# Prusik Asia Fund

### LONG ONLY ABSOLUTE RETURN INVESTING IN ASIA



#### 29 August 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 (US	D)	97.7m
Launch Date		7 October 2005
Fund Manage	r	Heather Manners
Fund Structur	e	UCITS III
Domicile		Dublin
Currencies		USD (base), GBP, SGD

#### Performance (%)

	A	USD	C GBP	D SGD
1 Month		4.20	4.31	4.19
3 Month		9.46	9.52	9.42
Year to Date		7.14	7.21	7.13
Since Launch	1	13.67	68.33	17.79
Since Launch	†	8.90	6.61	3.60
Source: Bloom	berg			

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**

August was a good month for the portfolio which rose 4.2% versus the MXAPJ index rise of 0.9%. Our stocks in Vietnam were amongst the better performers as sentiment there recovered post the geopolitical spat with China earlier in the summer. Elsewhere, reform stocks in both China and Korea, which we discussed in last month's report, continued to do well. India also held a steady course with the fund's auto exposure in particular having a strong month.

At the start of the month we significantly increased our weighting in Korea to 18.2%. This was in response to the recently announced reforms. In short, the proposed new government policy is aimed at transferring cash from company balance sheets to the hands of consumers. The net impact will be far reaching, not just in terms of a possible boost to the flagging domestic consumption picture, but also in terms of the potential for companies to increase dividend payments. More efficient capital allocation by corporates could also be a byproduct. All these factors should be very positive for the market.

Meanwhile, in August, Korean mortgage loan growth jumped nearly 50% year on year! In order to gain exposure to this cyclical recovery we have taken a small position in Korean banks which are trading on just 0.6x price to book. The telecom stocks are also facing a bright future owing to a more benign competitive environment and falling marketing costs.

Over the summer the Asian index has crept up, breaking the three year "dead patch" of performance and signalling, in our opinion, that now is the time to review Asia in global portfolios.



All data as at 29.08.14. Source: Prusik Investment Management LLP, unless otherwise stated.

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PCCW		3.4
Kinh Do Corp	oration	3.2
Coway Co. Lto	ł	3.0
AIA Group		2.9
PetroChina		2.9
Total Number	of Holdings	46

#### **Portfolio Financial Ratios**

Predicted Price/Earnings Ratio	14.0x
Predicted Return on Equity (%)	15.4
Predicted Earnings Growth (%)	19.7

#### **Risk Metrics**

Beta			0.57
Alpha			2.9
Sharpe Ratio			0.62
Volatility (%)			14.3
% of the port	folio	which could be	
sold in 2 busi	ness	days	95.7

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

Telecoms / Infrastructure / Logistics	21.8
Reform	17.7
Automation / Internet of things	13.3
Financialisation	10.2
Local Brands	8.5
Food	7.4
Leisure / Tourism	6.2
Internet	6.1
LED / Cloud Computing / Software	4.0
Cash	2.8
Brands / Beauty	2.1

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

Hong Kong / China	43.9	
Korea	18.2	
Taiwan	8.7	
Vietnam	8.7	
India	7.4	
Thailand	5.1	
Cash	2.8	
Singapore	2.5	
Australia	1.4	
Indonesia	1.2	



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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 rriman (Dublin)
Dealing Frequenc	у	Daily
Min. Initial Subscr	iption	USD 10,000
Subscription Noti	ce	1 business day
Redemption Notic	e	1 business day

#### **Share Class Details**

Share C	lass		Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV	
A USD	Unhedged	Non distributing	B0MDR72	IE00B0M9LK15	213.67	
B USD	Unhedged	Distributing	B0M9LL2	IE00B0M9LL22	213.80	
C GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B18RM25	IE00B18RM256	116.23	
D SGD	Hedged	Distributing	B3LYLK8	IE00B3LYLK86	293.41	
Performance fee based on individual investor's holding						
U GBP	Unhedged	Distributing	BBQ37S6	IE00BBQ37S60	112.60	
Perform	nance fee bas	ed on fund performa	nce as a whole			

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