

FACTS<sup>1</sup>

Market capitalisation	\$360.84 mn
Listing date	21 September 2015
Current share price	\$0.975
Current dividend yield	2.56%
Pre-tax NTA	\$1.0751
Post-tax NTA	\$1.0640
Maximum franked dividend	0.26 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>

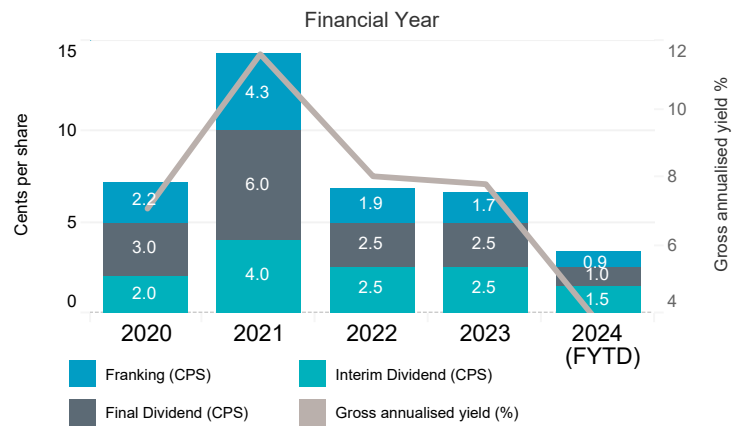
	1 month	3 months	6 months	CYTD	1 year	2 years p.a.	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	7 years p.a.	Since inception p.a.
Company % (Pre-tax NTA)	(4.6)	8.1	6.3	15.3	14.1	7.7	0.4	5.6	4.6	7.1
MSCI %	(2.8)	4.2	8.4	17.1	17.8	10.3	1.6	4.7	4.6	7.3

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>	95.2		95.2	95.4
China	50.5		50.5	50.5
India	3.7		3.7	3.7
Indonesia	6.6		6.6	6.6
Philippines	2.2		2.2	2.2
South Korea	12.7		12.7	12.7
Taiwan	10.0		10.0	10.0
Thailand	1.9		1.9	1.9
Vietnam	6.9		6.9	6.9
Other Asia-Pacific	0.7		0.7	0.9
<b>Europe</b>				0.5
Other Europe				0.5
<b>North America</b>				4.1
United States of America				4.1
<b>Sub-Total</b>	95.2		95.2	100.0
<b>Cash</b>	4.8		4.8	
<b>Total</b>	100.0		100.0	100.0

Long - 56 stocks

HISTORY OF FULLY FRANKED DIVIDENDS (CPS)<sup>3</sup>TOP TEN POSITIONS<sup>5</sup>

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info Technology	9.4
JD.com Inc	China	Cons Discretionary	5.2
SK Hynix Inc	South Korea	Info Technology	4.7
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	Comm Services	4.6
Vietnam Ent Investments	Vietnam	Other	4.5
Samsung Electronics Co	South Korea	Info Technology	4.0
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	3.8
Ping An Insurance Group	China	Financials	3.7
China Merchants Bank Co	China	Financials	3.5
Trip.com Group Ltd	China	Cons Discretionary	3.4
<b>Total</b>			46.9

INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN<sup>4</sup>

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Consumer Discretionary	20.4		20.4
Information Technology	18.8		18.8
Industrials	12.1		12.1
Real Estate	11.2		11.2
Communication Services	9.1		9.1
Financials	8.9		8.9
Consumer Staples	5.2		5.2
Materials	3.2		3.2
Health Care	1.9		1.9
Other	4.5		4.5
<b>Sub-Total</b>	95.2		95.2
<b>Cash</b>	4.8		4.8
<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.

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## MARKET UPDATE AND COMMENTARY

- The portfolio returned -4.6% for November 2024. Over one year the portfolio is up over 14%.
- Asia markets were weak across the board. Main markets in Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Hong Kong and South Korea all ended the month down.
- The portfolio holds almost 5% cash, is around 95% long and has zero shorts. We still see these markets as offering compelling long-term investment opportunities.

### Performance Analysis\*

According to research by the Platinum quant team, Asia is the best value, quality-adjusted market in the world. That didn't stop Asian markets suffering a poor November, off the back of underwhelming follow-up stimulus from the Chinese government and a mini-Trump boom sucking funds back towards the US.

While excitement around China's stimulus efforts has waned somewhat, it's too early to dismiss its value. Yes, the recent debt swap was focused on local government rather than the businesses and consumers that markets had hoped for. Yet local governments still have an important role to play in both spending and employment terms. Indeed indicators around Chinese property continue to improve. So do durable goods orders in areas such as air conditioners; both good signs. However, this was not enough to stop the property developers losing ground with China Resources Land down over 10%.

Parcel delivery giant ZTO was one of the largest portfolio detractors, falling 18%. The Chinese parcel industry saw prices fall 5% (though volumes were up 20%). Meanwhile ZTO, which is focused on higher value, higher margin parcel services **raised** prices by 5% and increased volumes 16%. ZTO is a company with a PE of 13x and dividend yield of 5%. These are very attractive valuations given the quality of the underlying business.

SK Hynix, a pivotal partner for Nvidia, nevertheless had a poor month down 15%, making it the largest single detractor from returns. Further, SK Hynix, along with Samsung, need to contemplate a potential future without their Chinese capacity given the America-first rhetoric surrounding Trump's election. Samsung was also a major detractor during the month. As a result, South Korea was a notable detractor.

India's Nifty 50 was slightly down during the month. This was a reasonable outcome given it experienced net outflows of \$10.5bn; the largest in 20 years. Furthermore, Adani, (not a portfolio holding) faced revelations of corruption around green energy contracts. Despite this tougher market backdrop our Indian exposures, InterGlobe Aviation up 8% and Macrotech Developers +3.8%, delivered positive contributions.

As at the end of November 2024, the portfolio retains its high net invested position at approximately 95.2% with no shorts and around 4.8% 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.

### An attractively valued portfolio

The portfolio's aggregate valuation metrics are attractive in both an absolute sense and relative to the market, with a 31% higher earnings yield and a 13% discount on price-to-book value (see table below).

Metric	Platinum Asia Investments Limited	MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Net Index (A\$)
<b>NTM Earnings Yield</b>	10.2% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 9.8x)	7.8% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 12.9x)
<b>NTM Dividend Yield</b>	3.2%	2.9%
<b>NTM Enterprise Value-to-Sales</b>	1.2x	1.6x
<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 30 November 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.**