# Prusik Asia Fund



## LONG ONLY ABSOLUTE RETURN INVESTING IN ASIA

## 30 April 2014

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 (USD)	75.4m
Launch Date	7 October 2005
Fund Manager	<b>Heather Manners</b>
Fund Structure	UCITS III
Domicile	Dublin
Currencies	USD (base), GBP, SGD

#### Performance (%)

	1	A USD	C GBP	D SGD
1 Month		-3.44	-3.44	-3.45
3 Month		-1.06	-1.08	-1.09
Year to Date		-4.18	-4.18	-4.14
Since Launch		91.10	50.43	5.40
Since Launch	†	7.85	5.37	1.23

Source: Bloomberg.

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

#### **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 (%)



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Fund

Source: Bloomberg. Total return net of fees.

### **Fund Manager Commentary**

April was a very difficult month for growth stocks which were sold heavily across the board. This impacted the portfolio and those most severely affected were internet and technology companies. We have spent most of the month trying to ascertain whether there is any fundamental basis to this sell-off and find little, at stock level, to be concerned about or which makes us want to change our positioning. Major fears seem to be stemming from political situations outside of Asia and general fears over China's slowing economy.

We have reduced some but not all of our exposure to growth, selling **Haier**, **Netease**, **Qihoo** and **Richtek** and adding more to defensives such as **PCCW**, **AIA**, **Siam Cement** and **CLP Holdings**. At the time of writing, the extent of the falls and some of the subsequent valuations are starting to look attractive again. This has not gone unnoticed at the corporate level and we are now seeing major share-buybacks, director buying and M&A announcements. Most notably, in the internet sector, Alibaba announced a \$1.2billion strategic purchase of shares in **Youku** (Chinese You Tube) at a 20% premium!

While it is always difficult to argue that this time is different, as May approaches, we do highlight four differences between this year and the past four years:

- MSCI Asia ex-Japan's current price-to-book at 1.55x is the lowest of the last five years.
- The price-to-book gap between MSCI Asia ex-Japan and the World at -0.48x is the biggest of the last five years.
- Macro data appears to be bottoming earlier than in the last five years.
- Net foreign buying in Asia, on a rolling 12-months basis, is the second lowest of the last five years.

All data as at 30.04.14. Source: Prusik Investment Management LLP, unless otherwise stated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Annualised Since Launch Performance

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#### Top 5 Holdings (%)

PCCW		3.7
Coway Co. Ltd	I	3.6
Hotel Shilla		3.5
Cheung Kong	Holdings	3.5
AIA Group		3.3
Total Number	of Holdings	44

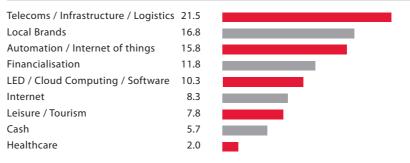
#### **Portfolio Financial Ratios**

Predicted Price/Earnings Ratio	13.3x
Predicted Return on Equity (%)	17.3
Predicted Earnings Growth (%)	26

#### **Risk Metrics**

Beta			0.57
Alpha			3.0
Sharpe Ratio			0.60
Volatility (%)			14.5
% of the portfolio which could be			
sold in 2 busin	ness	days	94.0

#### Thematic Breakdown (%)



#### Geographical Breakdown (%)

Hong Kong/China	40.4	
Taiwan	13.9	
Korea	11.5	
India	10.0	
Vietnam	9.6	
Cash	5.7	
Thailand	3.1	<ul> <li>**</li> </ul>
Malaysia	2.3	
Australia	2.0	
Indonesia	1.4	1

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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 (MXAJP) with a high-water mark paid quarterly

### **Dealing**

Dealing Line	+353 1 603 6490
Administrator	Brown Brothers Harriman (Dublin)
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Min. Initial Subscription	USD 10,000
Subscription Notice	1 business day
Redemption Notice	1 business day

## **Share Class Details**

Share C	lass		Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV	
A USD	Unhedged	Non distributing	B0MDR72	IE00B0M9LK15	191.10	
B USD	Unhedged	Distributing	B0M9LL2	IE00B0M9LL22	191.38	
C GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B18RM25	IE00B18RM256	103.87	
D SGD	Hedged	Distributing	B3LYLK8	IE00B3LYLK86	262.55	
Perform	Performance fee based on individual investor's holding					
N USD	Unhedged	Non distributing	B3LP510	IE00B3LP5101	191.29	
O USD	Unhedged	Distributing	B3M40N3	IE00B3M40N30	183.82	
P GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B3MWDD8	IE00B3MWDD86	100.40	
Performance fee based on fund performance as a whole						
U GBP	Unhedged	Distributing	BBQ37S6	IE00BBQ37S60	98.47	
Perform	Performance fee based on fund performance as a whole					

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