

## Facts

Portfolio value	\$8.23 bn
Fund commenced	30 April 1995
Minimum investment	A\$10,000 or NZ\$10,000
Regular Investment Plan (min.)	A/NZ\$5000 plus A/NZ\$200 mth/qtr
Income distribution date	Annual, 30 June
Unit valuation	Sydney Business Day
Unit prices C Class	App - 1.7998 Red - 1.7944
Unit prices P Class	App - 0.8560 Red - 0.8534

## Performance<sup>1</sup>

	C Class %	P Class %	MSCI %
1 month	2.67	2.69	2.91
3 months	2.44	2.50	3.49
6 months	(4.16)	(4.04)	0.45
Calendar year to date	(8.22)	(8.07)	(0.44)
1 year	(2.79)	(2.55)	6.16
2 years (compound pa)	(0.63)	(0.38)	6.60
3 years (compound pa)	2.78	2.76	11.56
5 years (compound pa)	5.40		9.28
7 years (compound pa)	8.05		12.07
10 years (compound pa)	8.44		11.96
Since inception (compound pa)*	11.57	3.42	7.02

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

	Long %	Short %	Net %	Currency %
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>(0.2)</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>63.1</b>
Australia	3.3		3.3	20.8
China	18.2		18.2	19.0
Hong Kong	2.3		2.3	2.9
Taiwan	0.6		0.6	0.5
India	1.6		1.6	1.6
Japan	11.6		11.6	11.6
Korea	6.7		6.7	6.7
New Zealand		(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Thailand	0.1		0.1	0.1
<b>North America</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>(4.0)</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Canada	3.1		3.1	3.2
United States	25.9	(4.0)	21.9	1.3
<b>Europe</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>(0.2)</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>31.3</b>
Austria	1.1		1.1	
Belgium	0.1		0.1	
Denmark	0.4		0.4	0.4
Finland	0.7		0.7	
France	3.7		3.7	
Germany	4.0		4.0	
Ireland	1.5		1.5	
Italy	1.3		1.3	
Netherlands	0.0	(0.2)	(0.2)	
Norway	0.2		0.2	0.2
Spain	2.9		2.9	
United Kingdom	1.4		1.4	1.4
Euro				29.2
<b>Other</b>	<b>1.1</b>		<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Zambia	1.1		1.1	1.1
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>(4.4)</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>12.5</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Long - 95 stocks, 2 swaps Short - 9 swaps, 1 index

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## Fees

Entry fee	Nil
Buy/sell spread	0.15%/0.15%
Fee:	C Class
	P Class
	Investment Management 1.35% p.a.
	Investment Performance N/A
	Investment Management 1.10% p.a.
	Investment Performance 15.00% p.a.*

\*of the amount by which the Fund's return exceeds its index return

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



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

Stock	Country	Industry	%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	Korea	Info Technology	3.7
LG Chem Ltd	Korea	Materials	3.0
Ping An Insurance	China	Financials	3.0
Amadeus IT Holdings	Spain	Info Technology	2.9
Booking Holdings Inc	United States	Cons Discretionary	2.8
Glencore plc	Australia	Materials	2.7
Facebook Inc	United States	Comm Services	2.6
ZTO Express Inc	China	Industrials	2.6
Takeda Pharma Co	Japan	Health Care	2.5
Microchip Technology	United States	Info Technology	2.5
<b>Total</b>			<b>28.3</b>

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

Sector	Long %	Short %	Net %
Industrials	18.1	(0.4)	17.7
Info Technology	16.4	(0.9)	15.5
Materials	13.2		13.2
Consumer Discretionary	12.8		12.8
Financials	11.5		11.5
Communication Services	8.3		8.3
Health Care	7.7		7.7
Real Estate	1.9		1.9
Energy	1.8		1.8
Utilities	0.2		0.2
Consumer Staples		(1.0)	(1.0)
Other		(2.2)	(2.2)

## Market update and commentary

- Investors faced with “two stock markets” – raging bull (or emerging bubble) in growth and bear market in economic sensitives.
- Dangerous environment for retail investors chasing returns. **Remember - speculation is not investing.**
- Rotating early, consistent with our philosophy, has hurt relative returns in extreme conditions since early 2018.

### Market Commentary

The divergence in markets keeps widening. The polarisation has created “two stock markets” – growth stocks rising rapidly, while most stocks reflect the recession. Ultra-low interest rates and money supply growth are offsetting COVID-19's impact. When ‘crowding’ occurs, we must look elsewhere. This split masks opportunities in areas we think are robust like semiconductors, travel and Chinese consumption.

Alarm bells ring loudly as retail investors climb on board. During August we saw an incredible market response to stock-splits by Apple and Tesla. Despite creating no value in our view, both stocks “went vertical”. We also note the increase in stock issuance and proliferation in the number of special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs), reminding us of previous late-stage bull markets. We can't define the timing - we suspect it's more than weeks, but less than years – but we think this will almost certainly end badly with permanent impairment of capital for many.

Recent market action around COVID-19 (sell-off and rebound) saw no change in market leadership. We await an acceleration of economic sensitives or a further narrowing, or even collapse, of the current leaders as indicative of the next phase.

Our philosophy is price driven. We look for stock mispricings. This includes buying growing companies like Tencent, Google (now Alphabet), Facebook and Moderna when they were misunderstood. We naturally miss out on buying expensive stocks that can keep rising. This may be uncomfortable but it is not a concern; it is simply not what we do. We build our portfolio by migrating from hotter to cooler areas of the market. Over the last two+ years, this has been in the economically sensitive areas such as China, semiconductors and travel.

COVID-19 roiled markets, but we have remained steadfast. To give a sense of the portfolio's earnings power - the P/E is 13x FY0 (last reported financial year) earnings, or an earnings yield approaching 8%. Contrast this with cash yielding close to or below 0% in the major economies (Source: RBA) and the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) FY0 P/E of 22x (4-5% earnings yield) (Source: FactSet Research Systems).

### Performance Analysis

In last month's report ([Click Here](#)) we analysed medium- to long-term performance. Relative underperformance has coincided with the “Post-GFC Bull Divergence Phase” including 2018, 2019 and 2020. The Fund's -2% cumulative return from 31 December 2017 to 31 August 2020 lags the MSCI ACWI's 27% cumulative return over the same period. Within this, we have lagged the three “Up Waves”. The third “Up Wave” started on 23 March 2020, and as at 31 August 2020, our 7% cumulative return lagged the ACWI's 20% cumulative return.

Focusing on the last 12 months, the Fund's short positions have cost 8%. This is disappointing given their role is to reduce risk.

On the long side, despite the markets being driven by Apple, Amazon and Microsoft, we have delivered market-like returns (refer to the attribution table below). Investments in IT, Communications, Industrials, Materials and Healthcare contributed 12% to returns, led by LG Chem (Korean battery maker), ZTO Express (Chinese logistics company), chipmakers Skyworks, Microchip and Samsung, platforms Facebook, Tencent and Alphabet, vaccine maker Moderna and Indian telco operator Bharti Airtel. Investments in Financials and Energy offset this to the extent of 7%, with oil-related investments TechnipFMC, Transocean and Seven Generations, combined with previously successful investments in the Chinese insurance sector, in the vanguard. Active currency positions made a meaningful positive contribution.

1 year to 31 August 2020	Average Weight %	Contribution %
Long Portfolio	90	4
Short Positions	(13)	(8)
Cash / FX	23	2
Total (Fund, net of fees)		(3)
Comparison (MSCI AC World Net Index (A\$))		6

Source: Platinum. Numbers are based on individual portfolio positions. Contribution numbers may not add up due to rounding and the effect of fees.

**Valuation:** Earnings forecasts at this stage have less value than normal due to COVID-19 impacts, but valuation of the portfolio against historic earnings (FY20 is last reported financial year) gives a sense of its earnings power. There is value in an absolute and relative sense.

Metric	Platinum International Fund	MSCI AC World Net Index (A\$)
FY0 Earnings Yield	7.6% (Price to Earnings ratio of 13.1x)	4.5% (Price to Earnings ratio of 22x)
FY0 Dividend Yield	3.1%	2.5%
Price-to-Book Ratio	1.5	2.3
Enterprise Value-to-Sales	1.5	1.7

The valuations in the table in respect of the Fund have been calculated by Platinum and refer to the long portion of the portfolio, excluding negative net earnings, and using FactSet consensus earnings.

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.**

## Facts

Portfolio value	\$196.60 mn
Fund commenced	28 January 2005
Minimum investment	A\$10,000 or NZ\$10,000
Regular Investment Plan (min.)	A/NZ\$5000 plus A/NZ\$200 mth/qtr
Income distribution date	Annual, 30 June
Unit valuation	Sydney Business Day
Unit prices C Class	App - 1.4310 Red - 1.4267
Unit prices P Class	App - 0.9010 Red - 0.8983

## Fees

Entry fee	Nil
Buy/sell spread	0.15%/0.15%
Fee:	C Class
	P Class
	Investment Management 1.35% p.a.
	Investment Performance N/A
	Investment Management 1.10% p.a.
	Investment Performance 15.00% p.a.*

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## Performance<sup>1</sup>

	C Class %	P Class %	MSCI %
1 month	2.75	2.76	2.91
3 months	1.11	1.18	3.49
6 months	(8.11)	(7.99)	0.45
Calendar year to date	(12.85)	(12.71)	(0.44)
1 year	(5.75)	(5.51)	6.16
2 years (compound pa)	(3.14)	(2.89)	6.60
3 years (compound pa)	2.64	2.65	11.56
5 years (compound pa)	6.46		9.28
7 years (compound pa)	8.89		12.07
10 years (compound pa)	9.41		11.96
Since inception (compound pa)*	9.79	3.30	7.42

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



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

	Long %	Net %	Currency %
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>39.5</b>
Australia	2.3	2.3	2.3
China	16.2	16.2	16.2
Hong Kong	2.1	2.1	2.4
Taiwan	0.7	0.7	0.7
India	3.1	3.1	3.1
Japan	7.7	7.7	7.9
Korea	6.8	6.8	6.8
<b>North America</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>38.8</b>
Canada	3.1	3.1	3.4
United States	33.9	33.9	35.4
<b>Europe</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>21.8</b>
Austria	3.4	3.4	
Belgium	0.1	0.1	
Finland	1.1	1.1	
France	2.7	2.7	
Germany	2.5	2.5	
Ireland	1.3	1.3	
Spain	6.8	6.8	
United Kingdom	2.8	2.8	2.9
Euro			18.9
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Long - 54 stocks

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

Stock	Country	Industry	%
Applus Services	Spain	Industrials	3.9
Microchip Technology	United States	Info Technology	3.9
LG Chem Ltd	Korea	Materials	3.9
Alphabet Inc	United States	Comm Services	3.7
Facebook Inc	United States	Comm Services	3.6
Raiffeisen Bank	Austria	Financials	3.4
Ally Financial Inc	United States	Financials	3.2
Takeda Pharma Co	Japan	Health Care	3.2
Weichai Power	China	Industrials	3.1
IHS Markit Ltd	United States	Industrials	3.0
	<b>Total</b>		<b>34.8</b>

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

Sector	Long %	Net %
Industrials	27.0	27.0
Info Technology	15.7	15.7
Financials	13.6	13.6
Materials	10.8	10.8
Communication Services	10.0	10.0
Health Care	8.5	8.5
Consumer Discretionary	5.8	5.8
Real Estate	3.8	3.8
Energy	1.5	1.5

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Fund commenced	04 March 2003
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Regular Investment Plan (min.)	A/NZ\$5000 plus A/NZ\$200 mth/qtr
Income distribution date	Annual, 30 June
Unit valuation	Sydney Business Day
Unit prices C Class	App - 2.7834 Red - 2.7722
Unit prices P Class	App - 0.9867 Red - 0.9827

## Performance<sup>1</sup>

	C Class %	P Class %	MSCI %
1 month	1.59	1.44	0.41
3 months	14.20	13.49	9.28
6 months	14.35	13.28	0.53
Calendar year to date	15.37	14.33	1.72
1 year	23.49	22.49	10.80
2 years (compound pa)	11.18	10.86	5.55
3 years (compound pa)	11.29	10.89	7.88
5 years (compound pa)	10.75		9.61
7 years (compound pa)	12.94		10.59
10 years (compound pa)	9.91		8.67
Since inception (compound pa)*	14.52	11.56	10.01

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

	Long %	Net %	Currency %
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>95.1</b>
Macao	1.8	1.8	1.8
China	46.9	46.9	47.5
Hong Kong	9.9	9.9	10.2
Taiwan	8.7	8.7	8.8
India	9.5	9.5	9.5
Korea	11.3	11.3	11.4
Philippines	0.9	0.9	0.9
Thailand	1.9	1.9	1.9
Vietnam	2.4	2.4	2.4
Australian Dollar			0.6
Singapore Dollar			0.1
<b>North America</b>			<b>4.9</b>
United States Dollar			4.9
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Long - 44 stocks

## Fees

Entry fee	Nil
Buy/sell spread	0.20%/0.20%
Fee:	
C Class	Investment Management 1.35% p.a. Investment Performance N/A
P Class	Investment Management 1.10% p.a. Investment Performance 15.00% p.a.*

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



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

Stock	Country	Industry	%
Tencent Holdings	China	Comm Services	7.0
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info Technology	6.5
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	Korea	Info Technology	6.4
AIA Group Ltd	Hong Kong	Financials	5.2
Reliance Industries Ltd	India	Energy	3.6
Ping An Insurance	China	Financials	3.3
Huazhu Group	China	Cons Discretionary	3.1
Li Ning Co Ltd	China	Cons Discretionary	2.9
Focus Media Info Tec	China	Comm Services	2.9
Midea Group	China	Cons Discretionary	2.9
<b>Total</b>			<b>43.8</b>

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

Sector	Long %	Net %
Consumer Discretionary	26.2	26.2
Info Technology	20.0	20.0
Communication Services	12.3	12.3
Financials	12.1	12.1
Real Estate	5.5	5.5
Consumer Staples	4.2	4.2
Energy	3.6	3.6
Industrials	3.3	3.3
Materials	2.8	2.8
Other	2.4	2.4
Health Care	1.0	1.0

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- Non-Japan Asia markets continued their strong performance.
- China-US tension is ongoing.
- China's domestic recovery appears robust.

August saw positive returns for non-Japan Asian equity markets and a pleasing result for the Fund. The Fund's holding in petrochemicals and electric vehicle (EV) input maker, LG Chem was the strongest contributor for the month, as the company's share price benefited from excitement around the EV theme. All other top ten contributors to performance in August were Chinese or Hong Kong listings, benefiting from the gradual but persistent recovery of the Chinese economy, and consumption in particular. Interestingly, the Fund's main detractors from performance included many of our biggest holdings in technology, such as Samsung, Tencent and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing, indicating the diversity of performance drivers available in Asian markets, as opposed to the narrow leadership of markets elsewhere.

The month just passed saw ongoing evidence of US-Chinese political tension. This now seems a permanent feature of the global political economy, in our view. The last month saw the Trump administration ban Tencent's WeChat app from the USA; clarification followed rapidly that US firms – notably Apple – can continue to offer WeChat for download within China (Source: BBC; Bloomberg). To understand why, consider that out of 1.3 million people responding to a survey on Chinese social media site, Weibo, 1.2 million indicated that they would switch to a new phone rather than do without WeChat (Source: South China Morning Post).

Of particular strategic importance was a story from Reuters that the Trump administration is considering adding China's largest and most advanced semiconductor chipmaker, SMIC, to a trade blacklist. This would effectively make the company unable to operate, in our view. This would be an extreme provocation. Our framework for assessing Sino-US tensions is that the situation is comparable to the mutually assured destruction dynamic of US-Soviet relations. There can be no winner, should tensions erupt into "kinetic war". However, we expect the tension between the era's two great powers will be ongoing, with factions on both sides benefiting from the existence of a common enemy or scapegoat. We continue to monitor the situation assiduously.

During August, Alibaba released its results for the quarter to 30 June 2020, the first quarter of the company's financial year. We thought the results were positive. Revenue grew 34% and operating profit was up 31% on the year prior (Source: Company filings). We thought it was notable that the domestic Chinese e-commerce sector appears to have fully recovered, with all categories growing at similar or faster rates to the December quarter of 2019, prior to the impact of COVID-19; the shift to buying groceries on Alibaba's platforms, evident during COVID-19's impact, appears to have continued into the current quarter; and the cloud computing business recovered fully from early 2020's economic slowdown and grew revenue 59% year-on-year during the quarter (Source: Company filings). Alibaba was among the top ten contributors to Fund performance during the month.

China's economic recovery was corroborated by another 50-plus reading on the country's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), with the official PMI reading for August coming in at 51 (Source: FactSet Research Systems). The recovery is patchy, with disaggregated PMI data showing weakness in areas such as employment, exports, imports and among small enterprises (Source: FactSet Research Systems). Anecdotal evidence among companies we monitor globally provides evidence of the strength of the Chinese industrial recovery. German chemical giant, BASF indicated that its Chinese sales were up 28% year-on-year in the month of June versus the prior year in a recent conference call (Source: Company filings). China's heavy-duty truck sales were up 75% year-on-year in the month of August (Source: CVworld.cn). Research firm, Mysteel reported that major construction and infrastructure projects commencing in China were up 55% versus the month prior, with total spending increasing by 22% versus the month prior.

Non-Japan Asia continues to provide diverse opportunities, with relatively cheap markets (namely South Korea and China) and the region's dominant economy, China, recovering well from the impacts of COVID-19.



Source: Chart 1 – IBES consensus, in local currency. Correct as at 7 September 2020.



Source: Chart 2 – IBES consensus, in local currency. Correct as at 7 September 2020.

Chart 1 and 2 shows valuations based on sell-side consensus estimates. It is worth noting at this stage, that in our view these earnings forecasts will very likely come down substantially to reflect the impact of the coronavirus-related slowdown on the global economy.

## Facts

Portfolio value	\$555.17 mn
Fund commenced	30 June 1998
Minimum investment	A\$10,000 or NZ\$10,000
Regular Investment Plan (min.)	A/NZ\$5000 plus A/NZ\$200 mth/qtr
Income distribution date	Annual, 30 June
Unit valuation	Sydney Business Day
Unit prices C Class	App - 3.0696 Red - 3.0542
Unit prices P Class	App - 0.8816 Red - 0.8772

## Fees

Entry fee	Nil
Buy/sell spread	0.25%/0.25%
Fee:	C Class
	P Class
	Investment Management 1.35% p.a.
	Investment Performance N/A
	Investment Management 1.10% p.a.
	Investment Performance 15.00% p.a.*

\*of the amount by which the Fund's return exceeds its index return

## Performance<sup>1</sup>

	C Class %	P Class %	MSCI %
1 month	2.61	2.64	0.84
3 months	2.04	2.12	0.67
6 months	(8.97)	(8.85)	(7.45)
Calendar year to date	(15.43)	(15.28)	(11.00)
1 year	(11.26)	(11.04)	(4.46)
2 years (compound pa)	(6.21)	(5.81)	0.00
3 years (compound pa)	1.24	1.23	3.88
5 years (compound pa)	3.94		3.09
7 years (compound pa)	7.03		6.49
10 years (compound pa)	10.08		7.37
Since inception (compound pa)*	10.51	1.71	2.81

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



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

	Long %	Short %	Net %	Currency %
<b>Europe</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>(1.7)</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>87.2</b>
Austria	3.8		3.8	
Denmark	2.1		2.1	2.1
France	8.4		8.4	
Germany	17.1		17.1	
Ireland	5.1		5.1	
Italy	1.9		1.9	
Netherlands	1.4	(1.7)	(0.3)	
Norway	7.7		7.7	7.7
Poland	1.5		1.5	1.5
Romania	7.7		7.7	7.7
Russia	1.5		1.5	1.5
Spain	8.6		8.6	
Switzerland	7.8		7.8	7.8
United Kingdom	13.4		13.4	13.4
Euro				45.4
<b>North America</b>	<b>7.0</b>		<b>7.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>
United States	7.0		7.0	8.3
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	<b>4.4</b>		<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>
China	4.4		4.4	4.4
Australian Dollar				0.1
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>(1.7)</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Cash	0.6	1.7	2.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Long - 42 stocks, 1 swap Short - 1 swap

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

Stock	Country	Industry	%
Hypoport SE	Germany	Financials	5.3
Booking Holdings Inc	United States	Cons Discretionary	4.7
Prosus NV	China	Cons Discretionary	4.4
Beazley PLC	UK	Financials	4.1
Banca Transilvania	Romania	Financials	4.0
Schibsted ASA	Norway	Comm Services	3.9
Raiffeisen Bank	Austria	Financials	3.8
Fondul GDR	Romania	Other	3.7
BioNTech	Germany	Health Care	3.5
Amadeus IT Holdings	Spain	Info Technology	3.4
	<b>Total</b>		<b>40.9</b>

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

Sector	Long %	Short %	Net %
Financials	19.7		19.7
Industrials	18.9		18.9
Consumer Discretionary	15.7		15.7
Health Care	15.7		15.7
Communication Services	10.1		10.1
Info Technology	8.0	(1.7)	6.3
Energy	4.3		4.3
Other	3.7		3.7
Real Estate	1.5		1.5
Materials	1.2		1.2
Consumer Staples	0.5		0.5

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**Facts**

Portfolio value	\$541.01 mn
Fund commenced	30 June 1998
Minimum investment	A\$10,000 or NZ\$10,000
Regular Investment Plan (min.)	A/NZ\$5000 plus A/NZ\$200 mth/qtr
Income distribution date	Annual, 30 June
Unit valuation	Sydney Business Day
Unit prices C Class	App - 3.7829 Red - 3.7715
Unit prices P Class	App - 0.8875 Red - 0.8848

**Performance<sup>1</sup>**

	C Class %	P Class %	MSCI %
1 month	(1.47)	(1.45)	4.35
3 months	(8.38)	(8.32)	(4.96)
6 months	(11.94)	(11.83)	(4.31)
Calendar year to date	(15.01)	(14.87)	(6.51)
1 year	(11.87)	(11.65)	0.36
2 years (compound pa)	(4.15)	(3.91)	0.83
3 years (compound pa)	1.19	1.28	6.74
5 years (compound pa)	4.30		4.91
7 years (compound pa)	10.29		8.99
10 years (compound pa)	12.35		8.57
Since inception (compound pa)*	12.97	1.64	2.86

**Invested positions<sup>3</sup>**

	Long %	Short %	Net %	Currency %
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>(18.4)</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>95.3</b>
Japan	85.1	(17.4)	67.7	88.4
Korea	7.9	(1.0)	6.9	6.9
<b>North America</b>				<b>4.7</b>
United States Dollar				4.7
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>(18.4)</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>25.4</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

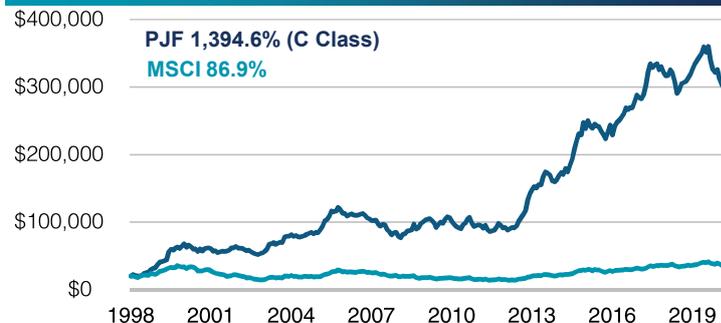
Long - 40 stocks Short - 11 swaps, 1 index

**Fees**

Entry fee	Nil
Buy/sell spread	0.15%/0.15%
Fee:	C Class
	P Class
	Investment Management 1.35% p.a.
	Investment Performance N/A
	Investment Management 1.10% p.a.
	Investment Performance 15.00% p.a.*

\*of the amount by which the Fund's return exceeds its index return

**Performance graph<sup>2</sup>**



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

Stock	Country	Industry	%
Takeda Pharma Co	Japan	Health Care	7.0
Nintendo Co Ltd	Japan	Comm Services	5.7
CyberAgent Inc	Japan	Comm Services	5.6
Rakuten Inc	Japan	Cons Discretionary	5.4
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	Korea	Info Technology	4.9
Minebea Co Ltd	Japan	Industrials	4.8
Nexon Co Ltd	Japan	Comm Services	4.6
EISAI CO LTD	Japan	Health Care	3.9
Astellas Pharma	Japan	Health Care	3.9
GMO Internet Inc	Japan	Info Technology	3.9
<b>Total</b>			<b>49.6</b>

**Industry breakdown<sup>3</sup>**

Sector	Long %	Short %	Net %
Communication Services	25.2		25.2
Health Care	20.6	(2.5)	18.1
Info Technology	17.0	(2.6)	14.4
Consumer Discretionary	13.2	(3.9)	9.4
Industrials	9.5	(2.5)	7.1
Materials	4.0	(0.9)	3.2
Financials	2.2		2.2
Consumer Staples	1.1	(0.7)	0.4
Other		(5.3)	(5.3)

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## Facts

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Fund commenced	18 May 2000
Minimum investment	A\$10,000 or NZ\$10,000
Regular Investment Plan (min.)	A/NZ\$5000 plus A/NZ\$200 mth/qtr
Income distribution date	Annual, 30 June
Unit valuation	Sydney Business Day
Unit prices C Class	App - 2.0940 Red - 2.0877
Unit prices P Class	App - 0.8259 Red - 0.8234

## Performance <sup>1</sup>

	C Class %	P Class %	MSCI %
1 month	7.81	7.85	2.91
3 months	8.23	8.31	3.49
6 months	5.04	5.19	0.45
Calendar year to date	1.17	1.36	(0.44)
1 year	7.45	7.74	6.16
2 years (compound pa)	4.13	4.40	6.60
3 years (compound pa)	6.80	7.01	11.56
5 years (compound pa)	9.15		9.28
7 years (compound pa)	9.41		12.07
10 years (compound pa)	10.57		11.96
Since inception (compound pa)*	12.03	7.51	3.61

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

	Long %	Short %	Net %	Currency %
<b>North America</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>(6.7)</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>16.2</b>
Canada	4.0		4.0	4.0
United States	38.6	(6.7)	31.9	12.3
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>(1.7)</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>33.5</b>
China	21.9	(0.8)	21.2	21.2
Hong Kong	2.0		2.0	(5.7)
Japan	4.6		4.6	4.7
New Zealand		(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.9)
Australian Dollar				14.3
<b>Europe</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>50.2</b>
Other Europe	2.4		2.4	
Austria	1.6		1.6	
Denmark	1.9		1.9	1.9
France	1.9		1.9	
Germany	2.2		2.2	
Ireland	1.5		1.5	
Norway	2.2		2.2	12.1
Russia	5.8		5.8	5.8
Sweden		(0.5)	(0.5)	
Turkey	1.9		1.9	1.9
United Kingdom	4.7		4.7	6.6
Euro				21.8
<b>Other</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Zimbabwe	0.1		0.1	0.1
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>(8.9)</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>11.6</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Long - 46 stocks, 1 swap, 1 index Short - 7 swaps

## Fees

Entry fee	Nil
Buy/sell spread	0.15%/0.15%
Fee:	C Class
	P Class
	Investment Management 1.35% p.a.
	Investment Performance N/A
	Investment Management 1.10% p.a.
	Investment Performance 15.00% p.a.*

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



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

Stock	Country	Industry	%
Facebook Inc	United States	Comm Services	5.0
Alphabet Inc	United States	Comm Services	4.8
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	China	Cons Discretionary	4.6
Tencent Holdings	China	Comm Services	4.5
Lixil Group	Japan	Industrials	3.6
ASOS PLC	UK	Cons Discretionary	3.4
TCS Group Holding	Russia	Financials	3.1
Ulta Beauty Inc	United States	Cons Discretionary	3.1
Planet Fitness Inc	United States	Cons Discretionary	3.0
Sberbank	Russia	Financials	2.7
<b>Total</b>			<b>37.8</b>

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

Sector	Long %	Short %	Net %
Consumer Discretionary	52.6	(4.8)	47.7
Communication Services	21.1		21.1
Financials	12.7		12.7
Industrials	3.6		3.6
Other	2.4		2.4
Real Estate	0.6		0.6
Consumer Staples	4.4	(4.1)	0.3

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**Facts**

Portfolio value	\$359.19 mn
Fund commenced	10 November 2003
Minimum investment	A\$10,000 or NZ\$10,000
Regular Investment Plan (min.)	A/NZ\$5000 plus A/NZ\$200 mth/qtr
Income distribution date	Annual, 30 June
Unit valuation	Sydney Business Day
Unit prices C Class	App - 2.2285 Red - 2.2218
Unit prices P Class	App - 1.1405 Red - 1.1370

**Fees**

Entry fee	Nil
Buy/sell spread	0.15%/0.15%
Fee:	C Class
	P Class
	Investment Management 1.35% p.a.
	Investment Performance N/A
	Investment Management 1.10% p.a.
	Investment Performance 15.00% p.a.*

\*of the amount by which the Fund's return exceeds its index return

**Performance<sup>1</sup>**

	C Class %	P Class %	MSCI %
1 month	2.36	2.39	(1.11)
3 months	(3.24)	(3.70)	(5.27)
6 months	7.05	6.15	2.95
Calendar year to date	13.71	12.75	3.27
1 year	25.59	24.64	12.34
2 years (compound pa)	10.36	10.08	9.52
3 years (compound pa)	16.76	16.22	14.28
5 years (compound pa)	11.32		7.85
7 years (compound pa)	15.60		14.56
10 years (compound pa)	17.27		16.17
Since inception (compound pa)*	10.60	14.80	9.47

**Performance graph<sup>2</sup>**



**Invested positions<sup>3</sup>**

	Long %	Short %	Net %	Currency %
<b>North America</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>(4.5)</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>30.5</b>
Canada	0.6		0.6	0.6
United States	34.6	(4.5)	30.1	29.8
<b>Europe</b>	<b>27.8</b>		<b>27.8</b>	<b>34.3</b>
Belgium	2.7		2.7	
Denmark	1.1		1.1	1.1
France	4.7		4.7	
Germany	10.1		10.1	
Ireland	0.6		0.6	
Netherlands	0.9		0.9	
Spain	1.7		1.7	
Sweden	1.4		1.4	1.4
Switzerland	1.7		1.7	1.7
United Kingdom	2.8		2.8	2.8
Euro				27.3
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>35.2</b>
Australia	13.0	(0.5)	12.5	23.8
China	5.3		5.3	5.3
Hong Kong	1.1		1.1	1.1
Israel	0.3		0.3	0.3
Japan	6.5		6.5	3.9
New Zealand	0.7		0.7	0.7
Singapore	0.2		0.2	0.2
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>(5.0)</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Long - 84 stocks, 2 options Short - 2 swaps

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

Stock	Country	Industry	%
SpeedX Pty Ltd	Australia	Biotechnology	4.8
Sanofi SA	France	Pharmaceuticals	4.0
Takeda Pharma Co	Japan	Pharmaceuticals	3.7
Bayer AG	Germany	Pharmaceuticals	2.7
Kazia Therapeutics	Australia	Biotechnology	2.6
Telix Pharmaceutical	Australia	Biotechnology	2.3
Gilead Sciences Inc	United States	Biotechnology	2.2
Quanterix Corp	United States	Life Sciences Tools	2.2
Zai Lab Ltd	China	Biotechnology	2.0
Horizon Discovery	UK	Life Sciences Tools	2.0
	<b>Total</b>		<b>28.5</b>

**Industry breakdown<sup>3</sup>**

Sector	Long %	Short %	Net %
Health Care	89.7	(5.0)	84.7
Industrials	0.3		0.3

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## Facts

Portfolio value	\$149.44 mn
Fund commenced	18 May 2000
Minimum investment	A\$10,000 or NZ\$10,000
Regular Investment Plan (min.)	A/NZ\$5000 plus A/NZ\$200 mth/qtr
Income distribution date	Annual, 30 June
Unit valuation	Sydney Business Day
Unit prices C Class	App - 2.1196 Red - 2.1153
Unit prices P Class	App - 1.3775 Red - 1.3747

## Fees

Entry fee	Nil
Buy/sell spread	0.10%/0.10%
Fee:	C Class
	P Class
	Investment Management 1.35% p.a.
	Investment Performance N/A
	Investment Management 1.10% p.a.
	Investment Performance 15.00% p.a.*

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## Performance<sup>1</sup>

	C Class %	P Class %	MSCI %
1 month	0.49	0.52	5.90
3 months	6.12	6.19	12.90
6 months	12.48	12.62	19.70
Calendar year to date	14.33	14.52	24.71
1 year	20.77	21.07	39.73
2 years (compound pa)	12.70	12.98	24.49
3 years (compound pa)	14.53	14.83	28.66
5 years (compound pa)	12.29		24.28
7 years (compound pa)	13.52		25.12
10 years (compound pa)	12.21		21.74
Since inception (compound pa)*	10.01	14.04	3.43

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



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

	Long %	Short %	Net %	Currency %
<b>North America</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>(4.6)</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>43.7</b>
Canada	2.8		2.8	3.3
United States	47.0	(4.6)	42.4	40.4
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	<b>20.3</b>		<b>20.3</b>	<b>40.5</b>
China	8.8		8.8	8.8
Taiwan	3.7		3.7	3.7
Japan	1.0		1.0	1.4
Korea	6.8		6.8	6.8
Australian Dollar				18.9
Hong Kong Dollar				0.9
<b>Europe</b>	<b>8.6</b>		<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.8</b>
France	0.7		0.7	
Germany	1.3		1.3	
Italy	1.2		1.2	
Netherlands	0.2		0.2	
Norway	2.2		2.2	2.2
Spain	0.6		0.6	
Sweden	1.2		1.2	1.2
United Kingdom	1.2		1.2	1.5
Euro				10.9
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>(4.6)</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>25.9</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Long - 53 stocks, 1 swap Short - 2 swaps

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

Stock	Country	Industry	%
Alphabet Inc	United States	Comm Services	5.9
Facebook Inc	United States	Comm Services	4.5
Tencent Holdings	China	Comm Services	4.0
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info Technology	3.6
Medallia Inc	United States	Info Technology	3.5
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	Korea	Info Technology	3.3
Constellation Soft	Canada	Info Technology	2.8
Microchip Technology	United States	Info Technology	2.7
Carvana Co	United States	Cons Discretionary	2.6
Skyworks Solutions	United States	Info Technology	2.6
<b>Total</b>			<b>35.5</b>

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

Sector	Long %	Short %	Net %
Info Technology	44.2	(0.4)	43.8
Communication Services	21.8		21.8
Consumer Discretionary	8.9	(4.2)	4.7
Industrials	3.8		3.8

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