

Facts

Portfolio value	\$292.57 mn	
Portfolio inception	16 September 2015	
Current share price	\$0.910	NTA retained earnings & dividend profit reserve [^] 2.47 cps
Current option price	\$0.001	
Pre-tax NTA	\$0.9950	
Post-tax NTA	\$0.9948	

[^] dividend subject to available franking credits.

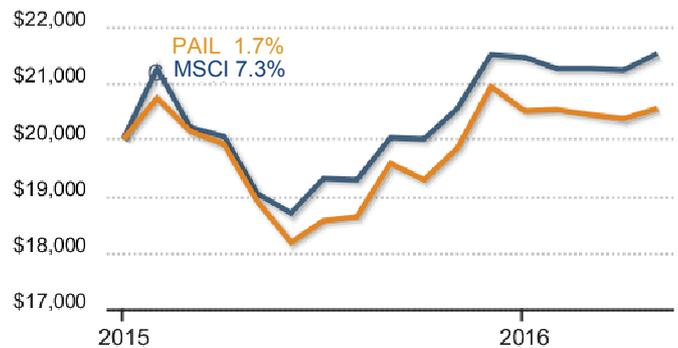
Performance¹

	FUND %	MSCI %
1 month	0.91	1.30
3 months	0.06	1.27
6 months	3.51	4.65
Calendar year to date	0.91	1.30
1 year	8.71	12.97
Since inception (compound pa)	1.26	5.25

Fees

Management fee:	1.1% p.a. of the portfolio value
Performance fee:	Payable at 15% of the amount by which the portfolio's annual performance exceeds the return achieved by the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Net Index

Performance graph²



Invested positions³

	LONG %	NET %	CURRENCY %
China	9.0	9.0	8.5
China Ex PRC	28.7	28.7	
Hong Kong	0.4	0.4	21.8
Taiwan	3.9	3.9	3.9
India	16.8	16.8	16.8
Indonesia	0.3	0.3	0.3
Korea	8.8	8.8	9.2
Malaysia	1.0	1.0	1.0
Philippines	4.2	4.2	4.2
Singapore	2.5	2.5	
Thailand	6.8	6.8	6.9
Vietnam	2.0	2.0	2.0
	84.5	84.5	
Australian Dollar			16.1
China Renminbi Off Shore			(16.7)
United States Dollar			26.0
Cash	15.5	15.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Long - 72 stocks, 1 swap

Top ten positions⁴

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
Ayala Corp	Philippines	Financials	3.4
Kasikornbank PCL Foreign	Thailand	Financials	3.2
Ping An A Share Note Exp	China	Consumer Staples	3.0
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	Korea	Info Technology	2.8
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China Ex PRC	Info Technology	2.5
Jardine Matheson Holdings	Singapore	Industrials	2.5
Baidu com ADR	China Ex PRC	Info Technology	2.5
Jiangsu Yanghe Brewery J PN	China	Consumer Staples	2.4
IRB Infrastructure Developers	India	Industrials	2.4
ENN Energy Holdings	China Ex PRC	Utilities	2.3

Industry breakdown³

SECTOR	LONG %	NET %
Financials	24.7	24.7
Info Technology	15.9	15.9
Cons Discretionary	11.1	11.1
Consumer Staples	9.1	9.1
Industrials	8.7	8.7
Utilities	6.6	6.6
Energy	3.1	3.1
Materials	2.2	2.2
Real Estate	2.0	2.0
Telecom Services	1.0	1.0

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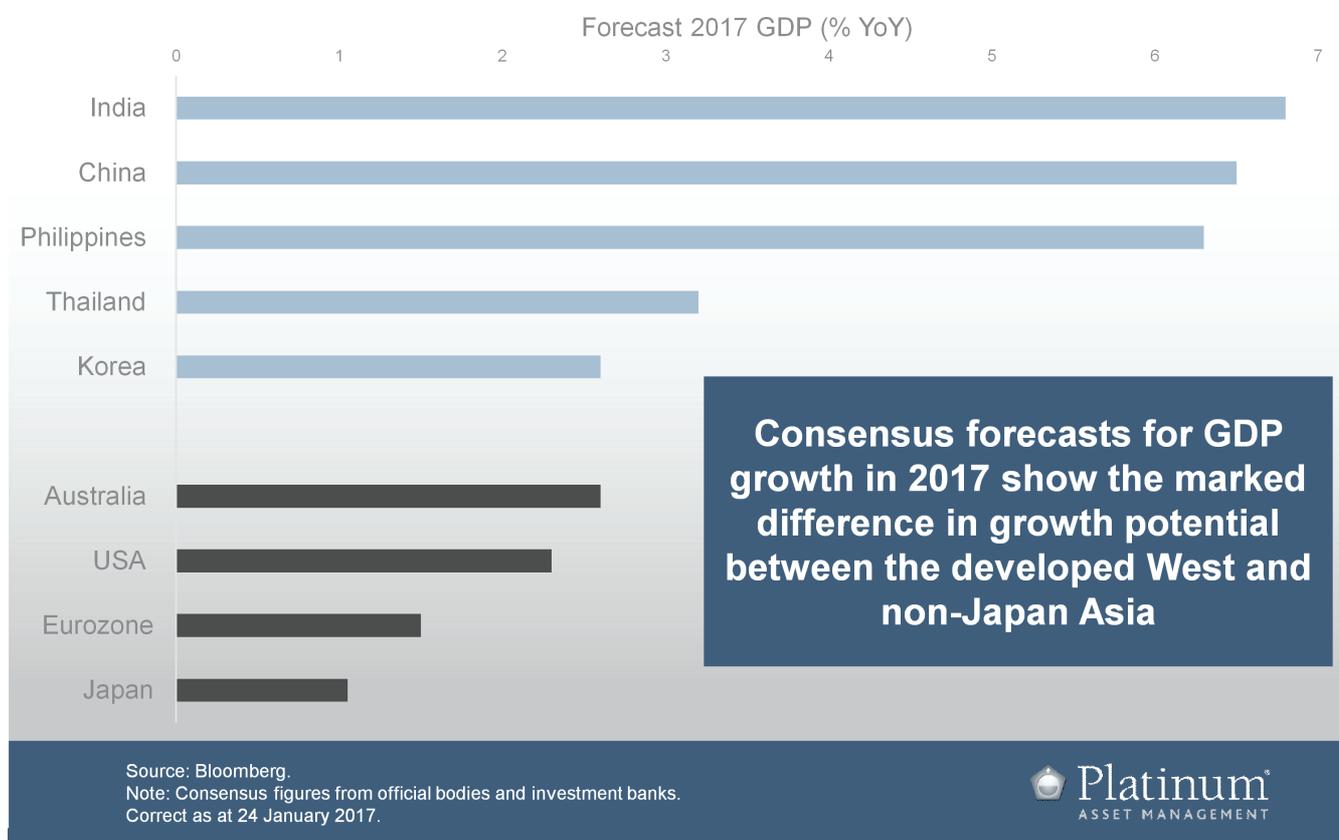
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4. The "Top ten positions" shows PAI's top long share exposure positions as a percentage of PAI's net tangible asset value. Long derivative exposures are included. However, short derivative exposures are not.

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A region that GROWS



Market update and Commentary

Across Asia we see robust economic activity and attractive opportunities which are overlooked in our view. Several of our favoured sectors have not participated in recent strength for the regional index, which is dominated by Samsung and TSMC (combined these are approximately 9% of the regional index). In particular, we would highlight our Chinese insurers and more recently Chinese tech companies. We believe that these remain outstanding opportunities.

Further evidence is apparent that China's recovery kept ripping along into the end of 2016: for instance rail freight movements were up 15% year-on-year in November. As we have mentioned in previous monthly updates, Chinese producer price inflation turned positive for the first time in four years in recent months. Both services and manufacturing Purchasing Managers Indices (PMI) remain above 50 (indicating expansion). Improving business conditions prompted service companies to hire staff at the fastest pace in 20 months in December. We have seen widespread improvements in luxury goods spending and Macau gaming data seems to be improving. The Chinese consumer looks to be in good shape.

However, there is good reason to believe that Chinese authorities are quite serious about tightening monetary conditions to restrain economic activity somewhat, before the economy overheats. Real estate investment restrictions have been in place since October last year and further lending restrictions were put in place in late January. Chinese banks are now required to obtain sign-offs by PBOC officials to process foreign exchange transactions and penalties were increased for miscreants daring to do as they wish with their foreign currency. Chinese authorities also restricted RMB liquidity into Hong Kong, which caused overnight lending rates to spike. Those borrowing in the overnight market to short the RMB were squeezed with rates climbing in excess of 30%. For now, speculation on the RMB has eased. In summary, from China we expect activity to remain at a strong level, while some deceleration is likely from here.

Meanwhile in India economic data is beginning to show the impact of efficiency and anti-corruption reforms. Interest rates and inflation are declining, while the current account deficit has narrowed significantly. The Indian equity market, however, is expensive, requiring selectivity. We remain holders Indian banks and infrastructure, as opposed to vastly more expensive consumer stocks in the country.

Looking ahead we continue to view Asia as an attractive investment locale. Fears of a trade war make headlines, but determining why this would affect Asia negatively while the large cap US corporates that rely on Asian supply chains make new highs stretches logic in our view. Asia is host to cheap, attractive stocks and the region remains unloved by investors. Ongoing reasonable global growth and earnings growth in Asia in particular mean that we see Asia as highly attractive.