# Prusik Asia Fund

### LONG ONLY ABSOLUTE RETURN INVESTING IN ASIA



### 31 July 2015

Monthly Fund Fact Sheet

#### **Investment** Objective

To preserve capital and generate absolute returns over a full economic cycle by investing in listed equities in Asia Pacific ex-Japan, whilst maintaining portfolio volatility significantly below the peer group.

#### **Fund Facts**

Fund Size (US	D)	76.7m
Launch Date		7 October 2005
Fund Manage	r	Heather Manners
Fund Structur	e	UCITS III
Domicile		Dublin
Currencies		USD (base), GBP, SGD

#### Performance (%)

	ŀ	A USD	C GBP	D SGD
1 Month		-3.40	-3.44	-3.21
3 Month		-6.08	-5.68	-5.49
Year to Date		0.57	0.92	0.99
Since Launch	1	02.73	60.96	12.48
Since Launch	†	7.46	5.40	2.14
Source: Bloom	bero	1.		

Launch Date: A: 07.10.05, C: 14.07.06, D: 15.01.10

<sup>†</sup>Annualised Since Launch Performance

#### **Investment Process**

With anomalies as a start point, the investment process seeks to identify and invest in key 'themes' in the Pacific region. Our themes are driven by factors outside of the normal economic cycle and are not yet discounted by the market. Companies are identified and chosen via rigorous bottom-up analysis with emphasis on traditional value and high ROCE. Cash and Index Futures are used when opportunities are few and to reduce portfolio volatility.

#### Fund Performance - Class A USD (%)



Source: Bloomberg. Total return net of fees.

#### **Fund Manager Commentary**

The stock markets were weak in July, weighed down again by fears of a slowdown in China. As a result, the fund fell 3.4% which compares well with the index which fell 5.0%. Amongst the detractors for the month was Chinese insurance company, **China Taiping Insurance Holdings**, which sits within our financialisation theme and which we still like. Semiconductor related companies, notably test equipment maker, **Hermes Microvision**, were weak on the back of the slowing pace of smartphone sales. In the case of **Hermes**, which has a well entrenched competitive position, the company still anticipates several years of strong sales ahead.

On the positive side, Vietnam was a big contributor. We also continued to see very strong performance from our smart textiles theme, with Hong Kong listed companies, **Shenzhou International** and our newer holding, **Texwinca Holdings**, leading the way. Vietnamese insurance company **Bao Viet Holdings** also had a very good month.

We took advantage of the MERS outbreak in Korea to buy **Hotel Shilla**. **Hotel Shilla** is the leading duty free shop operator in Korea and as such is a direct beneficiary of the Chinese outbound travel – as well as consumption. Recent Chinese visitor arrivals to Korea have topped 50% year on year growth. The latest development for **Hotel Shilla** is that it has been awarded a new license as part of a joint venture with **Hyundai Development Corp**. The impact of this is very positive, potentially doubling the company's floor space, and enhancing its economies of scale.

Finally, we are delighted to announce we have a new analyst on the Prusik team. Matthew Zhao is from Beijing and read Mathematics at Cambridge. He will work on ideas across the region, but will be of particular help in analysing Chinese companies, which will soon be by far the largest market in the region.



All data as at 31.07.15. Source: Prusik Investment Management LLP, unless otherwise stated.

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Shenzhou International Group	4.9
AIA Group Ltd	4.5
JD.com Inc	4.0
Texwinca Holdings Ltd	3.8
Pacific Textiles Ltd	3.7
Total Number of Holdings	34

#### **Portfolio Financial Ratios**

Predicted Price/Earnings Ratio	16.4x
Predicted Return on Equity (%)	16.5

#### **Risk Metrics**

Beta			0.57
Alpha			2.63
Sharpe Ratio			0.54
Volatility (%)			13.89
, , ,	folio	which could be	
sold in 2 busi			85.87

#### **Thematic Breakdown (%)**

Smart Textiles	20.6
Vietnam	14.7
Telecoms	13.5
Financialisation	10.7
Infrastructure / Logistics / Property	10.1
Internet	8.1
Local Brands	7.4
Leisure / Tourism	6.8
Cash	3.2
Automation / Internet of Things	2.7
Healthcare	2.2

#### **Geographical Breakdown (%)**

Hong Kong / China	44.0	
Vietnam	14.7	
Taiwan	10.9	
Korea	8.5	
India	7.1	
Cash	3.2	
Singapore	2.9	
Thailand	2.7	
Indonesia	2.3	
Philippines	2.3	
Australia	1.4	

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#### **Management Fees**

#### Annual Management Fee

1.5% p.a. Paid monthly in arrears Class U - 1% p.a. Paid monthly in arrears

#### **Performance** Fee

All Classes except Class U: 10% NAV appreciation with a 6% hurdle annually

Class U: 10% of the net out-performance of the MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index (MXAPJ) with a high-water mark paid quarterly

#### Dealing

Dealing Line		+353 1 603 6490
Administrator		Brown Brothers Harriman (Dublin)
Dealing Frequ	iency	Daily
Min. Initial Su	bscription	USD 10,000
Subscription I	Notice	1 business day
Redemption N	lotice	1 business day

#### Share Class Details

Share C	lass		Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV	
A USD	Unhedged	Non distributing	B0MDR72	IE00B0M9LK15	202.73	
B USD	Unhedged	Distributing	B0M9LL2	IE00B0M9LL22	202.86	
C GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B18RM25	IE00B18RM256	111.14	
D SGD	Hedged	Distributing	B3LYLK8	IE00B3LYLK86	280.17	
Performance fee based on individual investor's holding						
U GBP	Unhedged	Distributing	BBQ37S6	IE00BBQ37S60	113.60	
Performance fee based on fund performance as a whole						

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