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**Platinum Asia Investments Limited (ASX: PAI)  
Monthly Investment Update and Net Tangible Asset (NTA) Report**

Platinum Asia Investments Limited hereby releases the Monthly Investment Update and NTA Report for the month ended 31 July 2024 (as attached).

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

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## FACTS<sup>1</sup>

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Market capitalisation    | \$355.00 mn   |
| Listing date             | 21 September 2015   |
| Current share price      | \$0.960   |
| Current dividend yield   | 4.17%   |
| Pre-tax NTA              | \$1.0149  |
| Post-tax NTA             | \$1.0256  |
| Maximum franked dividend | 1.26 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 Asia ex Japan Net Index (A\$)). Performance fees are calculated after recovery of any underperformance carried forward from prior periods. |

## 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. | Since inception p.a. |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|------|--------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| <b>Company % (Pre-tax NTA)</b> | (1.1)   | (1.5)    | 10.9     | 7.7  | (1.5)  | 5.1          | (1.5)        | 5.1          | 6.2          | 6.6                  |
| <b>MSCI %</b>                  | 2.1     | 5.1      | 17.3     | 14.5 | 9.6    | 9.8          | 0.6          | 5.0          | 6.0          | 7.3                  |

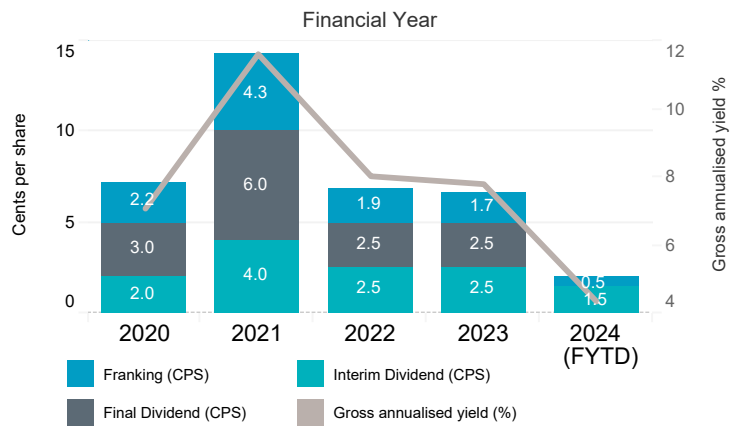
PAI's returns are calculated after the deduction of fees and expenses, adjusted for taxes paid and any capital flows and assume the reinvestment of dividends. PAI's returns have not been calculated using PAI's share price. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

## INVESTED POSITIONS<sup>4</sup>

|                          | LONG % | SHORT % | NET % | CCY % |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|
| <b>Asia-Pacific</b>      | 94.1   |         | 94.1  | 97.6  |
| China                    | 43.7   |         | 43.7  | 43.7  |
| Hong Kong                | 1.2    |         | 1.2   | 3.6   |
| India                    | 4.7    |         | 4.7   | 4.7   |
| Indonesia                | 5.6    |         | 5.6   | 5.6   |
| Philippines              | 2.7    |         | 2.7   | 2.7   |
| South Korea              | 16.1   |         | 16.1  | 16.1  |
| Taiwan                   | 10.3   |         | 10.3  | 10.3  |
| Thailand                 | 1.7    |         | 1.7   | 1.8   |
| Vietnam                  | 7.5    |         | 7.5   | 7.5   |
| Other Asia-Pacific       | 0.5    |         | 0.5   | 1.4   |
| <b>Europe</b>            |        |         |       | 0.4   |
| Other Europe             |        |         |       | 0.4   |
| <b>North America</b>     |        |         |       | 2.0   |
| United States of America |        |         |       | 2.0   |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>         | 94.1   |         | 94.1  | 100.0 |
| <b>Cash</b>              | 5.9    |         | 5.9   |       |
| <b>Total</b>             | 100.0  |         | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Long - 59 stocks

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



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

| STOCK                    | COUNTRY     | INDUSTRY           | %    |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor     | Taiwan      | Info Technology    | 9.2  |
| SK Hynix Inc             | South Korea | Info Technology    | 6.1  |
| Samsung Electronics Co   | South Korea | Info Technology    | 5.8  |
| Vietnam Ent Investments  | Vietnam     | Other              | 4.8  |
| Tencent Holdings Ltd     | China       | Comm Services      | 4.4  |
| ZTO Express Cayman Inc   | China       | Industrials        | 4.0  |
| JD.com Inc               | China       | Cons Discretionary | 3.7  |
| China Merchants Bank Co  | China       | Financials         | 3.4  |
| China Resources Land Ltd | China       | Real Estate        | 3.0  |
| Ping An Insurance Group  | China       | Financials         | 3.0  |
| <b>Total</b>             |             |                    | 47.5 |

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

| SECTOR                 | LONG % | SHORT % | NET % |
|------------------------|--------|---------|-------|
| Information Technology | 21.7   |         | 21.7  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 19.2   |         | 19.2  |
| Industrials            | 12.5   |         | 12.5  |
| Real Estate            | 12.1   |         | 12.1  |
| Financials             | 7.5    |         | 7.5   |
| Communication Services | 6.6    |         | 6.6   |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.0    |         | 4.0   |
| Materials              | 3.8    |         | 3.8   |
| Health Care            | 1.7    |         | 1.7   |
| Other                  | 4.8    |         | 4.8   |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>       | 94.1   |         | 94.1  |
| <b>Cash</b>            | 5.9    |         | 5.9   |
| <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 Asia ex Japan Net Index in A\$. 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 determined in respect of the relevant financial year. This information is historical. No guarantee is given about future dividends or the level of franking of such dividends.

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 PAI's portfolio value. The "CCY %" is the effective currency exposure of PAI'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 PAI's top ten long securities positions as a percentage of PAI's portfolio value (including long securities and long securities derivative positions). All data where MSCI is referenced is the property of MSCI Limited ("MSCI"). No use or distribution of this data is permitted without the written consent of MSCI. This data is provided "as is" without any warranties by MSCI. MSCI assumes no liability for or in connection with this data. Please see full MSCI disclaimer in <https://www.platinum.com.au/Special-Pages/Terms-Conditions>

## MARKET UPDATE AND COMMENTARY

- Platinum Asia Investments Limited returned -1.1% for July 2024.
- Our investments in Indonesia did well but holdings in China and South Korea detracted from performance.
- The portfolio holds around 6% cash, is roughly 94% long and has zero shorts. We are finding compelling long-term investment opportunities in the region.

### Performance Analysis\*

The portfolio returned -1.1% for July 2024 compared to the index of +2.1%. Our Indonesian stocks, namely property developer Pakuwon Jati, conglomerate Astra International and retailer MAP Aktif contributed the most to performance. We are excited about the opportunities in Indonesia. Today, it has a lot of the same tailwinds as India - a rapidly growing middle class, a tech-savvy population, robust economic growth (an 8% annual GDP growth target) and very valuable natural resources, especially nickel. However, there is more value in the Indonesian market, with Indonesian markets trading on a 14x PE vs. India at ~25x PE.

Chinese holdings detracted 0.7% from performance during the month. Greater China's indices fell to six-month lows as economic data disappointed. Authorities responded by easing monetary policy but the market was disappointed by the lack of detail around stimulus at the government's Third Plenum. Property developer, China Resources Land was a large detractor from performance as new home sales recorded an accelerated decline in July. Parcel delivery business, ZTO Express' share price was hit on continued concerns around pricing competition in the Chinese market.

Globally, we started to see the rotation out of technology and AI names and Taiwan and South Korean bore the brunt of this in Asia. Our South Korean holdings detracted from monthly performance, especially the portfolio's position in SK Hynix. Its counterpart Samsung Electronics added to performance.

As at the end of July 2024, the portfolio had no shorts and around 6% cash. This reflects our high levels of conviction in the stocks in our portfolio and the very low valuations we are seeing in the region. This presents a very compelling investment opportunity for true long-term investors who may be underweight the Asian region in their equities portfolios.

### An attractively valued portfolio

The portfolio's aggregate valuation metrics are attractive in both an absolute sense and relative to the market, with a ~29% higher earnings yield and ~13% discount to book value (see table below). Platinum's contrarian investment process means we are focused on finding businesses that have better long-term growth prospects but are oversold or out of favour due to temporary setbacks and therefore have attractive valuations.

| Metric                               | Platinum Asia Investments Limited    | MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Index (A\$)    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>NTM Earnings Yield</b>            | 10.2% (Price to earnings ratio 9.8x) | 7.9% (Price to earnings ratio 12.7x) |
| <b>NTM Dividend Yield</b>            | 3.2%                                 | 2.9%                                 |
| <b>NTM Enterprise Value-to-Sales</b> | 1.3x                                 | 1.5x                                 |
| <b>LTM Price-to-Book Ratio</b>       | 1.4x                                 | 1.6x                                 |

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. MSCI data is sourced from Rimes, FactSet and Platinum. As at 31 July 2024. NTM = next twelve months. LTM = last twelve months.

\*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.**