

# Platinum International Fund

## (Quoted Managed Hedge Fund) - ASX: PIXX

30 June 2020

### Facts

Portfolio value	\$309.65 mn (Post Distribution)
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)	\$4.1708 (Post Distribution)

### Fees

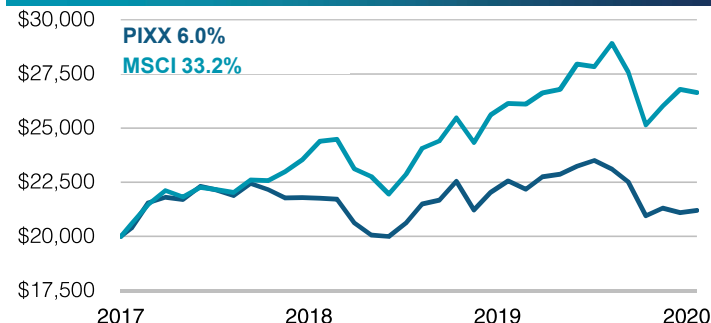
Entry fee	Nil
Buy/sell spread	0.20%/0.20%
(Platinum International Fund)	
Fee:	Investment Management 1.10% p.a. Investment Performance 15.00% p.a.*

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

### Performance <sup>1</sup>

	Fund %	MSCI %
1 month	0.48	(0.51)
3 months	1.22	5.98
6 months	(9.81)	(4.28)
Calendar year to date	(9.81)	(4.28)
1 year	(3.77)	4.08
2 years (compound pa)	(1.33)	7.64
Since inception (compound pa)	2.11	10.80

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



### Invested positions of Platinum International Fund <sup>3</sup>

	Long %	Short %	Net %	Currency %
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>57.7</b>
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
<b>North America</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>(9.0)</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Canada	1.7		1.7	1.8
United States	26.4	(9.0)	17.4	10.7
<b>Europe</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>28.5</b>
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
<b>Other</b>	<b>1.3</b>		<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Brazil	0.4		0.4	0.4
Zambia	0.9		0.9	0.9
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>(9.2)</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>21.9</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

### Top ten positions of Platinum International Fund <sup>4</sup>

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
<b>Total</b>			<b>27.2</b>

### Industry breakdown of Platinum International Fund <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)

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

- 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.

**Valuation:** 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.