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Monthly Net Tangible Asset Update

The unaudited **pre-tax** net tangible asset (**pre-tax NTA**) backing per share of Platinum Asia Investments Limited (**PAI**) as at 30 June 2021 was \$1.3625 per share (as at 31 May 2021 it was \$1.3534).

The unaudited **post-tax** net tangible asset (**post-tax NTA**) backing per share of PAI as at 30 June 2021 was \$1.2896 per share (as at 31 May 2021 it was \$1.2828 per share).

The NTA was calculated in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards using the last sale price to value investments. Investments were stated at market value and for the post-tax NTA, after provision for tax on **both** realised and unrealised income and gains.

At 30 June 2021, the PAI share price was \$1.23.

The 30 June 2021 monthly update for PAI is attached to this announcement. For more information in relation to PAI please refer to the website at:

www.platinum.com.au/Our-Products/All-Products/Platinum-Asia-Investments-Limited

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FACTS

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| Portfolio value | \$498.42 mn |
| Portfolio commenced | 15 September 2015 |
| Current share price | \$1.230 |
| Current dividend yield | 5.69% |
| Pre-tax NTA | \$1.3625 |
| Post-tax NTA | \$1.2896 |
| Maximum franked dividend | 14.89 cps |
| NTA retained earnings & div profit resv. | 29.86 cps |

PERFORMANCE¹

| | Company % (Pre-tax NTA) | MSCI % |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 month | 0.7 | 3.0 |
| 3 months | 1.4 | 5.1 |
| 6 months | 5.0 | 9.4 |
| Calendar year to date | 5.0 | 9.4 |
| 1 year | 25.8 | 28.1 |
| 2 years (compound pa) | 20.1 | 15.2 |
| 3 years (compound pa) | 12.9 | 11.6 |
| 5 years (compound pa) | 15.5 | 14.3 |
| Since inception (compound pa) | 12.3 | 12.2 |

PAI'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. PAI's returns have not been calculated using PAI's share price.

INVESTED POSITIONS³

| | LONG % | SHORT % | NET % | CCY % |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|
| Asia-Pacific | 80.8 | (0.5) | 80.4 | 86.3 |
| China | 42.7 | | 42.7 | 42.7 |
| Hong Kong | 7.0 | | 7.0 | 12.3 |
| Taiwan | 5.4 | | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| India | 7.3 | | 7.3 | 7.3 |
| Japan | | (0.5) | (0.5) | 0.1 |
| Macao | 0.9 | | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Philippines | 1.3 | | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Singapore | 1.3 | | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| South Korea | 10.0 | | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| Thailand | 0.9 | | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Vietnam | 4.2 | | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Europe | | | | 0.2 |
| United Kingdom | | | | 0.2 |
| North America | | | | 13.5 |
| United States of America | | | | 13.5 |
| Sub-Total | 80.8 | (0.5) | 80.4 | 100.0 |
| Cash | 19.2 | 0.5 | 19.6 | |
| Total | 100.0 | | 100.0 | 100.0 |

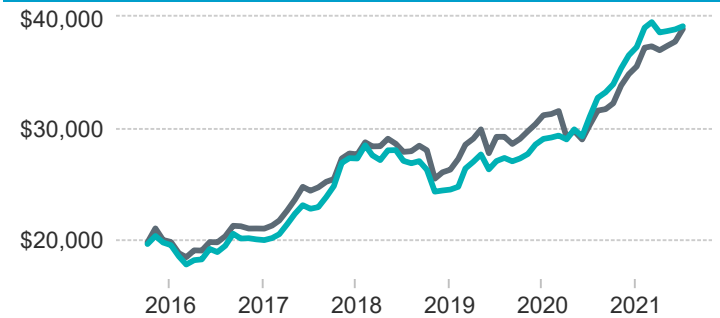
Long - 57 stocks, 1 swap Short - 1 swap

FEES

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| 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 Asia ex Japan Net Index (A\$)) |

*The portfolio value is the market value of the investments in the portfolio after the deduction of fees and expenses, adjusted for taxes, corporate actions and dividends.

PERFORMANCE GRAPH²



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TOP TEN POSITIONS⁴

| STOCK | COUNTRY | INDUSTRY | % |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------|
| Samsung Electronics Co | South Korea | Info Technology | 4.9 |
| Taiwan Semiconductor | Taiwan | Info Technology | 4.8 |
| AIA Group Ltd | Hong Kong | Financials | 3.4 |
| Vietnam Ent Investments | Vietnam | Other | 3.3 |
| ZTO Express Cayman Inc | China | Industrials | 3.3 |
| Weichai Power Co Ltd | China | Industrials | 3.0 |
| SK Hynix Inc | South Korea | Info Technology | 2.8 |
| Ping An Insurance Group | China | Financials | 2.7 |
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd | China | Cons Discretionary | 2.5 |
| LG Chem Ltd | South Korea | Materials | 2.3 |
| Total | | | 32.9 |

INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN³

| SECTOR | LONG % | SHORT % | NET % |
|------------------------|--------|---------|-------|
| Consumer Discretionary | 18.6 | | 18.6 |
| Information Technology | 16.3 | | 16.3 |
| Financials | 13.2 | | 13.2 |
| Industrials | 11.7 | | 11.7 |
| Real Estate | 8.5 | | 8.5 |
| Materials | 3.5 | (0.5) | 3.0 |
| Consumer Staples | 2.1 | | 2.1 |
| Communication Services | 2.0 | | 2.0 |
| Health Care | 1.5 | | 1.5 |
| Other | 3.3 | | 3.3 |

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1. & 2. Source: Platinum for portfolio returns and Factset Research Systems for MSCI returns. The returns are calculated relative to the MSCI All Country Asia ex-Japan Net Index in A\$. The investment returns in the line graph are cumulative on A\$20,000 invested in PAI 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 geographic "Long %" is the exposure to long securities and long securities/index derivative positions, the geographic "Short %" is the exposure to short securities and short securities/index derivative positions and the geographic "Net %" is the difference between the geographic "Long %" and the geographic "Short %", each as a percentage of the market value of the Fund's portfolio. The "Currency %" is the effective currency exposure as a percentage of the market value of the Fund's portfolio taking into account long and short securities, cash, forwards and long and short securities/index derivative positions. The cash "Long %" includes cash at bank, cashflows expected from forwards and effective cash exposures resulting from long securities/index derivative positions, the cash "Short %" includes effective cash exposures resulting from short securities/index derivative positions and the cash "Net %" is the difference between the cash "Long %" and the cash "Short %", each as a percentage of the market value of the Fund's portfolio. 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. The "Top ten positions" show PAI's top ten long securities positions as a percentage of PAI's portfolio value (including long securities and long securities derivative positions). All data where MSCI is referenced is the property of MSCI. No use or distribution of this data is permitted without the written consent of MSCI. This data is provided "as is" without any warranties by MSCI. MSCI assumes no liability for or in connection with this data. Please see full MSCI disclaimer in <https://www.platinum.com.au/Special-Pages/Terms-Conditions>

MARKET UPDATE AND COMMENTARY

- Chinese economic growth is moderating, but remains strong.
- A new top ten holding in the portfolio operates India's largest airline.

The portfolio had a positive month amid very strong regional markets, with large tech names and growth stocks leading the index to a greater degree than the more cyclical exposures we hold. A sense that the reopening/reflation trade of recent months has petered out in the region, along with falling rates globally contributed to this performance differential.

China's economy – robust but slowing

Recent measures of Chinese economic activity indicate a slowdown in that country, after months of jawboning by monetary and economic officials, and perhaps reflecting a peak in the post-Covid momentum previously evident. China's official manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) for June, which was released in early July, fell 0.1 points versus the prior month to 50.9 (Source: Bloomberg). The decline in the production component of the PMI survey was the main detractor, perhaps reflecting supply chain difficulties evident across industry globally at present (Source: CICC). This supply side disruption may also be evident in May's producer price inflation data showing a 9% increase in May versus a year earlier, versus only 1.3% consumer price inflation in the same month (Source: CICC).

The Caixin China General Manufacturing PMI for services was 50.3 in June, versus 55.1 in May, which was the lowest reading in the 14-month period post Covid (Source: Reuters). This may reflect renewed concern about Covid in China, particularly in Guangdong, which saw a Covid outbreak in June.

Chinese trade data for May, released in early June, paint a picture of ongoing robust demand for Chinese exports, but with some moderation from peak levels seen earlier in 2021, and ongoing strong demand for imports in China. China's exports in May 2021 grew 27.9% versus a year earlier, while imports grew 51.1% on the same basis (Source CICC). Exports decelerated from earlier months, while imports accelerated from April's growth rate of 43.1% versus April 2020. China's export growth helped contribute to record Chinese commercial bank foreign exchange holdings of \$1.38 trillion at the end of May, with the majority held in deposits (Source: Northern Trust). Industrial profit growth in China was 36% in May – impressive, but again a decrease from the 57% growth in April, and on a year-on-year basis (Source: Northern Trust).

In other data reflecting the health of China's physical economy, China's electricity output grew 7.9% in May versus a year ago, which is up 12.6% from the same period in 2019, giving an average two-year growth rate of 6.1%, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics. China's crude steel output grew 6.6% in May versus the prior year (Source: Canaccord). Chinese May retail sales rose 12.4% versus 2020, May industrial production growth was 8.8% and May property investment was 18.3% - all strong in absolute terms, but all of which disappointed the market as they came in below market consensus in early June (Source: Bloomberg).

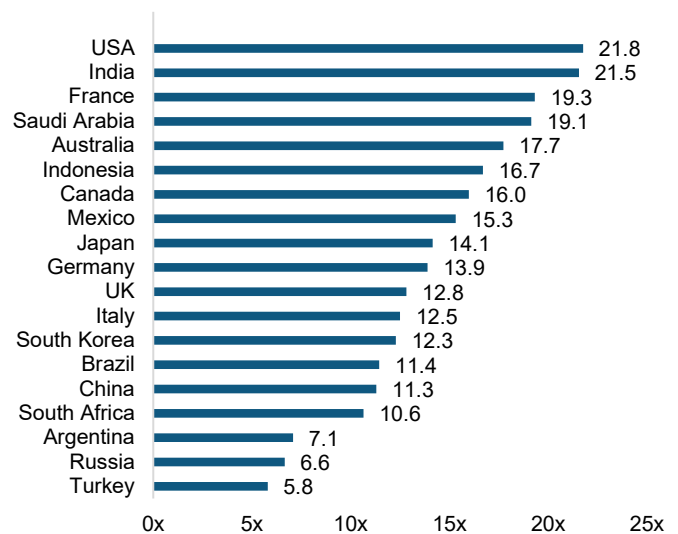
Tension, but less chaos in US and China relations

Rhetorical tension between China and the US continued during June. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian reiterated its stance that the US must correct its practices on protectionism, adding that China will act to protect the interests of its companies and adding that China played by the World Trade Organisation's rules. In turn, President Biden demanded China end its crackdown on Hong Kong's independent journalists after the territory's independent publication the Apple Daily ceased publication during the month. Biden condemned Beijing for "wielding its power to suppress independent media and silence dissenting views" (Source: Northern Trust). However, President Trump's vague Tik Tok and WeChat ban of 2020 was rescinded by the Biden administration (Source: Reuters), reflecting at least a more orderly context.

InterGlobe Aviation – a new top 10 holding

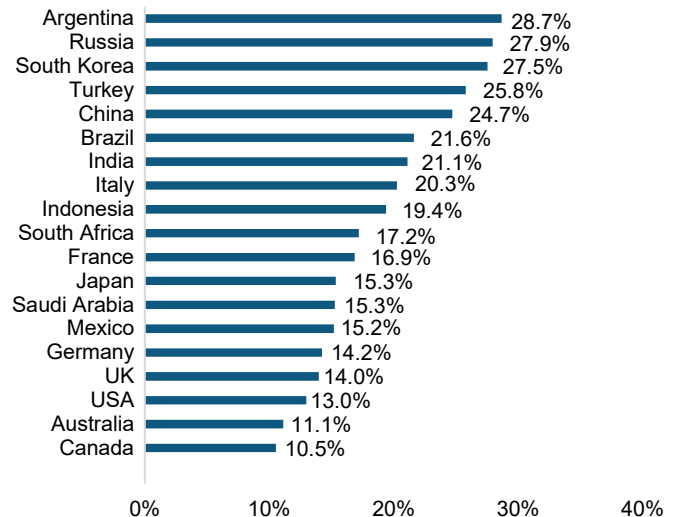
A new stock entered our top 10 holdings – InterGlobe Aviation, which owns and operates India's largest airline, low-cost operator IndiGo. IndiGo has a 50% market share in India and a long track record of profitable growth, with strong returns on capital of over 20% (Source: Company filings). The shock of Covid gave us the chance to build an initial position in 2020 in this growth story at an attractive valuation.

Major market price-earnings ratios - Next 12 months



Source: Chart 1 – IBES consensus, in local currency. Correct as at 6 July 2021.

Earnings per share growth - Next 12 months



Source: Chart 2 – IBES consensus, in local currency. Correct as at 6 July 2021.