

# Platinum Asia Fund

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## Agenda

- 1. Introduction: The Platinum Asia Fund
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- 4. Portfolio Positioning & Stocks in Focus
- 5. Performance
- 6. Q&A



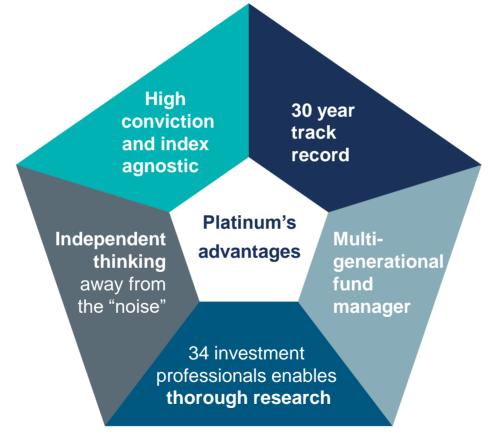


# **Introduction:** The Platinum Asia Fund

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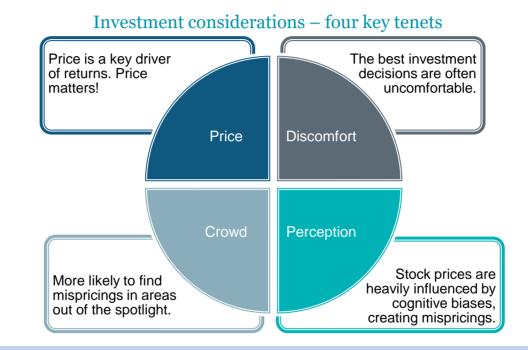
## Why invest with Platinum?



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### We seek to produce strong absolute returns

Fundamental, bottom-up long bias equity long/short strategies, seeking best risk/reward across region, sectors and themes



We pursue opportunities in areas of temporary uncertainty and/or long-term change



## Asia is on a global scale, but not in investor portfolios

	USA	Europe	Asia ex-Japan
<b>GDP</b> (2023e US \$trn)	26,855	24,881	22,738
	(25%)	(24%)	(22%)
Population (m)	336	732	3,638
	(4%)	(9%)	(46%)
MSCI AC World Index	62%	16%	9%



# We seek to protect the downside We view risk as the prospect of losing our clients' capital

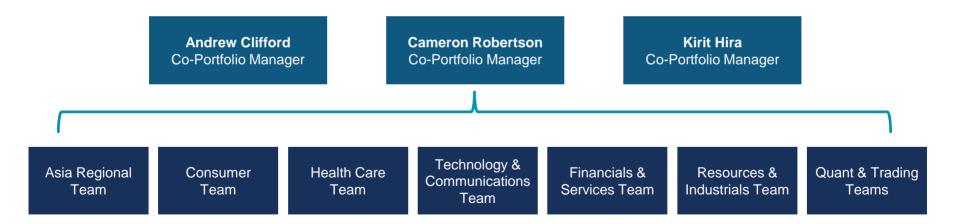




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## 20 years' experience managing a dedicated Asia Fund

- The Asia strategy was launched in 2003; given the investment opportunities arising after the Asian crisis, the tech wreck and SARS
- The fund invests in companies across Asia, excluding Japan
- Adheres to Platinum's investment approach: seeks neglect, index agnostic, seeks to protect capital
- The region offer a very diverse opportunity set across industries and levels of development across countries



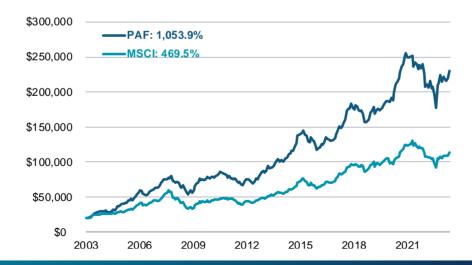


## We have built an excellent track record investing in Asia

Platinum Asia Fund: Performance summary as at 31 July 2023 (net of fees)

	3 months (%)	6 months (%)	1 year (%)	3 years (% p.a.)	5 years (% p.a.)	7 years (% p.a.)	10 years (% p.a.)	Since inception (% p.a.)
Platinum Asia Fund	5.1	3.1	12.6	3.0	6.0	8.8	9.6	12.7
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan net index (AUD)	4.9	5.7	10.0	2.5	4.0	7.6	8.0	8.9
Relative return	0.2	(2.6)	2.6	0.5	2.1	1.2	1.6	3.8

Cumulative return based on \$20,000 invested since inception



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## We have outperformed in both up and down markets

Investment performance: bull & bear market view since inception to 31 July 2023

Fund performance vs MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan net index (AUD), cumulative and by market trend, since inception - Platinum Asia Fund 2007 2012 2021 2023 ğ S Б Ξ Total cumulative return since incpetion (%) 1400% 1200% 1000% 800% 600% 400% 200% 0% -200% 350% 290% 300% 250% Returns (%) 200% 150% 108% 74% 100% 50% 70% -11% 839 0% -50% -12% -299 -100% Oct 2007 2003 Jul 2012 2023 2021 201 Mar May 'n Ξ

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# **Insights on Asia:** Reform, Performance and Valuations

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## Reform is happening

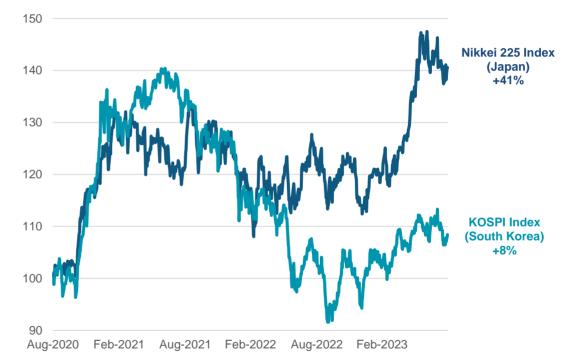
- Economic reform
  - Infrastructure
- Ease of doing business reform
  - Labour laws
  - Re-shoring of manufacturing reforms
- New energy reform
  - Electric Vehicles in Indonesia
  - Solar in India



## Market Reform: Divergent market reaction

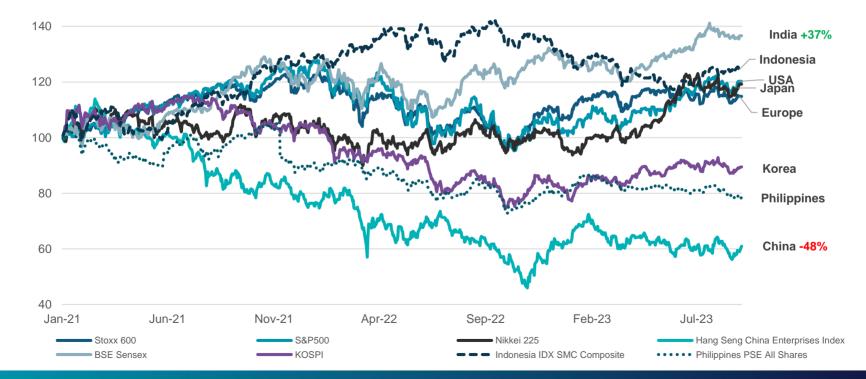


- Shareholder protection
- Returns of capital
- Minority buyouts





# Divergent performance: What is now being priced in? Markets now pricing in no recession in the West and zero improvement in China

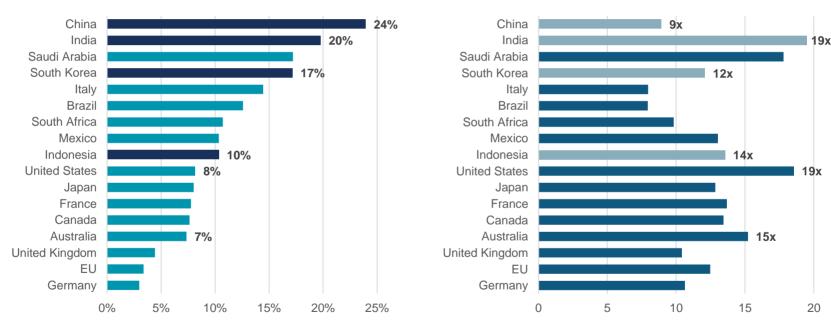




## Regional Valuations: what are you paying for growth?

#### **EPS Growth Estimate**

(12 months forward)



#### **Price/Earnings Ratio**

(12 months forward)





# **China:** Concerns and Mitigating Factors

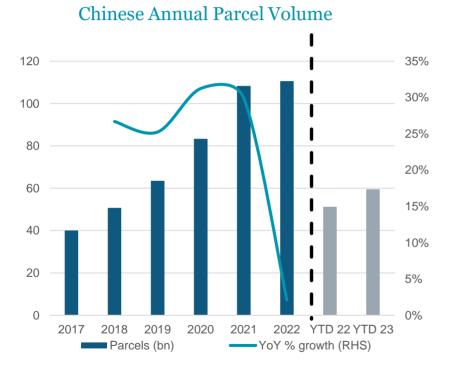
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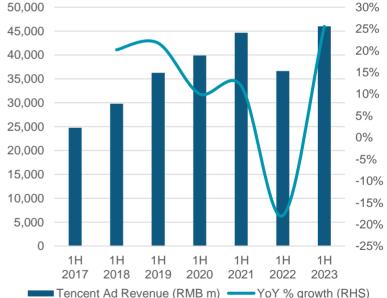
## China – Key Concerns

- Weak economic growth and post-COVID recovery
  - The property sector is in dire condition after a 2-decade boom;
  - The 'music has stopped' for the developers; and
  - There will be losses for investors, and the reduction in building will be a detractor for economic growth
- Geopolitical concerns unlikely to go away

## Parts of China are in good shape: the consumer is resilient



#### **Tencent Advertising Revenue**





## Incredibly strong recovery in travel

- Numbers of July domestic air passengers in China were 13% higher than pre-COVID
- Air passenger ticket prices are 15-20% higher than pre-COVID
- Macau mass & premium mass gaming revenue is running ~20% higher than pre-COVID
- Chinese hotel revenue per available room (RevPAR) is 17% higher than pre-COVID
- Domestic travel is still above the 2019 level, despite international travel coming back at the same time
- Q3 2023 data is pointing to **domestic tourist numbers being up 18% vs 1.5bn domestic tourists in 3Q 2019**

For a travel-related business like CTRIP:

- Domestic revenue is now 160% higher vs 2019,
- Outbound is now running at 60%, growing to >100% over the next 6 months



## Stimulus is here!

- Recent stimulus
  - Funding to complete projects;
  - Backed away from price caps;
  - Backed away from the "housing is for living, not speculating" slogan

#### • Effective 25 September 2023

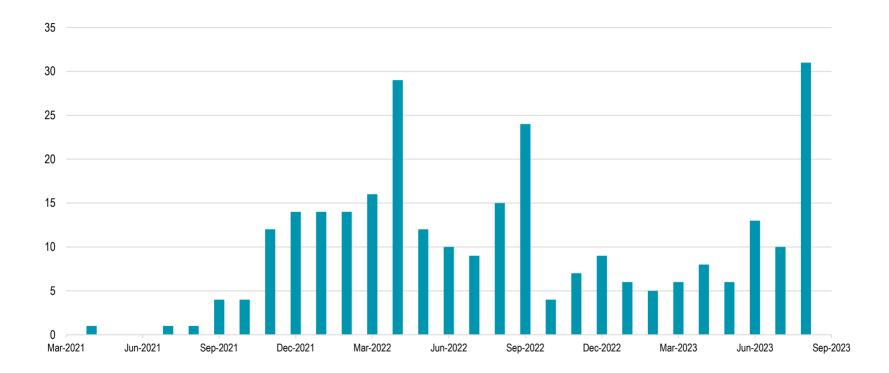
- Reduced the deposit required for 2<sup>nd</sup> home;
- Reduced the interest rate charged for a 2<sup>nd</sup> home;
- Refinancing on home loans now allowed for first home buyers

Of 875 million urban residents, less than 500 million live in modern housing.



## Ongoing Stimulus in China

Number of stimulus actions, as at 31 August 2023





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  - There will be losses for investors, and the reduction in building will be a detractor for economic growth
- Geopolitical concerns unlikely to go away
  - But consider the significant global interdependencies
  - Low probability of Taiwan invasion
  - There are very different impacts on different businesses
  - Is the market genuinely pricing broad China/Taiwan risk?





# Portfolio Positioning & Stocks in Focus

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## Investing in only a hand-picked selection of companies

Number of stocks held, as at 31 July 2023

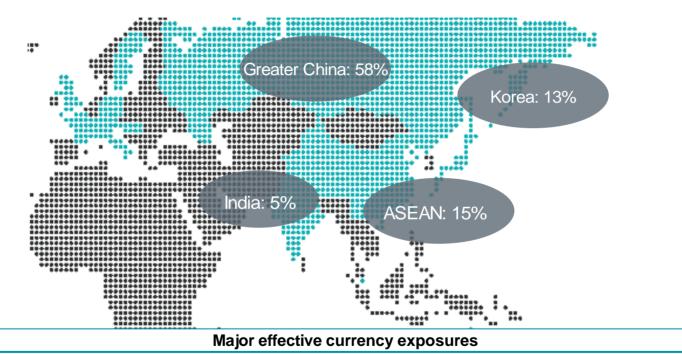
	Greater China	India	South Korea	ASEAN	Total
MSCI AC Asia ex- Japan Index	880	114	102	133	1,229
Platinum Asia Fund	41	4	7	14	66

#### Platinum Asia Fund Active Share: 81%



### Platinum Asia Fund

Net geographical and currency exposures as at 31 July 2023



USD & HKD	India	AUD	Korea	Thailand	Chinese RMB
9%	5%	0%	13%	2%	51%

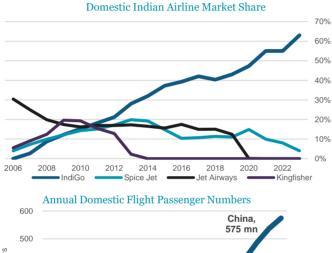
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## Platinum Asia Fund

Portfolio snapshot, as at 31 July 2023



## Taking off: InterGlobe Aviation (India)



# Store China, 575 mn 500 500 400 500 300 India, 147 mn 100 147 mn 2001 2004 2007 2010 2016 2019

#### What does the company do?

 Owns and operates India's largest low cost airline, IndiGo, with >60% market share and a long track record of profitable growth.

#### Drivers of value and growth?

 India is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest travel market in the world but still underpenetrated with only 5% of Indians travelling domestically and 1% internationally.

#### What's the market missing?

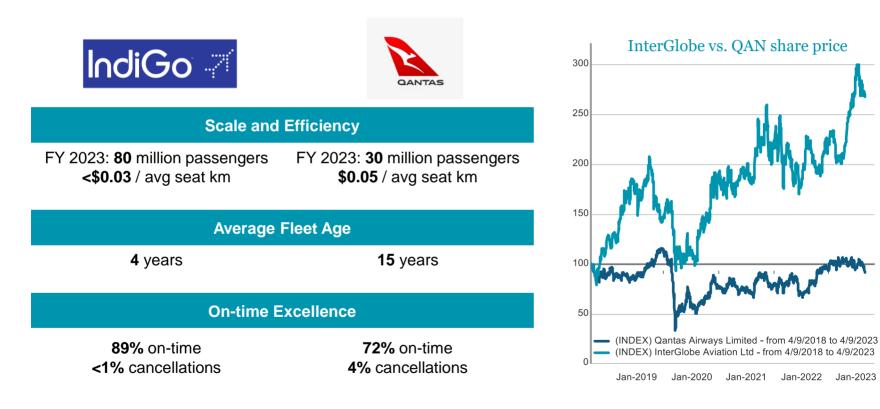
- We started building a position during COVID.
- 3 years on, we think the market is underestimating the international business (Tata Sons acquired Air India and Middle Eastern carriers face challenges) and the cargo business.

#### Valuation?

Currently trading on a normalized PE of 8x.

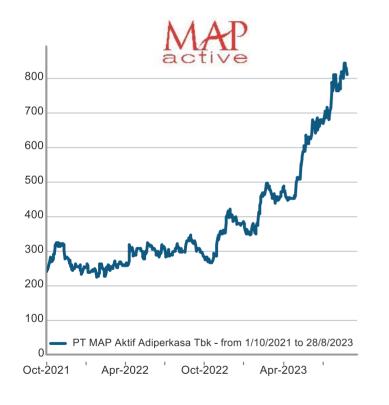


## Domestic Business Comparison : InterGlobe vs. Qantas





## MapActive (Indonesia)



#### What does the company do?

- Dominant lifestyle retailer and distributor for 40 exclusive and 80 nonexclusive brands across sports, fashion and toys.
- 1,300 stores across Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

#### Drivers of value and growth?

- Expanding offshore in Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.
- Should be able to grow stores at 10% p.a. and revenue at 15%+ p.a.
- Excellent online presence with 30% of sales via e-commerce

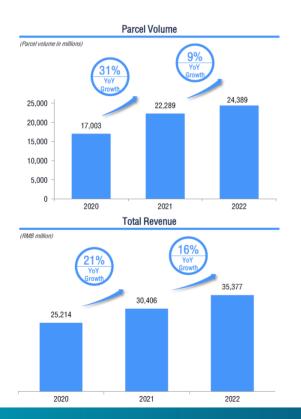
#### What's the market missing?

 Key private equity investor was exiting which caused a liquidity event but removed the overhang for the stock.

#### Valuation?

10x PE

## Delivering growth: ZTO Express (China)



#### What does the company do?

Largest and lowest cost parcel delivery business in China

#### **Drivers of value and growth?**

- The company is 20-30% bigger than its rivals
- Its scale gives it cost advantages in a market growing at 20-30%
   p.a., allowing ZTO to grow at 30-40% p.a.

#### What's the market missing?

 We were able to buy ZTO at attractive valuations given the prevailing fear over China's economy and a price war

#### Valuation?

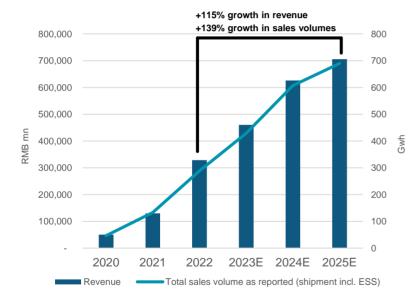
- Trading on consensus valuation of 14.8x 1 year forward PE
- Net cash



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## Super-charged growth: CATL (China)

#### **Revenue estimates for CATL**



#### What does the company do?

- Largest and lowest cost battery producer in the world, with significant exposure to EV batteries and Energy Storage Systems (ESS).
- Market leader in LFP technology for low-cost applications.
- Customers include the majority of Chinese and Global EV manufacturers except BMW and BYD.

#### Drivers of value and growth?

- Winning significant contracts outside of China
- Battery capacity will more than double by 2025

#### What's the market missing?

 CATL was sold off in late 2022 on concern around a pull forward demand in China

#### Valuation?

 Stock trading on 20x 1yr forward earnings, falling to 13.5x by 2025





# **Recent Performance**

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### Platinum Asia Fund

Long, short and country contribution to performance for the 12 months to 31 July 2023

Country	Avg Weight	Contribution	Avg Return
China	50%	6.0%	12%
South Korea	12%	3.5%	29%
India	8%	2.9%	34%
Taiwan	6%	0.7%	12%
Philippines	2%	0.4%	18%
Vietnam	6%	0.4%	7%
Macao	2%	0.4%	21%
Singapore	1%	0.4%	33%
Indonesia	1%	0.2%	24%
Hong Kong	4%	0.0%	1%
Thailand	1%	-0.2%	-36%
Total Long	93%	14.8%	16%
Total Short	-3%	-0.6%	19%
Cash & Liquids	10%	0.0%	
Grand Total	100%	14.1%	14%

Source: Platinum. The table shows the average weight of a position held by the Fund and its contribution as a % of the performance of the Fund's total assets over the specified period of time. The sum of all contributions will be approximately equal to the Fund's gross returns for the period. Contributions are calculated as a daily accumulation of money weighted (using average invested capital) position returns. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.



# The key takeaways from today:

- 1. The Platinum Asia Fund has a 20-year track record investing in the region.
- 2. We believe Asia continues to offer exciting investment opportunities, but stock selection is critical
- 3. Reform is happening, but is being rewarded differently across countries
- 4. Price matters and markets are pricing in zero improvement in China
- 5. We are investing in excellent businesses like Indigo, MapActive, ZTO Express and CATL, not the index or the broad market.







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## The Investment Specialist team is here to help





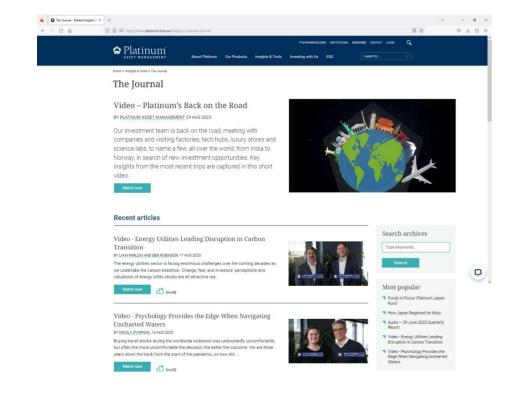
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# Appendix

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Performance summary, as at 31 July 2023

(Net of fees)

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2003

2006

2009

	3 months (%)	6 months (%)	1 year (%)	3 years (% p.a.)	5 years (% p.a.)	7 years (% p.a.)	10 years (% p.a.)	Since inception (% p.a.)
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MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan net index (AUD	4.9	5.7	10.0	2.5	4.0	7.6	8.0	8.9
Relative return	0.2	(2.6)	2.6	0.5	2.1	1.2	1.6	3.8



2012

Calendar	Fund	Index	Relative		
Year/s	(%)	(%)	(%)		
2003-2007	297.6	183.9	113.7		
2007-2012	9.1	(12.7)	21.8		
2013	26.2	19.6	6.6		
2014	22.0	14.6	7.4		
2015	2.0	2.2	(0.2)		
2016	0.3	5.9	(5.6)		
2017	35.3	31.2	4.1		
2018	(10.2)	(4.9)	(5.3)		
2019	17.6	18.3	(0.8)		
2020	29.3	13.9	15.4		
2021	(2.5)	1.1	(3.7)		
2022	(9.2)	(13.9)	4.6		
2023	8.5	10.0	(1.5)		

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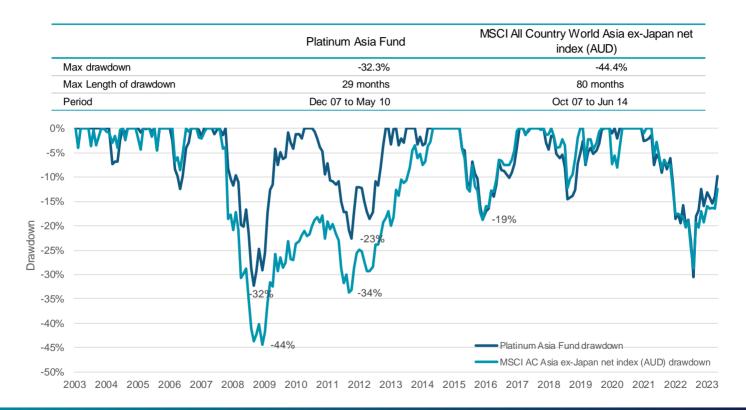
2015

2018

2021



Drawdown summary since inception to 31 July 2023





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Long & short contribution to performance as at 31 July 2023

(Gross of fees)

1 year	Average exposure %	Cum Contribution %
Long Positions	93.0	14.8
Short Positions	(3.2)	(0.6)
Cash & FX	10.2	(0.0)
Total	100.0	14.1
3 year	Average exposure %	Cum Contribution %
Long Positions	87.8	13.1
Short Positions	(2.0)	(0.3)
Cash & FX	14.3	1.3
Total	100.0	14.2
5 year	Average exposure %	Cum Contribution %
Long Positions	85.3	42.7
Short Positions	(2.4)	(1.1)
Cash & FX	17.1	2.2
Total	100.0	43.8

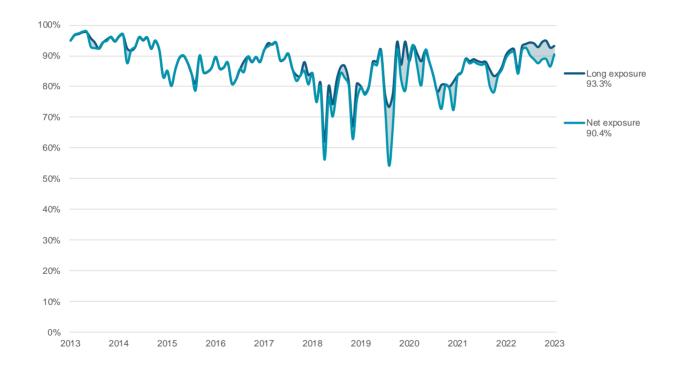
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Top & bottom positions by contribution to performance from 31 July 2022 to 31 July 2023

Тор 10	Country	Sector	Ave wgt %	Cont. %
InterGlobe Aviation Ltd	India	Industrials	1.7	1.6
Trip.com Group Ltd	China	Cons Discretionary	1.9	1.5
Ping An Insurance Group	China	Financials	4.2	1.4
SK Hynix Inc	Korea	Info Technology	3.3	1.2
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	Communication Services	3.8	1.2
Macrotech Developers Ltd	India	Real Estate	2.7	0.8
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	4.8	0.7
H World Group Ltd	China	Cons Discretionary	1.5	0.7
China Resources Land Ltd	China	Real Estate	3.4	0.7
Samsung Electronics Co	Korea	Info Technology	3.4	0.6
Bottom 10	Country	Sector	Ave wgt %	Cont. %
JD.com Inc	China	Cons Discretionary	1.7	(0.6)
DingDong Cayman Ltd	China	Consumer Staples	0.4	(0.6)
Inner Mong Yili Ind Grp	China	Consumer Staples	1.3	(0.4)
Nifty Index	India	Other	(1.8)	(0.4)
(Stock short - name suppressed)	Korea	Materials	(0.1)	(0.3)
Coway Co Ltd	Korea	Cons Discretionary	0.6	(0.2)
Avia Avian Tbk PT	Indonesia	Materials	0.7	(0.2)
China Overseas Land & Inv	China	Real Estate	1.6	(0.2)
Hang Lung Properties Ltd	Hong Kong	Real Estate	1.9	(0.2)
Nine Dragons Paper Hld	Hong Kong	Materials	1.0	(0.2)

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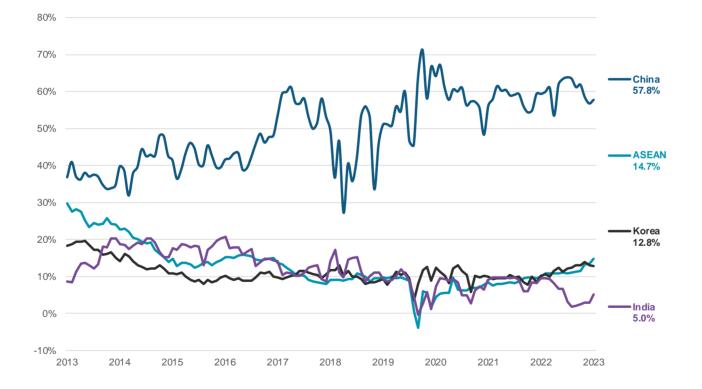
Fund exposure for the period 31 July 2013 to 31 July 2023



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Major net geographical exposure for the period 31 July 2013 to 31 July 2023



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Top 10 Positions, as at 31 July 2023

Company	Country	Sector	Holding %	Market Capitalisation (US\$bn)	Debt (LR*, US\$bn)	Price-to- earnings ratio (NTM*)	Earnings Yield (NTM*)	Price-to- book ratio	Dividend yield (NTM*)
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Information Technology	5.5	466.2	-21.8	16.6x	6%	4.7x	2.2%
Samsung Electronics Co	South Korea	Information Technology	5.2	364.0	-83.0	21.1x	4.7%	1.4x	2.1%
Vietnam Ent Investments	Vietnam	Other	5.1	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.8x	n/a
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	4.8	22.5	-0.8	16x	6.3%	2.9x	1.9%
SK Hynix Inc	South Korea	Information Technology	4.3	70.5	14.5	neg	neg	1.5x	1.0%
Ping An Insurance Group	China	Financials	4.3	132.9	264.0	6.3x	15.8%	1x	5.2%
InterGlobe Aviation Ltd	India	Industrials	4.1	12.2	2.6	19x	5.3%	-15.9x	0.3%
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	Communication Services	3.7	435.1	9.6	19.4x	5.2%	3.8x	0.6%
China Resources Land Ltd	China	Real Estate	3.5	33.0	24.7	7.8x	12.8%	1x	4.6%
Midea Group Co Lto	I China	Consumer Discretionary	2.9	58.3	-5.9	11.7x	8.5%	2.7x	4.1%

\*NTM: Next twelve months

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