

Platinum International Fund (Quoted Managed Hedge Fund) - ASX: PIXX

MONTHLY REPORT 31 October 2022



FACTS

Portfolio value	\$299.37 mn
Fund commenced	12 September 2017
Fund launch	14 September 2017
Income distribution date	Annual, 30 June
Unit valuation	Sydney Business Day
Net asset value (\$ per unit)	\$4.3842

PERFORMANCE¹

	Fund %	MSCI %
1 month	1.4	6.6
3 months	1.1	0.8
6 months	(1.1)	0.7
Calendar year to date	(5.1)	(10.3)
1 year	0.2	(6.0)
2 years (compound pa)	8.0	9.9
3 years (compound pa)	3.5	7.5
5 years (compound pa)	3.3	9.1
Since inception (compound pa)	4.7	10.4

INVESTED POSITIONS OF PLATINUM INTERNATIONAL FUND³

	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %	CCY %
Asia-Pacific	32.2	(4.1)	28.0	43.1
Australia	1.9	(2.1)	(0.2)	2.2
China	15.2		15.2	16.2
Hong Kong				1.0
Taiwan	0.1		0.1	0.1
India	2.2		2.2	2.2
Japan	8.2	(1.8)	6.4	17.9
Kazakhstan	0.3		0.3	0.3
New Zealand		(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
South Korea	4.3		4.3	4.3
China Renminbi Offshore				(1.0)
Europe	27.8	(0.1)	27.6	31.4
Austria	2.6		2.6	
Belgium	0.1		0.1	
Denmark	0.1	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.1
Finland	3.1		3.1	
France	4.2		4.2	
Germany	3.9		3.9	
Ireland	0.7		0.7	
Italy	2.5		2.5	
Monaco	0.5		0.5	
Netherlands	2.9		2.9	
Sweden	0.1		0.1	0.1
Switzerland	0.8		0.8	0.8
United Kingdom	6.5		6.5	9.7
Euro				20.7
North America	18.3	(8.6)	9.7	23.2
Canada	1.9		1.9	2.4
United States of America	16.4	(8.6)	7.8	20.9
Other	2.3		2.3	2.3
Sub-Total	80.6	(12.9)	67.7	100.0
Cash	19.4	12.9	32.3	
Total	100.0		100.0	100.0

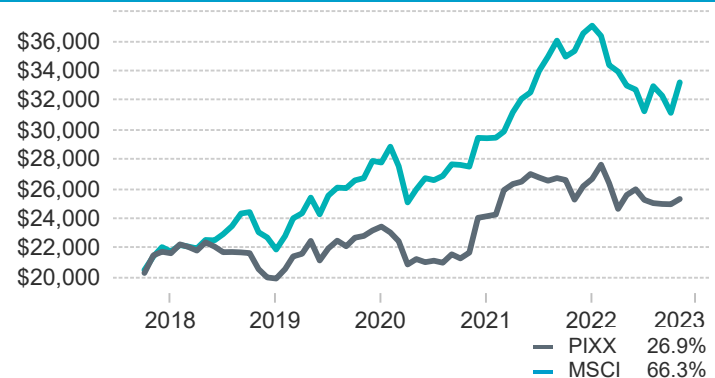
Long - 122 stocks, 2 swaps, 1 option, 2 other Short - 30 swaps, 1 index

FEES

Entry fee	Nil
Buy/sell spread	0.15%/0.15%
(Platinum International Fund)	Investment management 1.10% p.a.
	Investment performance 15.00% p.a.*

* of the amount by which the Fund's return exceeds its index return

PERFORMANCE GRAPH²



TOP TEN POSITIONS OF PLATINUM INTERNATIONAL FUND⁴

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
Microchip Technology Inc	United States	Info Technology	3.2
UPM-Kymmene OYJ	Finland	Materials	3.1
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	2.8
Shell PLC	Netherlands	Energy	2.6
Minebea Co Ltd	Japan	Industrials	2.5
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA	Italy	Financials	2.3
Ping An Insurance Group	China	Financials	2.3
Beazley PLC	UK	Financials	2.3
InterGlobe Aviation Ltd	India	Industrials	2.2
Samsung Electronics Co	South Korea	Info Technology	2.2
Total			25.5

INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN OF PLATINUM INTERNATIONAL FUND³

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Industrials	17.4	(1.3)	16.2
Financials	15.1	(1.4)	13.7
Materials	10.5		10.5
Energy	7.0		7.0
Consumer Discretionary	10.6	(3.7)	7.0
Information Technology	10.4	(5.0)	5.4
Health Care	3.9	(0.1)	3.9
Communication Services	3.2	(0.8)	2.4
Real Estate	2.1		2.1
Consumer Staples	0.4	(0.3)	0.2
Other		(0.5)	(0.5)

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1. & 2. 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. exclude a buy/sell spread), and represent the combined income and capital returns in the specified period. All returns are pre-tax, net of fees (including any accrued performance fee) and costs and assume the reinvestment of distributions. The returns are calculated relative to the MSCI All Country World Net Index in A\$. The investment returns depicted in the graph are cumulative on A\$20,000 invested in the Fund since inception. **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. 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 long and short securities/index derivative positions, each as a percentage of the market value of Platinum International Fund's ("PIF's") portfolio. The "Currency %" is the effective currency exposure of PIF's portfolio as a percentage of the market value of its portfolio, 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".

3. and 4. 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.

4. The "Top ten positions" show PIF's top ten long securities positions as a percentage of the market value of PIF's portfolio (including long securities and long securities derivative positions).

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MARKET UPDATE AND COMMENTARY

This commentary relates to the underlying fund, the Platinum International Fund.

- The Fund delivered a positive return for the month as markets rebounded.*
- For the calendar year to date, shorts have provided considerable cushioning in weak markets.
- Looking forward, there are exciting opportunities on the long side, but we expect further broad market weakness.

Market Commentary

Last month, we noted that “this has been one of the most extraordinary times in markets that the Fund has seen”. October was no exception. The battle to control inflation continues in the US, with rapid increases in interest rates coincident with the consumer price index hitting a 40-year high (Source: Bloomberg). The rate rises are causing real damage to the economy, and we believe that respite is a long way off, given the risk of reigniting inflationary pressures. October was unusual in that US 10-year Treasury yields, forecasts for the peak in interest rates, and equities all rose. With the Dow Jones Industrial Average adding 14% and the Nasdaq rising only 4%, we are seeing further signs that confirm 2022’s distinct change in market leadership (Source: FactSet).

History now shows we had an extraordinary speculative bull market in the US that was driven by a huge torrent of money. We expect a long and volatile bear market with similar losses to other major cycles. We see a very difficult period ahead for corporate profits and earnings. With funding markets tighter, many business models that are reliant on easy money are now compromised, and there are several opportunities to short here.

China remains in a different part of its economic cycle than the West. We were surprised at the markets’ reaction to President Xi Jinping cementing his leadership at the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party. Foreign investors are cautious compared with local investors, as can be seen in the premium of onshore Chinese-listed companies over those offshore. The Chinese market has performed broadly in line with Korea and broad European indices for the calendar year to date (source: MSCI), but it attracts much more negative commentary from the Western media.

In recent weeks, our net exposure rose to ~68% by reducing our short book, which remains dynamic and aims to protect capital. We continue to buy stocks that we think offer good value, but also hold more cash than we have historically, as we are cognisant of likely opportunities ahead.

We remain excited by opportunities across decarbonisation, semiconductors, travel, Chinese consumers, European financials, and growth industrials. The short book is a collection of stocks with what we see as alarming fundamentals and/or valuations, mostly in the technology and consumer areas.

Performance Analysis**

The portfolio has benefited from its broad tool kit during this year’s market sell-off, with shorts contributing 9% to returns for the calendar year to date, providing considerable cushioning. These were skewed towards the “growthier” end of the market, which had been hot for some time leading into late 2021. The broad de-rating of equities, coincident with rising bond yields, meant the long side of the portfolio was not immune to the -10% calendar year-to-date market sell-off. This is consistent with our experience in the two large bear markets of 2000-03 and 2007-09. On the positive side, within the long portfolio, the top contributors for the calendar year to date include Mosaic (fertiliser), Glencore (mining, commodities trading), Beazley (specialist insurer), and Shell (energy).

Valuation

The portfolio’s aggregate valuation metrics are attractive in both an absolute sense and relative to the market, with a 54% higher starting earnings yield and a 46% discount on an asset basis (see table below).

Metric	Platinum International Fund	MSCI AC World Net Index (A\$)
NTM Earnings Yield	10.6% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 9.4x)	6.9% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 14.4x)
NTM Dividend Yield	3.7%	2.9%
Price-to-Book Ratio	1.3x	2.4x
Enterprise Value-to-Sales	1.4x	1.6x

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. As at 31 October 2022. NTM = next twelve months.

*Market returns throughout this report refer to the MSCI AC World Net Index in A\$. Source: FactSet.

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.