focused on dealing with. We are prepared for sporadic boughts of fear as the bad debts in the system get more air time and their resolution is addressed, but are comfortable with the margin of safety in our Chinese investments from a long-term investment perspective and we are focusing on strong consumer-facing businesses predominantly.