# Platinum International Fund ARSN 089 528 307

# MONTHLY REPORT 31 March 2025 FACTS

Portfolio value Fund commenced 30 April 1995

Minimum investment A\$10,000 or NZ\$10,000

A/NZ\$5,000 plus A/NZ\$200 mth/qtr Regular Invesment Plan (min.)

Income distribution date Annual, 30 June Sydney Business Day Unit prices C Class App - 2.015 Red - 2.0089 Unit prices P Class App - 0.9477 Red - 0.9448

#### **FEES**

Entry fee Buy/sell spread 0.15%/0.15%

C Class Fees Investment management 1.35% p.a.

> Investment performance N/A Investment management 1.10% p.a.

P Class Fees Investment performance 15.00% p.a.\*

#### PERFORMANCE1

	C CLASS %	P CLASS %	MSCI %
1 month	(1.9)	(1.9)	(4.2)
3 months	0.2	0.3	(2.0)
6 months	1.3	1.4	8.8
Calendar year to date	0.2	0.3	(2.0)
1 year	1.4	1.7	12.2
2 years (compound pa)	3.4	3.6	19.1
3 years (compound pa)	7.9	8.2	13.8
5 years (compound pa)	8.1	8.3	14.8
7 years (compound pa)	4.9	5.2	12.4
10 years (compound pa)	6.3	-	11.1
Since inception (compound pa)	11.0	6.3	8.0

# PERFORMANCE GRAPH<sup>2</sup>



# **INVESTED POSITIONS<sup>3,4</sup>**

DESCRIPTION	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %	CCY %
Asia-Pacific	32.8		32.8	36.0
China	18.7		18.7	18.7
Hong Kong	2.1		2.1	4.9
Japan	3.3		3.3	3.5
South Korea	4.8		4.8	4.9
Taiwan	3.9		3.9	3.9
Other Asia-Pacific	0.0		0.0	0.2
Europe	32.5		32.5	32.7
Austria	1.4		1.4	
Denmark	1.9		1.9	1.9
Euro				7.3
Finland	2.0		2.0	
Italy	1.6		1.6	
Netherlands	2.0		2.0	
Norway	1.5		1.5	1.4
Switzerland	6.0		6.0	5.5
United Kingdom	16.2		16.2	16.7
Other Europe				
North America	27.4	(6.7)	20.6	31.3
Canada	2.1		2.1	3.2
United States of America	25.3	(6.7)	18.6	28.1
Other				
Sub-Total	92.7	(6.7)	86.0	100.0
Cash	7.3	6.7	14.0	
Total	100.0		100.0	100.0

# TOP TEN POSITIONS<sup>6,7</sup>

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	NET %
Allfunds Group Plc	UK	Financials	4.3
Alphabet Inc	United States	Comm Services	4.2
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info Technology	3.9
St James's Place PLC	UK	Financials	3.7
TransUnion	United States	Industrials	3.6
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	3.5
JD.com Inc	China	Cons Discretionary	3.5
UBS Group AG	Switzerland	Financials	3.4
Beazley PLC	UK	Financials	3.0
Novartis AG	Switzerland	Health Care	2.6
Total			35.8

### INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN5

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Financials	26.8		26.8
Industrials	16.1	(1.5)	14.6
Information Technology	12.4	(0.2)	12.2
Health Care	9.3		9.3
Communication Services	6.7		6.7
Energy	6.5		6.5
Consumer Staples	6.5		6.5
Consumer Discretionary	3.5		3.5
Real Estate	2.7		2.7
Materials	2.0		2.0
Other		(5.0)	(5.0)

45 Long Positions, 5 Short Positions

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<sup>\*</sup> of the amount by which the Fund's return exceeds its index return

<sup>1.2</sup> Source: Platinum for Fund returns and Factset Research Systems for MSCI returns. Investment returns are calculated using the Fund's NAV unit price (i.e. excluding the buy/sell spread) for C Class and P Class (as indicated), and represent the combined income and capital returns for each of these unit classes in the specified period. All returns are pre-tax, net of fees and costs and assume the reinvestment of distributions. Returns for P Class are net of any accrued investment performance fee. The returns are calculated relative to the MSCI All Country World Net Index in A\$ (the gross MSCI returns are pre-tax) and the pre-tax of the propose of calculated relative to the MSCI All Country World Net Index in A\$ (the gross MSCI Index was used prior to 31/12/98). Since inception date for C Class is 30/04/95 and for P Class is 03/07/17. Since inception date of C Class has been used for the purposes of calculating since inception returns of the index. The investment returns depicted in the graph are cumulative on A\$20,000 invested in C Class inception date. 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.

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3.5 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 exposure to long and short securities and short securities and short securities and short securities and long and short securities and short securitie

<sup>4,6</sup> Country classifications for securities reflect Bloomberg's "country of risk" designations, and currency classifications for securities reflect the relevant local currencies of our country classifications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The "Top ten positions" show the Fund's top ten long securities positions as a percentage of the market value of the Fund's portfolio (including long securities and long securities derivative positions).
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#### MARKET UPDATE AND COMMENTARY

- Our focus on downside protection has helped in recent months as the global market regime switched away from US
  dominance.
- While the portfolio was down in March it fell significantly less than the market benchmark. Year-to-date, the portfolio is flat, while markets are down by 2%

March saw global markets down 4% in A\$ terms (MSCI AC World Index). This was driven by the Magnificent Seven<sup>1</sup> which was down around 11% in Australian dollars over the month. The PIF portfolio, which has very little exposure to this group (other than an investment in Google parent Alphabet) suffered half the market fall, off under 2%.

Year to date, the sharemarket dominance of the big US technology stocks has been reversed. Most of the Magnificent Seven are down 10-20%, except the more resilient Meta (Facebook parent) and Tesla, which is down over 30%. We had shorted Tesla stock.

The rotation away from the Magnificent Seven has been a key element of market moves. The uncertainty around President Trump's economic policies, particularly tariffs, has also been a factor in the markets' weakness.

As we write, President Trump's 'Liberation Day' tariff announcements are being digested by markets and we await the EU response. There will be additional tariffs to come from the US and other nations, and while we hope to see negotiated reductions, the uncertainty will weigh on markets in coming months. The tariffs raise the risk of higher inflation and lower economic growth, which could push economies into stagflation, with little ability to stimulate the economy via either fiscal or monetary policy. Over time, businesses will adjust to the new tax regimes but there is a cost which will be reflected in profits.

## Portfolio changes

Ted Alexander took over the PIF portfolio at the start of the month. His first move was an increase in our short exposure against US technology stocks (via the Nasdaq index) as we were concerned about valuations.

In mid-month we added some significant new positions in large healthcare stocks such as AbbVie, AstraZeneca, Merck and Novartis. We also built positions in Kweichow Moutai (Chinese liquor) Techtronic (HK listed, power tools) and FMCG giant Unilever.

Overall portfolio risk was reduced by trimming some more cyclical stocks. We also sold out of China Overseas Land (property) and Sands China (gaming) on stock specific factors.

As part of the overall portfolio review we are looking to ensure most positions in the Fund are at 2% of portfolio value or higher. As a result we completely cut ten smaller positions and increased our holding in six other positions.

Investors can expect to see PIF more fully invested in future. As an alternative to holding higher cash levels we will hold more defensive equities whilst managing risk with shorts when necessary.

#### **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 52% discount on a price-to-book basis.

Metric	Platinum International Fund	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	1.8x	2.7x
LTM Price-to-Book Ratio	1.6x	3.3x

The valuations in the table have been calculated by Platinum and for the Fund 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 March 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 Fund's fees and costs (other than brokerage). Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon, Nvidia, Meta and Tesla