# Platinum International Fund AKSN 089 528 307

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Portfolio value	\$8.35 bn (Post Distribution)
Fund commenced	30 April 1995
Minimum investment	A\$10,000 or NZ\$10,000
Regular Investment Plan (min.)	A/NZ\$5000 plus A/NZ\$200 mth/qtr
Income distribution date	Annual, 30 June
Unit valuation	Sydney Business Day
Unit prices C Class (CUM Distribution)	App - 1.8501 Red - 1.8427
Unit prices P Class (CUM Distribution)	App - 0.8859 Red - 0.8823

## Performance<sup>1</sup>

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	C Class %	P Class %	MSCI %
1 month	0.44	0.47	(0.51)
3 months	1.14	1.20	5.98
6 months	(10.01)	(9.90)	(4.28)
Calendar year to date	(10.01)	(9.90)	(4.28)
1 year	(4.10)	(3.86)	4.08
2 years (compound pa)	(1.71)	(1.46)	7.64
3 years (compound pa)	3.34		10.03
5 years (compound pa)	4.65		8.82
7 years (compound pa)	8.50		12.29
10 years (compound pa)	7.74		11.41
Since inception (compound pa)*	11.57	2.93	6.90

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

	Long %	Short %	Net %	Currency %
Asia-Pacific	39.7	(0.1)	39.6	57.7
Australia	0.3		0.3	10.6
China	17.1		17.1	17.9
Hong Kong	1.6		1.6	2.7
India	1.1		1.1	1.1
Japan	12.9		12.9	18.8
Korea	6.3		6.3	6.3
New Zealand		(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Thailand	0.4		0.4	0.4
North America	28.1	(9.0)	19.0	12.5
Canada	1.7		1.7	1.8
United States	26.4	(9.0)	17.4	10.7
Europe	18.4	(0.1)	18.3	28.5
Austria	1.2		1.2	
Belgium	0.1		0.1	
Denmark	0.4		0.4	0.4
France	3.6		3.6	
Germany	4.0		4.0	
Ireland	1.1		1.1	
Italy	1.2		1.2	
Netherlands	0.0	(0.1)	(0.1)	
Norway	0.2		0.2	1.0
Spain	2.8		2.8	
Switzerland	2.6		2.6	2.6
United Kingdom	1.2		1.2	1.2
Euro				23.4
Other	1.3		1.3	1.3
Brazil	0.4		0.4	0.4
Zambia	0.9		0.9	0.9
Sub-Total	87.4	(9.2)	78.1	100.0
Cash	12.6	9.2	21.9	
Total	100.0		100.0	100.0

## Fees

Entry fee Buy/sell spread Fee:

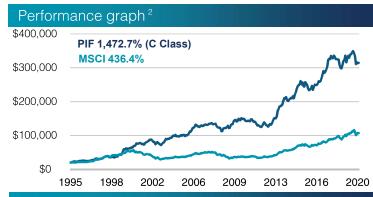
C Class

P Class

Nil 0.20%/0.20% Investment Management 1.35% p.a. Investment Performance N/A

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



## Top ten positions 4

Stock	Country	Industry	%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	Korea	Info Technology	3.6
ZTO Express Inc	China	Industrials	3.0
Amadeus IT Holdings	Spain	Info Technology	2.8
Ping An Insurance	China	Financials	2.6
Booking Holdings Inc	United States	Cons Discretionary	2.6
Glencore PLC	Switzerland	Materials	2.6
Microchip Technology	United States	Info Technology	2.6
Alphabet Inc	United States	Comm Services	2.5
General Electric Co	United States	Industrials	2.4
LG Chem Ltd	Korea	Materials	2.4
		Total	27.2

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

Sector	Long %	Short %	Net %
Info Technology	18.1	(1.0)	17.2
Industrials	16.3	(0.5)	15.8
Financials	11.2	(0.0)	11.1
Materials	10.3		10.3
Consumer Discretionary	11.4	(1.7)	9.8
Health Care	8.1		8.1
Communication Services	7.6		7.6
Real Estate	2.1		2.1
Energy	1.7		1.7
Utilities	0.2		0.2
Consumer Staples	0.4	(2.7)	(2.4)
Other		(3.4)	(3.4)

Long - 88 stocks, 2 swaps Short - 15 swaps, 2 indices

NB: With effect from 31 May 2020, our country classifications for securities were updated to reflect Bloomberg's "country of risk" designations, and our currency classifications for securities were updated to reflect the relevant local currencies of our country classifications.

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4. 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). 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 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

## 30 June 2020

- First 10 days of June showed the potential of the portfolio to perform well in a market rotation away from historic extremes.
- The cost of protection and poor outcomes in Energy and Materials over the last two years have dragged down solid long-term numbers.
- The portfolio contains good value in both an absolute and relative sense.

The first 10 days of June provided insight into how the portfolio might benefit from a more sustained change in market trends. We have commented at length about the extreme divergence in the market, as investors crowd into a narrow group of companies, forcing us, for now, to patiently wait.

By 11 June, the portfolio was almost 5% ahead of index for the month, with tentative signs a rotation might be starting. Whether the extreme divergence is described as growth versus value, cyclical versus defensive, or cheap versus expensive, we would simply benefit from a change in market leadership. This is explored further in the upcoming quarterly report.

While last quarter looks tepid, one must remember that in a rising Australian dollar environment, the underlying stock returns were much higher and the translation was a headwind. We added 10% to the A\$ near March lows, diversifying away from the popular US dollar. While hindsight suggests we should have added more, this was a very significant shift compared with our historical norms and the window of opportunity was a matter of days.

The last two years have been challenging for two key reasons: short positions designed to protect portfolios have been costly with the natural targets of protection moving to ever-more fanciful levels, and disappointing outcomes among investments in the Energy and Materials sectors. With changes in the dynamics of the oil market accelerated by COVID-19, we have not topped the Energy positions back up, preferring to add several new exposures in higher-quality travel-related companies, which we expect to bounce back strongly on a three to five year view, as restrictions inevitably relax over time.

It is important to remember when looking at compound performance, the last two years have dragged down longer-term numbers; we kept up with the first nine years of the bull market, despite our cautious approach and this bull market being US centric. This followed on from the portfolio side-stepping the global financial crisis, so through-cycle returns were well ahead of the market from the May 2007 peak to, what looks like for now, a cycle peak at February 2020.

Looking forward, the portfolio is more fully invested than we are optimistic as we tread a fine line between shorting in the face of stimulus and momentum, and acknowledging that to some extent, shorting expensive stocks while owning cheap stocks is compounding a view that requires rotation away from current historic extremes. One might describe us as having a finger on the trigger (to add protection), as we constantly assess the complex impacts of lockdowns, second waves, stimulus removal and underemployment, coupled with insatiable demand for certain types of stocks.

The table breaks down performance for the last year, highlighting specifically, the high cost of protection in this unusual environment, despite benefits provided in the extreme sell-off from 20 February to 23 March. It also breaks out the cost of investments in Energy and Materials to demonstrate that the rest of the portfolio did a solid, if unspectacular job, but certainly was ahead of market outcomes despite the skew towards the highly favoured stocks, particularly technology, where our own investments did well.

1 year to 30 June 2020	Average Weight %	Contribution %
Energy and Materials	14	(4)
Other Long Positions	75	6
Shorts Positions	(15)	(7)
Cash / FX	26	3
Total (Fund)		(4)
Comparison (Market)		4

Over the last year the top contributors have been semiconductors (Intel, Skyworks, Microchip, Micron), Platforms (Alphabet, Facebook, Tencent), ZTO (China delivery), Bharti Airtel (Indian telco) and Moderna (vaccine developer). In the last quarter, with the rebound in markets, LG Chemical, Glencore and Valeo, which all play to the Electric Vehicle thematic, have made a positive impact.

<u>Valuation</u>: Earnings forecasts at this stage have less value than normal but valuation of the portfolio against historic earnings gives a sense of the earnings power of the portfolio. The table suggests there is value in an absolute sense and relative to the market.

Metric	Platinum International Fund	MSCI AC World Net Index (A\$)
LTM (Last 12 Months) Earnings Yield	6.3% (Price to Earnings ratio of 16x)	5.4% (Price to Earnings ratio of 19x)
LTM (Last 12 Months) Dividend Yield	2.9%	2.9%
Price-to-Book-Ratio	1.3	2.2
Enterprise Value-to-Sales	1.3	1.6

The valuations in the table refers to the long portion of the portfolio, excluding negative net earnings, and using FactSet consensus earnings.