## Platinum Capital Limited ASX: PMC

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#### FACTS<sup>1</sup>

Market capitalisation \$400.52mn Listing date 29 June 1994 Current share price \$1.350 Current dividend yield 4.44% Pre-tax NTA \$1.4579 Post-tax NTA \$1.4415 Maximum franked dividend 3.57cps

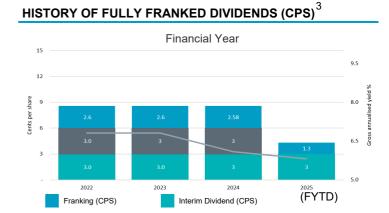
Management fee: 1.10% p.a. (excl. GST) of portfolio value plus

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

### PERFORMANCE<sup>2</sup>





Gross annualised yield (%)

Special Dividend (CPS) Final Dividend (CPS)

											Since
						2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	inception
	1 month	3 months	6 months	CYTD	1 Year	p.a.	p.a.	p.a.	p.a.	p.a.	p.a.
Company % (Pre-tax NTA)	-3.9%	-3.8%	-3.1%	-3.1%	-1.8%	0.8%	4.0%	6.1%	3.5%	5.2%	10.5%
MSCI %	-1.7%	-6.1%	3.3%	-3.6%	13.5%	16.5%	14.2%	13.6%	11.8%	10.9%	8.0%

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

DESCRIPTION	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %	CCY %
Asia-Pacific	28.9		28.9	33.2
China	15.0		15.0	15.0
Hong Kong	1.9		1.9	5.8
Japan	3.5		3.5	3.6
South Korea	4.4		4.4	4.4
Taiwan	4.0		4.0	4.0
Other Asia-Pacific	0.0		0.0	0.3
Europe	32.2		32.2	36.1
Denmark	3.9		3.9	3.9
Euro				7.1
Finland	1.6		1.6	
Italy	1.5		1.5	
Netherlands	2.2		2.2	
Norway	2.1		2.1	2.1
Switzerland	5.8		5.8	5.8
United Kingdom	15.1		15.1	17.2
North America	28.2	(11.7)	16.5	30.8
Canada	4.3		4.3	4.3
United States of America	23.9	(11.7)	12.2	26.5
Other				
Sub-Total	89.3	(11.7)	77.6	100.0
Cash	10.7	11.7	22.4	
Total	100.0		100.0	100.0

#### TOP TEN POSITIONS<sup>5,6</sup>

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	NET %
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info Technology	4.0
Alphabet Inc	United States	Comm Services	3.7
Unilever PLC	UK	Consumer Staples	3.1
Allfunds Group Plc	UK	Financials	2.9
UBS Group AG	Switzerland	Financials	2.9
Novartis AG	Switzerland	Health Care	2.9
JD.com Inc	China	Cons Discretionary	2.7
Merck & Co	United States	Health Care	2.7
AstraZeneca PLC	UK	Health Care	2.7
Ping An Insurance Group	China	Financials	2.5
Total			30.2

#### INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN7,9

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Financials	18.4	(0.3)	18.1
Industrials	14.8	(0.9)	13.9
Information Technology	13.7		13.7
Health Care	10.7		10.7
Consumer Staples	9.5		9.5
Communication Services	8.2		8.2
Energy	5.7		5.7
Consumer Discretionary	2.7		2.7
Real Estate	2.0		2.0
Other	3.5	(10.4)	(7.0)

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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

<sup>4.</sup> 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's transitionary phase under new Portfolio Manager Ted Alexander is now largely complete. Year-to-date, the portfolio has maintained performance in line with the market during a period of significant volatility, and positioning has been enhanced to reduce risk and seek exposure to a more diverse set of opportunities.
- The portfolio is conservatively positioned while retaining exposure to China and less to US tech giants. It is attractively valued with a 67% higher earnings yield and a 50% discount on price-to-book versus the market.

#### Portfolio changes

The recent stepping down of co-Founder, Andrew Clifford, and Clay Smolinski and appointment of Ted Alexander as sole Portfolio Manager from 3 March 2025, mean that the portfolio is going through a transitionary phase, and this is now largely complete, two months in. Having been repositioned, the portfolio is slightly ahead of market.

This has been managed against a backdrop of market turmoil, with the rotation away from Magnificent 7 stocks and the US more broadly, assisting the portfolio in March, before Trump's tariff pronouncements caused a market panic in early April, and subsequent partial recovery as it came to be seen as negotiating rather than detail. Nonetheless, it is likely that the trajectory of economies and trade relationships have been negatively impacted, although the specific quantum is yet to emerge.

We shared last month the first steps in the portfolio transition with the broad goal of reducing risk, cleaning up small holdings, and seeking to find a more diverse set of opportunities. This could be viewed as reducing cyclicals and cash and looking for defensive stocks, with an increase in shorts around early March.

During April, another four new positions were added: digital media behemoth Adobe (US), Danish wind power company Orsted, pest-control champion Rentokil Initial and the Canadian telco, Rogers Communications. Making way for these were two exits, UK commercial insurer, Beazley and Austrian listed Raiffeisen Bank, along with a range of adds and trims.

Going forward, the portfolio has been repositioned, is conservatively positioned relative to the market, while retaining a large exposure to China, and considerably less exposure to the Magnificent Seven, broader technology, and the US market.

#### **Portfolio Valuations**

The portfolio's aggregate valuation metrics are attractive in an absolute sense and relative to the market, with a 67% higher earnings yield and a 50% discount on a price-to-book basis.

Metric	Platinum Capital Limited	MSCI AC World Net Index (A\$)
NTM Earnings Yield	9.0% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 11.1x)	5.4% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 18.4x)
NTM Dividend Yield	2.6%	1.9%
NTM Enterprise Value-to-Sales	1.6x	4.5x
LTM Price-to-Book Ratio	1.6x	3.2x

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 April 2025. 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 portfolios fees and costs (other than brokerage). Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.