# Platinum Asia Fundarsn 104 043 110

### Facts

Portfolio value Fund commenced Minimum investment Regular Investment Plan (min.) Income distribution date Unit valuation Unit prices	\$4.39 bn 04 March 2003 A\$20,000 or NZ\$20 A\$200 or NZ\$200 per mth/qtr Annual, 30 June Sydney Business Day App - 2.6382 Red - 2.6250
Performance <sup>1</sup>	

	FUND %	MSCI %
1 month	2.93	2.72
3 months	5.95	6.65
6 months	5.04	7.95
Calendar year to date	(1.27)	2.55
1 year	(7.25)	(4.81)
2 years (compound pa)	7.03	6.28
3 years (compound pa)	11.54	8.94
5 years (compound pa)	10.91	8.48
7 years (compound pa)	7.69	6.58
10 years (compound pa)	9.40	6.20
Since inception (compound pa)	14.85	9.60

Invested positions <sup>3</sup>			
	LONG %	NET %	CURRENCY %
China	8.1	8.1	(2.9)
China Ex PRC	27.8	27.8	
Hong Kong	3.9	3.9	21.6
Taiwan	3.5	3.5	0.8
India	20.7	20.7	21.3
Indonesia	0.2	0.2	0.2
Korea	10.2	10.2	6.2
Philippines	4.8	4.8	4.8
Singapore	0.2	0.2	0.2
Thailand	6.8	6.8	6.8
Vietnam	3.5	3.5	3.5
	89.7	89.7	
Australian Dollar			8.7
China Renminbi Off Shore			(4.5)
UK Pound Sterling			0.5
United States Dollar			32.8
Cash & Accruals	10.3	10.3	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Long - 73 stocks, 6 swaps, 1 bond

## Fees

Entry fee	Nil
Exit fee	Nil
Management Expense Ratio/	1.54% per annum
Indirect Cost Ratio (MER/ICR)	(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 Thailand	Info Technology Financials	4.5
Kasikornbank PCL Foreign Ayala Land Inc	Philippines	Financials	3.8 3.2
Yes Bank Ltd	India	Financials	3.2
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China Ex PRO	C Info Technology	3.1
ICICI Bank Ltd	India	Financials	2.9
Vietnam Dairy Products JSC	Vietnam	Consumer Staples	2.8
Alibaba Group ADR	China Ex PRO	C Info Technology	2.6
Jardine Matheson Holdings	Hong Kong	Industrials	2.6
CNOOC Ltd	China Ex PRO	CEnergy	2.5

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

SECTOR	LONG %	NET %
Financials	27.1	27.1
Info Technology	19.4	19.4
Consumer Staples	10.0	10.0
Cons Discretionary	9.8	9.8
Industrials	8.6	8.6
Utilities	7.2	7.2
Energy	5.4	5.4
Materials	1.4	1.4
Other	0.5	0.5

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1. Investment returns are calculated using the Fund's unit price and represent the combined income and capital return for the specified period. 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. The investment returns shown are historical and no warranty can be given for future performance. You should be aware that historical performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Due to the volatility of underlying assets of the Fund and other risk factors associated with investing, investment returns can be negative (particularly in the short-term).

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. 3. The "Long%" represents the exposure to physical holdings, corporate fixed income securities and long stock derivatives. The "Net %" represents the exposure of physical holdings and both long and

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

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#### Platinum Asia Fund



#### Market update and Commentary

The Western social and traditional media circus shifted its focus from Brexit to Trump versus Clinton, or perhaps simply bemoaned the collective challenge of the pressure being applied to inflated wages and social security promises by an increasingly capable and much cheaper Asian population, which is likely the engine of the world's dynamism, growth and opportunity in the coming decades. 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.

Asian markets are starting to see a benefit from stabilising Chinese property markets and the commencement of capacity closures in heavy industry that binged on cheap credit. There may also be an increasing sense that everyone following markets is already acutely aware of, and has largely priced, the bad debt issue, and are simply waiting to see how the burden is shared. We continue to avoid the banks in this market, but find plentiful opportunity in consumer facing businesses as we have oft highlighted. India is one of the scarce gems in a slowly growing world, and it was Indian financial stocks, with YES Bank at the forefront, that led the portfolio higher from its February lows.

Whilst the Fund is cautiously positioned with cash levels in the "teens" through the worst of the sell-off, it was unable to avoid the impact of a shearing in confidence in local markets. Whilst it is disappointing to report a negative return of 7% over the last year in the Fund, the Fund is flat since the end of August last year and in context, the Fund returned 25% per annum in the 3 years to June 2015.

If one is to break down the sources of returns, the Fund has been somewhat bifurcated. Three sectors were responsible for the losses made in the Fund, with insurance against any major falls in the Chinese currency also a negative. The sectors were Financials, with Chinese insurers hurt by the fall in both equity markets and bond yields; Consumer Discretionary, with disappointing outcomes in China and SE Asia; and Industrials, where our infrastructure stocks bucked the global thirst for such assets.

On the positive side of the ledger: YES Bank; technology giants, Tencent (China's 'Facebook'); Platinum's stalwart investment, Samsung Electronics, the global leader in smartphones, memory and display (TV's and monitors); Consumer Staples, including long standing investments like Vietnam Dairy (Vietnam's 'Nestle') and Chinese white spirits makers, Kweichow Moutai and Jiangsu Yanghe; along with the more recent addition, Taiwanese food conglomerate, UniPresident, known for its instant noodles.