

FACTS¹

Market capitalisation	\$402.67 mn
Listing date	29 June 1994
Current share price	\$1.360
Current dividend yield	4.41%
Pre-tax NTA	\$1.4867
Post-tax NTA	\$1.4732
Maximum franked dividend	3.74 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)	(3.2)	0.7	(2.7)	2.8	4.2	4.3	2.9	4.2	3.9	6.4	10.7
MSCI %	4.3	8.1	12.8	26.0	28.4	20.5	10.8	12.2	12.3	12.3	8.2

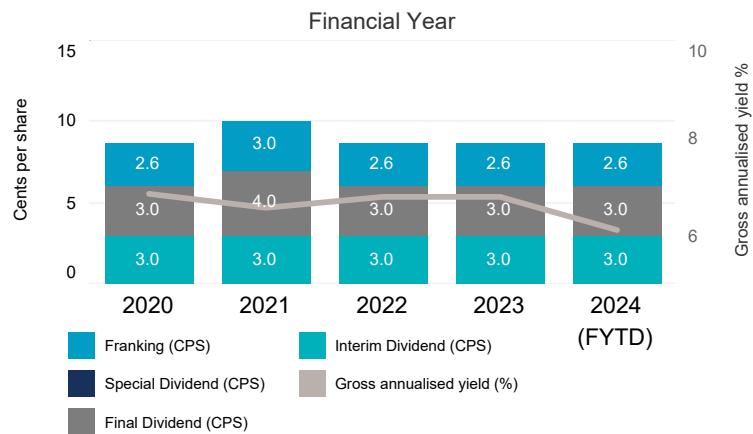
PMC's returns are calculated after the deduction of fees and expenses, adjusted for taxes paid and any capital flows and assume the reinvestment of dividends. PMC's returns have not been calculated using PMC's share price. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

INVESTED POSITIONS⁴

	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %	CCY %
Asia-Pacific	37.2		37.2	48.1
China	18.6		18.6	18.6
Israel	1.5		1.5	1.5
Japan	5.0		5.0	15.2
Macao	2.6		2.6	2.6
South Korea	6.0		6.0	6.0
Taiwan	3.4		3.4	3.4
Other Asia-Pacific				0.8
Europe	26.6	(0.5)	26.1	29.0
Austria	1.7		1.7	
Denmark	3.0		3.0	3.0
Euro				9.8
Finland	3.0		3.0	
Italy	1.1		1.1	
Netherlands	1.3		1.3	
Switzerland	3.1	(0.5)	2.6	4.1
United Kingdom	11.8		11.8	12.0
Other Europe	1.6		1.6	
North America	23.9	(3.1)	20.9	22.3
Canada	3.5		3.5	4.3
United States of America	20.4	(3.1)	17.4	18.0
Other	0.6		0.6	0.6
Sub-Total	88.3	(3.5)	84.8	100.0
Cash	11.7	3.5	15.2	
Total	100.0		100.0	100.0

Long - 52 stocks, 2 other Short - 9 swaps

HISTORY OF FULLY FRANKED DIVIDENDS (CPS)³



TOP TEN POSITIONS⁵

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
Alphabet Inc	United States	Comm Services	4.0
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	Comm Services	3.9
TransUnion	United States	Industrials	3.7
Allfunds Group Plc	UK	Financials	3.6
Samsung Electronics Co	South Korea	Info Technology	3.5
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	3.5
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info Technology	3.4
Intercontinental Exchange	United States	Financials	3.2
UBS Group AG	Switzerland	Financials	3.1
DSV A/S	Denmark	Industrials	3.0
Total			35.0

INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN⁴

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Financials	24.9	(0.1)	24.8
Industrials	14.9	(2.1)	12.8
Information Technology	12.6	(1.0)	11.6
Consumer Discretionary	9.1	(0.4)	8.6
Communication Services	7.8		7.8
Energy	6.9		6.9
Materials	4.3		4.3
Real Estate	3.5		3.5
Consumer Staples	2.9		2.9
Health Care	1.5		1.5
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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 -3.2% for November 2024.
- Asian, European and Japanese long positions all overall detracted from returns. Our short positions were also negative – we had maintained only a short small exposure, expecting a positive reaction to the Republican win in the US election.
- Some segments of the US market now appear to be trading at speculative levels. Meanwhile, the Platinum Quant team believes Asia offers the best quality-adjusted value amongst the major regions.

Performance Analysis*

November 2024 was an extraordinary month. The main focus was the US election. With expectations of a tight-fought battle, the strength of Donald Trump's victory was not widely predicted. The result, despite the potential negatives of President Trump's mooted tariff policies, has been met with an exceptionally positive US reaction centred around tax cuts and deregulation. This is creating a potentially speculative market environment like that last seen in 2021. Signs of this speculative exuberance include:

- The S&P500 hitting a series of record highs.
- Bitcoin surging to US\$100,000.
- Widening dispersion in markets. The top 10 US companies now make up 35% of the S&P500. Meanwhile the US now represents more than 65% of the MSCI All Country World Index.
- There is now a negative earnings yield for owning the S&P500. The S&P500 12mth forward **earnings** yield fell below the 3 month treasury bill yield. Investors are effectively paying to take on equity risk, rather than being paid to do so.
- Sharemarket buying is driven by retail rather than professional investors. Retail investor activity is currently 56% of total market volume. Account openings at online trading house Robinhood has jumped 50%. Trading in Tesla and Nvidia's is dominated by retail investors.

While US markets are booming, there are plenty of reasons for caution. The auto industry, outside of Tesla, looks in poor shape, with weakness across a range of traditional car manufacturers and their suppliers due to Chinese competition and weak EV demand. VW is, for the first time, planning to shutter a German manufacturing site. Valeo, Ford, GM and Stellantis all also announced plant closures in recent weeks.

Chinese and South Korean holdings in particular detracted from performance during the month. Chinese delivery business ZTO delivered excellent operational performance but fell 19%. PDD Holdings, the Chinese owner of the online Temu business fell nearly 20% due to increased competition. JD.com, another Chinese retail stock, fell 8% and Chinese property companies China Overseas Land and China Resources Land both fell around 10% despite continued improvement in property indicators. Korean electronics giant Samsung continued its poor run.

Last month we highlighted the general pick-up in interest in small nuclear reactors. Cameco continued to be a strong performer this month despite slightly softer uranium prices. The difficulty in bringing on new uranium supply supports our positive view on the uranium stocks we hold.

Financials were positive contributors, with Austria's Raiffeisen Bank up around 10%, St James Place up 10%, UBS Group +5%, Intercontinental Exchange +4% and London Stock Exchange +5%.

The portfolio ended the month with a net position of 84.8%. We held shorts worth 3.5%, We held 11.7% in cash and our long book was at 88.3%.

An attractively valued portfolio

The portfolio's aggregate valuation metrics are attractive in both an absolute sense and relative to the market, with a 72% higher earnings yield and a 50% discount on the price-to-book ratio (see table below).

Metric	Platinum Capital Limited	MSCI AC World Net Index (A\$)
NTM Earnings Yield	9.3% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 10.8x)	5.4% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 18.5x)
NTM Dividend Yield	2.7%	2.2%
NTM Enterprise Value-to-Sales	1.6x	2.5x
LTM Price-to-Book Ratio	1.5x	3x

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.**