

FACTS¹

Market capitalisation	\$388.61 mn
Listing date	29 June 1994
Current share price	\$1.315
Current dividend yield	4.56%
Pre-tax NTA	\$1.5592
Post-tax NTA	\$1.5245
Maximum franked dividend	8.37 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 World Net Index (A\$)). Performance fees are calculated after recovery of any underperformance carried forward from prior periods.

PERFORMANCE²

	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.	10 years p.a.	Since inception p.a.
Company % (Pre-tax NTA)	(0.7)	2.2	3.1	7.5	17.3	4.1	9.9	5.4	7.7	8.3	11.2
MSCI %	1.1	6.5	14.8	20.2	20.6	4.0	12.1	9.9	11.7	12.1	7.7

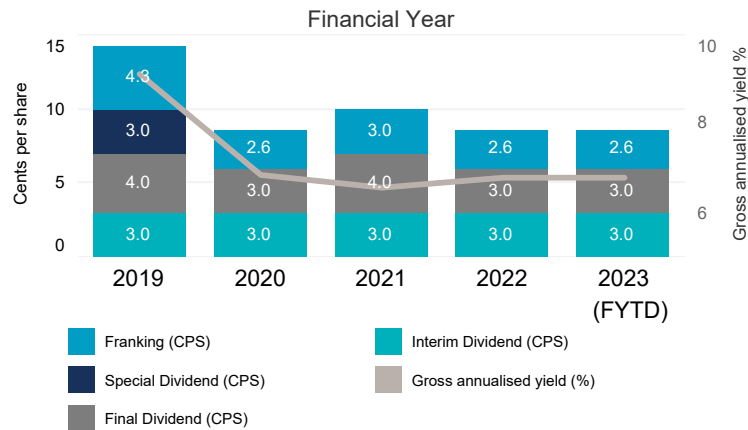
PMC's returns are calculated after the deduction of fees and expenses, adjusted for taxes paid and any capital flows and assume the reinvestment of dividends. PMC's returns have not been calculated using PMC's share price. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

INVESTED POSITIONS⁴

	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %	CCY %
Asia-Pacific	43.0	(0.7)	42.3	46.6
Australia	3.1		3.0	4.7
China	22.1		22.1	22.1
India	2.4		2.4	2.4
Japan	8.8	(0.4)	8.4	10.3
South Korea	4.2	(0.2)	4.0	4.0
Taiwan	1.6		1.6	1.6
Other Asia-Pacific	0.8		0.8	1.4
Europe	25.3	(0.2)	25.1	25.7
Austria	1.2		1.2	
Euro				13.9
Finland	2.9		2.9	
France	3.5		3.5	
Germany	2.3		2.3	
Italy	1.5		1.5	
Netherlands	1.2		1.2	
Switzerland	4.0		4.0	4.0
United Kingdom	7.0		7.0	7.6
Other Europe	1.7	(0.2)	1.5	0.3
North America	20.6	(10.2)	10.4	24.8
Canada	0.6		0.6	1.6
United States of America	19.9	(10.2)	9.7	23.2
Other	3.0	(0.1)	2.9	2.9
Sub-Total	91.9	(11.1)	80.7	100.0
Cash	8.1	11.1	19.3	
Total	100.0		100.0	100.0

Long - 122 stocks, 2 swaps, 1 option, 2 other Short - 33 swaps, 2 indices

HISTORY OF FULLY FRANKED DIVIDENDS (CPS)³



TOP TEN POSITIONS⁵

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	3.5
Microchip Technology Inc	United States	Info Technology	3.3
Minebea Co Ltd	Japan	Industrials	2.9
UPM-Kymmene OYJ	Finland	Materials	2.9
UBS Group AG	Switzerland	Financials	2.8
Samsung Electronics Co	South Korea	Info Technology	2.8
Ping An Insurance Group	China	Financials	2.7
Allfunds Group Plc	UK	Financials	2.7
Suzano SA	Brazil	Materials	2.6
InterGlobe Aviation Ltd	India	Industrials	2.4
Total			28.7

INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN⁴

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Industrials	21.4	(1.9)	19.4
Financials	18.0	(0.4)	17.7
Information Technology	13.9	(1.8)	12.2
Materials	10.2	(0.4)	9.9
Consumer Discretionary	10.3	(2.4)	8.0
Energy	5.8		5.8
Communication Services	4.7	(0.8)	3.9
Health Care	3.5		3.5
Real Estate	3.4		3.4
Consumer Staples	0.3		0.3
Utilities	0.2		0.2
Other		(3.5)	(3.5)
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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 World Net Index in A\$ (except the gross MSCI index was used prior to 31/12/96). 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 PMC's portfolio value. The "CCY %" is the effective currency exposure of PMC'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 PMC's top ten long securities positions as a percentage of PMC's portfolio value (including long securities and long securities derivative positions).

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MARKET UPDATE AND COMMENTARY

- The portfolio returned -0.7% for the month. This brings the one-year return to 17.3% and 7.5% for the year to date.
- The net invested position was reduced slightly to around 81% over the month.
- We continue to believe there is risk around the US economy.

Market Commentary

US equities finished mostly lower in August. The S&P 500 fell 1.8% and the Nasdaq fell 2.2%, which was their first monthly decline since February 2023. It was a mixed month for the "Magnificent Seven" mega-cap tech names that drove nearly 75% of the S&P's gains in the first six months of 2023 and extended their rally in July (source: FactSet). NVIDIA (+5.6%) and Amazon (+3.2%) were the standout performers over the month thanks to better-than-expected earnings and guidance commentary, while Meta Platforms (-7.1%), Apple (-4.4%), Tesla (-3.5%) and Microsoft (-2.4%) all underperformed. True to Platinum's contrarian philosophy, we continue to seek mispriced stocks in areas that are out of favour. Our preferred investment thematic in the US is those companies that have already undergone their recession and have had their earnings expectations and valuations rebased i.e. TransUnion. There were a number of bearish talking points in August, including bank credit rating downgrades/downgrade warnings, further tightening of bank lending standards and a softening in loan demand, a looming potential United Automobile Workers (UAW) strike, the highest mortgage rates since 2001, the lowest home purchase applications since 1995, near-record late summer gas prices, and more research suggesting consumers have largely exhausted their excess savings. We still think there is risk around the US economy.

European equity markets ended lower in August, with the Stoxx Europe 600 falling 2.8%. Economic data reinforced expectations of an economic slowdown, but the biggest headwind for European equity markets came from China amid a slowdown in activity and financial instability risks due to problems at real estate developers. Unsurprisingly, cyclicals and those sectors exposed to China saw the biggest headwinds, while oil and gas outperformed, with crude prices firmer. Italian banks were in the spotlight after the government unveiled a surprise windfall tax. The government announced a one-off 40% tax on bank profits due to higher interest rates after reprimanding lenders for failing to reward depositors. The announcement follows similar policies in Spain and Hungary.

Asian equity markets endured a difficult month in August, falling the most since February with a significant slowdown in China's economic growth. Lacklustre economic data from China dominated headlines. China's year-on-year industrial production, retail sales and fixed asset investment growth for July were all forecast to fall from June's readings, yet all three still missed estimates (source: Reuters). Chinese property developer Country Garden said it was facing "major uncertainties" over several bond redemptions (source: Bloomberg) after missing repayments and sparking a 30-day countdown to avoid default. It subsequently made the repayments in early September. However, there are positive developments in the Chinese real estate sector, with the Chinese government announcing a series of country-wide stimulus measures, including lower minimum down payments, lower minimum mortgage rates and the ability to refinance.

Performance Analysis*

For the month, our biggest contributors were Swiss investment bank UBS, Chinese online e-commerce company PDD and Finnish pulp manufacturer UPM-Kymmene. Detractors included German power semiconductor company Infineon Technologies, US semiconductor company Microchip Technology and Chinese parcel delivery service ZTO Express.

For the calendar year to date (CYTD), our long positions contributed 14% to the portfolio's return, while our short positions detracted 5%. The portfolio's return was driven by a broad array of long positions, with our semiconductor and European financial names being key contributors as AI excitement spread to the semiconductor space and European interest rates increased. For the CYTD, our US long positions have been the standout performers, adding 5% to the portfolio's performance, with a 2% contribution from Asia.

Valuation

The portfolio's aggregate valuation metrics are attractive in both an absolute sense and relative to the market, with a 44% higher starting earnings yield and a 38% discount on an asset basis (see table below).

Metric	Platinum Capital Limited	MSCI AC World Net Index (A\$)
NTM Earnings Yield	9.1% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 11x)	6.3% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 16x)
NTM Dividend Yield	3.1%	2.7%
NTM Enterprise Value-to-Sales	1.5x	2.2x
LTM Price-to-Book Ratio	1.6x	2.6x

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 August 2023. 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.**