# Platinum Asia Investments Ltd<sub>ASX PAI</sub>

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### Facts

Portfolio value Portfolio inception

Pre-tax NTA

Post-tax NTA

Current share price Current option price \$297.60 mn 16 September 2015

 \$0.960
 NTA retained earnings &

 \$0.002
 dividend profit reserve\*
 3.63 cps

 \$1.0118
 \*1.0063
 \*dividend subject to available franking credits.

Performance <sup>1</sup>		
	FUND %	MSCI %
1 month	1.70	2.08
3 months	2.28	3.35
Calendar year to date	2.62	3.40
6 months	(0.18)	2.19
1 year	15.03	17.53
Since inception (compound pa)	2.37	6.46

## Fees Management fee:

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Performance fee:

Payable at 15% of the amount by which the portfolio's annual performance exceeds the return achieved by the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Net Index

1.1% p.a. of the portfolio value

#### Performance graph<sup>2</sup>



09/2015	03/2016		09/2016
Top ten positions <sup>4</sup>			
STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%

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Ayala Corp	Philippines	Financials	3.2
Kasikornbank PCL Foreign	Thailand	Financials	3.2
Alibaba Group ADR	China Ex PRC	Info Technology	3.0
Ping An A Share Pnote Exp	China	Consumer Staples	3.0
Jiangsu Yanghe Brewery J PN	l China	Consumer Staples	2.7
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	Korea	Info Technology	2.6
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China Ex PRC	Info Technology	2.5
Jardine Matheson Holdings	Singapore	Industrials	2.5
Baidu com ADR	China Ex PRC	Info Technology	2.4
IRB Infrastructure Developers	India	Industrials	2.4

#### Industry breakdown<sup>3</sup>

SECTOR	LONG %	NET %
Financials	23.6	23.6
Info Technology	17.8	17.8
Cons Discretionary	13.4	13.4
Consumer Staples	9.4	9.4
Industrials	8.5	8.5
Utilities	6.0	6.0
Materials	3.1	3.1
Energy	3.1	3.1
Real Estate	2.4	2.4
Telecom Services	1.0	1.0
Other*	0.0	(3.6)
* Includes index short position		

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1. Source: Platinum for fund returns and RIMES Technologies for MSCI returns. Performance results have been calculated using the pre-tax net tangible asset value price as released to the ASX and represent the combined income and capital return of the investments for the specified period. Please note that the results are not calculated from the share price of PAI. The returns are calculated relative to the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Net Index in A\$. You should also be aware that performance results are calculated using historic points of reference. PAI and its directors cannot guarantee that such results will be replicated in the future; therefore, this information should not be used to make future investment decisions.

Source: Platinum for fund returns and RIMES Technologies for MSCI returns. The investment returns depicted in this graph are cumulative on A\$20,000 invested in PAI since inception relative to the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Net Index in A\$ ("Index"). Performance results have been calculated using the pre-tax net tangible asset value as released to the ASX and represent the combined income and capital return of PAI's investments for the specified period. Please note that the results are not calculated from the share price of PAI. It should be noted that Platinum does not invest by reference to the weightings of the Index. Underlying assets are chosen through Platinum's individual stock selection process and as a result holdings will vary considerably from the make-up of the Index. The Index is provided as a reference only.
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4. The "Top ten positions" shows PAI's top long share exposure positions as a percentage of PAI's net tangible asset value. Long derivative exposures are included. However, short derivative exposures are not.

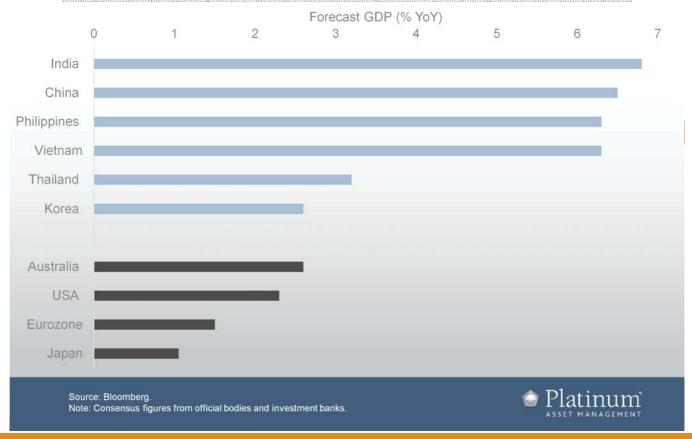
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Invested positions<sup>3</sup>

	LONG %	NET %	CURRENCY %
China	10.4	10.4	9.9
China Ex PRC	30.5	30.5	
Hong Kong	0.5	0.5	22.5
Taiwan	4.7	4.7	4.7
India	16.2	12.7	12.7
Indonesia	0.3	0.3	0.3
Korea	9.9	9.9	9.8
Malaysia	1.1	1.1	1.1
Philippines	3.9	3.9	3.9
Singapore	2.5	2.5	
Thailand	6.4	6.4	6.4
Vietnam	2.0	2.0	2.0
	88.3	84.7	
Australian Dollar			17.7
China Renminbi Off Shore			(16.2)
United States Dollar			25.4
Cash	11.7	15.3	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Long - 71 stocks, 1 swap Short - 1 index

## A region that GROWS



### Market update and Commentary

Investors may not have felt like they received a double-digit return over the last 12 months, but the portfolio is up 15%. Sentiment towards the region remains sceptical and hence the feel-good factor is not there for many, despite the strong market outcome. We remain optimistic that some of the best opportunities in the world today are in the Asian region. China continues to be ignored by investors, and yet evidence for a strong recovery in that economy seems clear: sales of cranes, trucks, construction equipment have all increased. Chinese auto sales are strong: China sold 24 million cars last year up 15% annually. Power generation data, cement prices and gas consumption data all point to a broad recovery in economic activity. Further, Chinese exports in January were up 7.9% year on year.

Exports from Korea were up 20% year on year in February, indicating how broad the upswing in economic activity is. By Asian standards Korea is a low grower, and yet is expected to grow at the same rate as Australia in 2017, while its market trades at a derisory one-year forward price-earnings multiple of approximately 10 times.

The Indian economic story is genuinely impressive. In India we see falling inflation, strong growth, a narrowing current account deficit and genuine economic reforms undertaken by a strong administration with popular support. However, stocks are expensive. We remain focused on infrastructure and financials in India as consumer stocks trade at eye-watering multiples. At a forward price-earnings multiple of over 17 times, India is no bargain, hence our selectivity.

Elsewhere we see the Philippines growing strongly (despite its quixotic president), while Thailand is recovering well from years of political dislocation.

The case for Asia remains compelling: we see reforming, rapidly growing, exporting nations with high savings rates and, most importantly, cheap companies with little debt. At present we feel investors are bombarded with dire warnings regarding political risk and distracted by the antics of political opportunists. But investing remains a conceptually simple pursuit – just buy cheap, good stocks. And Asia affords cheap, growing companies.

Over the last year the average stock in the portfolio has returned around 20%, led by India's Yes Bank, Korean technology companies Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix, and Chinese internet companies Tencent and Sina. The Company's returns have been dampened by holding some cash, consistent with our conservative approach, and a cost from protecting the portfolio from a devaluation of the Chinese currency, which remains an observable risk given the effectively fixed nature of the exchange rate.