

FACTS¹

Market capitalisation	\$435.76 mn
Listing date	29 June 1994
Current share price	\$1.475
Current dividend yield	4.07%
Pre-tax NTA	\$1.5813
Post-tax NTA	\$1.5442
Maximum franked dividend	6.60 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)	3.1	1.8	7.9	6.8	3.6	10.3	4.5	5.8	6.4	7.3	11.0
MSCI %	3.9	7.5	13.8	18.2	20.8	18.8	10.0	12.3	13.0	12.7	8.1

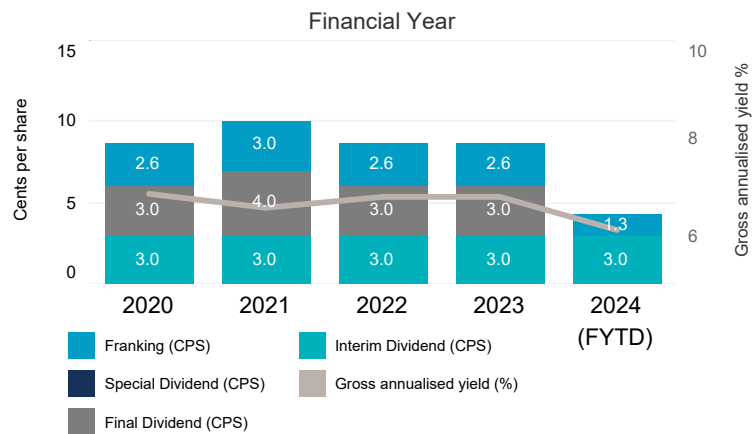
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INVESTED POSITIONS⁴

	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %	CCY %
Asia-Pacific	37.3	(0.2)	37.1	52.4
Australia		(0.2)	(0.2)	1.6
China	17.3		17.3	17.3
Japan	7.6		7.6	20.3
Macao	1.2		1.2	1.2
South Korea	7.0		7.0	7.0
Taiwan	3.7		3.7	3.7
Other Asia-Pacific	0.4		0.4	1.3
Europe	23.0		23.0	27.3
Austria	1.2		1.2	
Denmark	1.7		1.7	1.7
Euro				13.0
Finland	2.3		2.3	
France	2.0		2.0	
Italy	1.2		1.2	
Netherlands	1.1		1.1	
Switzerland	3.1		3.1	3.1
United Kingdom	9.3		9.3	9.5
Other Europe	1.0		1.0	
North America	22.2	(1.8)	20.4	19.7
Canada	3.0		3.0	3.0
United States of America	19.2	(1.8)	17.4	16.7
Other	0.6		0.6	0.6
Sub-Total	83.0	(2.0)	81.0	100.0
Cash	17.0	2.0	19.0	
Total	100.0		100.0	100.0

Long - 56 stocks, 2 other Short - 8 swaps

HISTORY OF FULLY FRANKED DIVIDENDS (CPS)³



TOP TEN POSITIONS⁵

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
Samsung Electronics Co	South Korea	Info Technology	4.8
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info Technology	3.7
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	3.4
UBS Group AG	Switzerland	Financials	3.1
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	Comm Services	2.9
Allfunds Group Plc	UK	Financials	2.8
Minebea Co Ltd	Japan	Industrials	2.8
TransUnion	United States	Industrials	2.6
Intercontinental Exchange	United States	Financials	2.5
Alphabet Inc	United States	Comm Services	2.4
Total			31.0

INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN⁴

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Financials	19.5	(0.3)	19.2
Industrials	16.5	(0.6)	15.8
Information Technology	15.4	(0.6)	14.8
Consumer Discretionary	9.3	(0.5)	8.9
Energy	6.2		6.2
Communication Services	5.3		5.3
Materials	4.6		4.6
Real Estate	2.7		2.7
Consumer Staples	2.2		2.2
Health Care	1.3		1.3
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Cash	17.0	2.0	19.0
Total	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 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 +3.1% for July 2024, taking the rolling one-year number to +3.6%.
- The portfolio took some profits on “AI value chain” stocks during the month, reducing the long book from 87.6% to 83.0%. While the short book was still only 2% as at the end of July, we increased this to 10.4% in the first two days of August. As at 2 August, the portfolio’s net invested position was 71.1%.
- Platinum’s investment philosophy focuses on finding mispriced stocks in areas that are out of favour and away from the crowd. We avoid trying to predict the direction of the overall market and instead look for attractively-valued, idiosyncratic business opportunities to invest in over the medium to long term.

Performance Analysis*

The portfolio returned +3.1% for July 2024. The long book added 2.3% to performance and cash and currency added 1.1%. The positive contribution from currency came from the portfolio’s overweight Yen position, reversing some prior losses as the Bank of Japan raised interest rates from 0.1% to 0.25% and hinted at more hikes to come.

The MSCI All Country World Index rose +3.9% during the month, driven by financials, industrials and healthcare. We saw the first signs of a broadening out of the US market with the S&P500 Equal Weighted index outperforming its market cap counterpart and a rally in the Russell 2000 (small caps).

Rate stabilisation beneficiaries

Top contributors to performance were “rate stabilisation beneficiaries” stocks like TransUnion and St James’s Place. TransUnion is a global credit bureau and its share price rose over 20% (in USD terms) in July as its quarterly results beat the market’s expectations across all metrics (revenue, EBITDA, EPS and free cash flow). The company also lifted guidance.

We bought TransUnion during its dramatic sell-off in 2022, believing the market was over-extrapolating the collapse in mortgage approvals when interest rates rose. We could see this was still a high quality, growing company going through a temporary setback and that it would benefit from stabilising interest rates.

Shares in UK wealth management company, St James’s Place, rose over 25% (in local currency terms) in July. Its quarterly result showed an upswing in inflows and that it was growing client and advisers numbers.

We had established a position in St James’s Place during 2022 when the market was concerned about the economy and its effect on performance and flows. Unfortunately, in 2023, new regulation meant St James’s Place had to revamp its fee structure, reducing the company’s cashflow for the next few years. We increased our position in the stock given the company’s competitive advantage, strong client retention and the long-term opportunity in the UK financial advice industry.

This month’s detractors included US semiconductor company Micron Technology, US French Fry business Lamb Weston and Chinese parcel delivery business, ZTO Express. Our semiconductor companies and “AI value chain” stocks have had a good run in 2024 and we took the opportunity to take some profits during July including trimming our position in Micron. Shares in Lamb Weston fell when the company announced that the industry supply-demand imbalance will likely persist through fiscal 2025 due to lower restaurant traffic and price competition. Similarly, ZTO Express’ share price fell on concerns around price competition.

An attractively valued portfolio

The portfolio’s aggregate valuation metrics are attractive in an absolute sense and relative to the market, with a ~59% higher earnings yield and a ~45% discount on a price-to-book basis (see table below).

Metric	Platinum Capital Limited	MSCI AC World Net Index (A\$)
NTM Earnings Yield	8.9% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 11.2x)	5.6% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 17.7x)
NTM Dividend Yield	2.6%	2.3%
NTM Enterprise Value-to-Sales	1.8x	2.4x
LTM Price-to-Book Ratio	1.6x	2.9x

The valuations in the table have been calculated by Platinum and 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.**