# Platinum Capital Limited ASX PMC

# 31 March 2016

Facts	
Portfolio	value

Portfolio inception Current share price Current dividend yield Pre-tax NAV \$1.4556 Post-tax NAV \$1.4580 NAV franking 7.38 cps

\$343.82 mn 29 June 1994 \$1.685 5.34% fully franked NAV retained earnings & dividend profit reserve 16.37 cps Realised franking 7.63 cps

## Performance<sup>1(Pre Tax, after base fees)</sup>

	FUND %	MSCI %
1 month	0.72	(0.27)
3 months	(5.20)	(5.20)
6 months	(4.43)	(3.89)
Calendar year to date	(5.20)	(5.20)
1 year	(5.54)	(5.00)
2 years (compound pa)	5.93	10.23
3 years (compound pa)	15.00	16.79
5 years (compound pa)	10.33	11.64
7 years (compound pa)	10.47	10.93
10 years (compound pa)	5.78	3.29
Since inception (compound pa)	12.22	6.16

### Invested positions<sup>3</sup>

	LONG %	NET %	CURRENCY %
Australia	0.6	0.6	14.0
Brazil	0.0	0.0	0.1
Canada	0.8	0.8	0.8
China	4.4	4.4	(0.2)
China Ex PRC	14.7	14.7	
Hong Kong	1.4	1.4	12.1
France	5.1	5.1	
Germany	3.0	3.0	
India	5.4	5.4	5.5
Italy	5.0	5.0	
Japan	10.5	10.5	9.6
Korea	4.9	4.9	1.7
Malaysia	1.1	1.1	1.1
Nigeria	0.2	0.2	0.2
Norway	0.5	0.5	4.8
Russia	0.8	0.8	
Sweden	2.8	2.5	2.8
Switzerland	0.5	0.5	0.5
United Kingdom	6.2	6.2	4.1
United States	21.4	8.2	31.2
Vietnam	2.2	2.2	1.7
Zimbabwe	0.5	0.5	
	91.8	78.3	
China Renminbi Off Shore			(6.7)
Euro Currency			16.7
Cash & Accruals	8.2	21.7	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Long Of stocks 4 swops 1 bond	Short 2 stop	ka 2 india	

Long - 98 stocks, 4 swaps, 1 bond Short - 3 stocks, 2 indices

# Fees

Management fee:

1.1% p.a. of the portfolio value

Performance fee:

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

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



Source: Factset and Platinum

Top ten positions⁴			
STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Tencent Holdings Ltd Ericsson LM-B Alphabet Inc China Pacific A share P-Note Eni SpA Intesa Sanpaolo SpA Carnival Corp AstraZeneca PLC	Korea China Ex PRC Sweden USA China Italy Italy UK UK	Info Technology Info Technology Info Technology Info Technology Financials Energy Financials Cons Discretionary Health Care	<ul> <li>3.5</li> <li>2.9</li> <li>2.8</li> <li>2.8</li> <li>2.7</li> <li>2.3</li> <li>2.2</li> <li>2.1</li> <li>2.1</li> </ul>
Cisco Systems Inc	USA	Info Technology	2.0

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

SECTOR	LONG %	NET %
Info Technology	24.3	24.3
Cons Discretionary	13.5	12.2
Financials	12.2	12.2
Health Care	9.6	9.6
Consumer Staples	7.4	7.4
Industrials	6.9	6.7
Energy	6.2	6.2
Materials	5.5	5.5
Telecom Services	3.4	3.4
Utilities	2.3	2.3
Other*	0.6	(11.3)
* Includes index short positions		

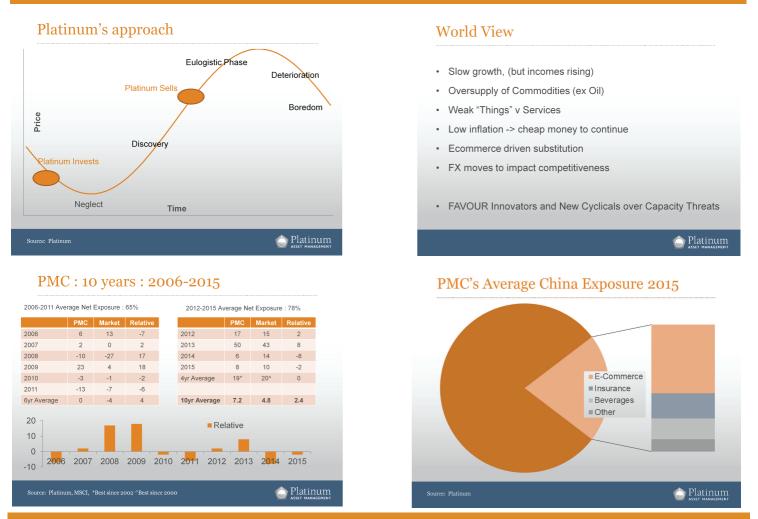
1. Performance results have been calculated using the pre-tax net asset value price (as released to the ASX) and represent the combined income and capital return of the investments for the specified period. Please note that the results are not calculated from the share price of Platinum Capital Limited (PMC). You should also be aware that performance results are calculated using historic points of reference. PMC cannot guarantee that such results will be replicated in the future;

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### Market update and Commentary

There was a renewed sense of enthusiasm in March, after the sense of doom that pervaded over the first weeks of 2016. Much of this appeared to stem from a positive OPEC meeting in February and a combination of looser policy measures, specifically in Europe and China, or implied via dovish commentary from Federal Reserve Chair, Janet Yellen. Some of the areas that had been hardest hit rebounded the most strongly e.g. Brazil and Russia, and materials. China is yet to participate in the rally to a great extent – foreign scepticism remains high despite the increasing prospects of cyclical economic recovery.

While losing money is disappointing, our positioning was consistent with previous corrections, Europe-led in 2011 and Asia in 1997, rather than believing in Armageddon. Beyond risk management, shorting can be used to target excessive valuation or broken business models (as per 2000-2003 or 2007-2008), but these were not particularly evident in 2015. Reducing exposure into the downdraft of July and August would best be described as prudent, and since the August lows our general tendency has been to add exposure, generally to higher quality businesses that have been overlooked. We have nibbled at the Oil sector, which looks the most prospective commodity for now.

Kerr Neilson will examine the portfolio in greater depth in the soon to be published March quarterly report. Rather than having a US-dominated portfolio we find a good spread of companies around the world, including US technology leaders, European domestic banks and pharmaceuticals, Japanese self-improvement stories, Indian infrastructure, and a large exposure to a narrow group of high quality, consumer facing Chinese businesses. This, as we have stated before, is a very different position from our peers.

That returns, close to the World Index over 3 months, 1 year, 3 years, and 7 years does not suggest that the portfolio resembles the Index in any way. Against us has been 'under-exposure' to generally strong markets, with the US market over-represented in the World Index (at over 50%!) leading the way. Solid stock-picking has generally offset this handicap, which we believe is fading. In the most recent year, we made a 2% contribution to returns from a flat US, offsetting our large exposure to attractive investments in Asia and Europe, whose prices are becoming tantalising. Despite the ructions, China has only had a marginal negative impact on the Company while its broader market has been decimated.

Today the long stock portfolio is on a weighted median forward PE of 14X, with shorts and cash to smooth the ride. This compares favourably with the structurally challenged Australian market on 16X and the US on 17X. Our currency positioning has been more neutral since late 2015 except for hedging out our Chinese currency exposure, with a risk of devaluation worthy of avoiding. The recent strength in the Australian dollar is likely a recovery from oversold levels and we expect another chance to put our cash back overseas before it finds its cycle low.

The Platinum Capital Limited Quarterly Report will be available on our website, www.platinum.com.au, from 15 April and mailed out by month end.