

## FACTS<sup>1</sup>

Market capitalisation	\$424.87 mn
Listing date	29 June 1994
Current share price	\$1.435
Current dividend yield	4.18%
Pre-tax NTA	\$1.5357
Post-tax NTA	\$1.5074
Maximum franked dividend	4.21 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.

## 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.	10 years p.a.	Since inception p.a.
<b>Company % (Pre-tax NTA)</b>	1.0	(0.5)	1.3	6.2	8.7	9.7	5.8	5.3	4.6	7.3	10.8
<b>MSCI %</b>	3.5	2.3	9.9	20.8	28.4	19.7	10.4	12.2	12.0	12.3	8.1

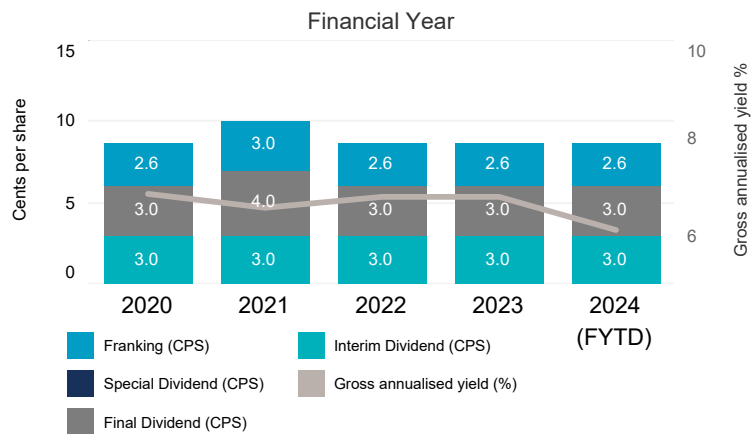
PMC's returns are calculated after the deduction of fees and expenses, adjusted for taxes paid and any capital flows and assume the reinvestment of dividends. PMC's returns have not been calculated using PMC's share price. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

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

	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %	CCY %
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	40.4		40.4	51.8
China	22.5		22.5	22.5
Hong Kong				1.3
Israel	1.0		1.0	1.0
Japan	5.4		5.4	15.1
Macao	2.4		2.4	2.4
South Korea	5.8		5.8	5.9
Taiwan	3.3		3.3	3.3
Other Asia-Pacific				0.3
<b>Europe</b>	25.8	(0.5)	25.3	28.8
Austria	1.4		1.4	
Denmark	2.9		2.9	2.9
Euro				11.3
Finland	2.2		2.2	
France	1.5		1.5	
Italy	1.1		1.1	
Netherlands	1.4		1.4	
Switzerland	3.7	(0.5)	3.2	3.6
United Kingdom	10.9		10.9	11.0
Other Europe	0.9		0.9	
<b>North America</b>	20.6	(4.3)	16.3	18.8
Canada	2.9		2.9	3.9
United States of America	17.7	(4.3)	13.3	14.9
<b>Other</b>	0.6		0.6	0.6
<b>Sub-Total</b>	87.4	(4.8)	82.5	100.0
<b>Cash</b>	12.6	4.8	17.5	
<b>Total</b>	100.0		100.0	100.0

Long - 54 stocks, 2 other Short - 12 swaps

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



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

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	5.0
UBS Group AG	Switzerland	Financials	3.7
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	Comm Services	3.7
Samsung Electronics Co	South Korea	Info Technology	3.6
Allfunds Group Plc	UK	Financials	3.4
TransUnion	United States	Industrials	3.4
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info Technology	3.3
Alphabet Inc	United States	Comm Services	2.9
Intercontinental Exchange	United States	Financials	2.9
DSV A/S	Denmark	Industrials	2.9
<b>Total</b>			<b>34.8</b>

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

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Financials	23.6	(0.2)	23.4
Industrials	17.8	(2.2)	15.6
Information Technology	11.4	(1.5)	9.9
Consumer Discretionary	10.5	(0.9)	9.6
Communication Services	6.6		6.6
Energy	6.0		6.0
Materials	3.8		3.8
Real Estate	3.6		3.6
Consumer Staples	2.8		2.8
Health Care	1.4		1.4
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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 1.0% for October 2024.
- Global markets have been focused on the US elections and their potential implications for the global economy and for markets.
- While in local currency terms there were few markets that rose in October, a weaker AUD more than compensated for this. India, which has been a market darling, was one of the weaker markets globally. While there are some high quality companies in India – and the long-term outlook for the country is attractive – we have generally been underweight this market given concerns over valuations.

### Performance Analysis\*

Performance for October was driven by the portfolio's long book, contributing 1.6% over the month. Some of our Chinese holdings retraced part of their stellar post-stimulus September returns, detracting -0.3% for the month. TSMC was a strong contributor to returns being up 7.6% and leading the Taiwan TAIEX higher. The Indian market was one of the weakest globally, with the Nifty 50 falling more than 6% and reversing some of its strong run earlier in the year. The portfolio impact was minimal as for some time we have been selling our holdings into their strength and exited the last position, InterGlobe, during the month. The (generally) weaker AUD was helpful for Australian-based global investors.

Much of the market focus over the past month was on the US election. While there was plenty of noise around tariffs, inflation and geopolitical relationships, the S&P500 hit record highs during the month - although ultimately posting its first negative month since April. Interest rate expectations have risen significantly across the yield curve, reflecting higher inflation expectations. The so-called Trump trade (a basket of stocks favoured to outperform after a Republican win) ran hard during the month. Meanwhile, US fiscal deficits and the interest payment burden look set to worsen. The bond market may yet provide an important response to the election outcome.

Small scale modular nuclear reactors got some attention through the month as tech firms Google and Amazon announced new nuclear power generation deals. AI and data centres are hugely power hungry, and the increased demand for power to support their growth is reshaping energy markets. Microsoft previously announced its intention to purchase energy from the Three Mile Island Nuclear facility in Pennsylvania. As support for nuclear solutions increases, our holdings in the likes of Canadian uranium company Cameco have benefited. The company was up around 16% in October and was the largest contributor to performance for the portfolio over the month.

Many of our Chinese names gave up some of their strong September returns, although their three-month contribution remains strong. For example, delivery business ZTO Express (the portfolio's largest position) was down over 5% in October but up +22% for three months. Online retailer JD.com was down nearly 7% for the month, but up over 50% for the three months to end October. These holdings are the top two contributors over the past three months, each contributing more than 1% to returns.

As noted previously, we continue to watch Chinese property prices closely. October saw the first increase in primary property market activity for a long time. This is a single datapoint so we are cautious and not extrapolating this out, but it is a positive sign.

The portfolio ended the month with a net position of 82.5%. We held shorts worth 4.8%. We held 12.6% in cash and our long book was at 87.4%.

### An attractively valued portfolio

The portfolio's aggregate valuation metrics are attractive in both an absolute sense and relative to the market, with a 66% higher earnings yield and a ~48% discount on the price-to-book ratio (see table below).

Metric	Platinum Capital Limited	MSCI AC World Net Index (A\$)
<b>NTM Earnings Yield</b>	9.3% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 10.8x)	5.6% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 17.8x)
<b>NTM Dividend Yield</b>	2.6%	2.3%
<b>NTM Enterprise Value-to-Sales</b>	1.7x	2.5x
<b>LTM Price-to-Book Ratio</b>	1.5x	2.9x

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 October 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.**