# Prusik Asia Fund



## LONG ONLY ABSOLUTE RETURN INVESTING IN ASIA

## 31 July 2012

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) 69.0m

Launch Date 7 October 2005

Fund Manager Heather Manners

Fund Structure UCITS III

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Currencies USD (base), GBP, SGD

#### Performance (%)

		USD	C GBP	D SGD
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1 Month		4.33	4.31	4.20
3 Month		-2.25	-2.19	-2.33
Year to Date		13.18	13.19	12.67
Since Launch	t	55.22	22.39	-14.21
2011		-20.89	-20.70	-20.95
2010		-2.66	-3.00	-3.70
2009		26.59	23.20	-
2008		-20.84	-17.70	-
2007		21.88	21.69	-
2006		33.94	13.89	-
2005		8.86	-	-

Source: Bloomberg.

### **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. Since launch: 07.10.05

### **Fund Manager Commentary**

The fund rose 4.3% over July. Positive contributors for the month were **Nagacorp** (Cambodian casino), **SK Telecom** (Korean mobile operator) and **BEC World** (Thai free to air TV). Stocks which were negative contributors included Vietnam jewellery company, **Phu Nhuan** Jewellery and Philippine food conglomerate **Universal Robina**. It is worth noting that Vietnam corrected 1.6% over the month, contrary to the general trend in markets which was positive. However, the fund did well relative to the index thanks to some of the recently added stocks and themes such as oil services and Korean Telecoms. Here we have combined very defensive value with an under-appreciated earnings story. In these cases our newly added stocks have a forward PE of well under 9x, dividend yields of over 5% and good catalysts going forward. During July we made some more significant changes to the fund - the first this year. The relative value gap between defensives and cyclicals has got to historically extreme levels and we have therefore top-sliced some of our better performing and more expensive defensive positions in the Philippines and Thailand and reinvested this money in more cyclical companies, mainly in Korea. We now have a 20% weighting in Korea and are continuing to explore very cheap opportunities in China and Australia.

We remain fully invested and optimistic. However, portfolio insurance has got remarkably cheap. To this end we have added a small position in Hang Seng put options.

All data as at 31.07.12. Source: Prusik Investment Management LLP, unless otherwise stated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Launch Date: A: 07.10.05, C: 14.07.06, D: 15.01.10

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## Top 5 Holdings (%)

Bangkok Bank	3.6
Metro Pacific Investments	3.4
BDO Unibank	3.4
SK Telecom Co Ltd	3.4
Samsung Electronics	3.3
Total Number of Holdings	42

### **Portfolio Financial Ratios**

Predicted Price/Earnings Ratio	13.0x
Predicted Return on Equity (%)	18.7
Predicted Earnings Growth (%)	18.7

## **Index Hedging**

Hang Seng Index Put Options -7.0

### Thematic Breakdown (%)

ASEAN Linkage/Domestic Growth	24.2	
Telecoms	18.0	
Domestic Consumption/Services	14.9	
Vietnam	12.8	
China Easing	10.1	
Korean Cyclicals	9.4	
Gold	4.6	
Food	2.7	_
Cash	1.8	
Gallium Arsenide	1.6	

## Geographical Breakdown (%)



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# **Management Fees**

Annual Management Fee 1.5% p.a. Paid monthly in arrears Performance Fee 10% NAV appreciation with a 6% hurdle

### **Dealing**

Dealing Line	+353 1 4367 200
Administrator	Brown Brothers Harriman (Dublin)
Dealing Frequency	Weekly, Friday
Min. Initial Subscription	on USD 10,000
Subscription Notice	2 business days
Redemption Notice	2 business days

## **Share Class Details**

Share C	Class		Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV
A USD	Unhedged	Non distributing	B0MDR72	IE00B0M9LK15	155.22
B USD	Unhedged	Distributing	B0M9LL2	IE00B0M9LL22	155.28
C GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B18RM25	IE00B18RM256	84.51
D SGD	Hedged	Distributing	B3LYLK8	IE00B3LYLK86	213.69
Performance fee based on individual investors' holding					
N USD	Unhedged	Non distributing	B3LP510	IE00B3LP5101	155.21
O USD	Unhedged	Distributing	B3M40N3	IE00B3M40N30	155.30
P GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B3MWDD8	IE00B3MWDD86	84.21
Performance fee based on fund performance as a whole					

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<sup>\*</sup> Delta adjusted exposure