## PRUSIK ASIA FUND PLC

# ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**31 December 2008** 

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## **Background of the Company**

Prusik Asia Fund Plc (the "Company") is a public limited liability investment company with variable capital, incorporated on 7 September 2005 in Ireland pursuant to the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2006 and authorised by the Financial Regulator (the "Financial Regulator"), as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2003, as amended (the "UCITS Regulations").

Except where the context otherwise requires, defined terms shall bear the meaning given to them in the Prospectus of the Company.

The Company, with the prior approval of the Financial Regulator, may create additional Share Classes as the Directors may deem appropriate.

The Company commenced trading on 7 October 2005. Shares are available to investors in the Company as shares in Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class, Class B Dollar Distributing Class and Class C Sterling Distributing Class. Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class and Class B Dollar Distributing Class commenced trading on 7 October 2005. Class C Sterling Distributing Class commenced trading on 14 July 2006. Further classes of shares may be issued on advance notification to the Financial Regulator.

Citi Fund Services (Ireland), Limited (the "Administrator") determines the net asset value per share of each Class of the Company weekly on each Friday ("dealing day") providing that dealing day is a business day, or if such day is not a business day, on the following business day. The valuation point is 11.00 am (Irish time) on each dealing day.

The most recent Prospectus of the Company is dated 29 September 2005. There are 2 addendums to the Prospectus, dated 25 April 2007 and 21 February 2008.

#### Prusik Asia Fund

The investment objective of the Company is to engineer capital growth primarily by investing in companies operating in the Asian region.

In pursuit of its investment objective the Company invests in companies operating in Asia including Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, China, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines and generally seeks to invest, on average, in companies which have a price to book value ratio and a price/earnings ratio below the level then prevailing in the market of that sector. The Company pursues its investment objective primarily by taking long positions in publicly traded common stocks and other equity securities of Asian issuers.

The Company has the ability to hold up to 100% cash for any period of time Prusik Investment Management LLP (the "Investment Manager") deems this prudent. The Company limits its investment in other Collective Investment schemes to 10% of its Net Asset Value.

The Company may invest in American depository receipts and global depository receipts and other equity related securities and instruments, which may be over-the counter ("OTC") or listed, including convertible bonds, depository receipts and warrants as well as other securities such as bonds and preference shares issued by corporate and governmental issuers (and which may be fixed or floating, and of both investment grade (BB- or higher) or non-investment grade).

The Company may invest in both short and long term Asian and foreign debt securities (such as fixed and/or floating rate bonds and notes) of corporate issuers and government entities. The debt and other fixed income securities in which the Company may invest will principally be of investment grade. The Company may, however, invest on a very limited basis in debt and fixed income securities which are not required to satisfy any minimum rating standard. Such securities may include instruments that are considered to be of poor standing and which have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal.

The Company may utilise techniques for efficient portfolio management and/or to protect against exchange risks, subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Financial Regulator. These techniques and instruments include but are not limited to futures, options, forward foreign exchange contracts, interest and exchange rate swap contracts, stocklending and repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements.

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## **Background of the Company (continued)**

#### Prusik Asia Fund (continued)

The Company may also invest in currency forwards such as non-deliverable forwards ("NDF") in order to manage currency exposure.

Pending investment of the proceeds of a placing or offer of Shares or where market or other factors so warrant, the Company's assets may be invested in money market instruments, including but not limited to certificates of deposit, floating rate notes and fixed or variable rate commercial paper listed or traded on Recognised Exchanges and in cash deposits.

Audited annual reports and unaudited semi-annual reports are available to the public at the registered office of the Company and are sent to shareholders at their registered addresses by post.

The complete statement of changes in the composition of the portfolio will be made available to shareholders on request free of charge.

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## **Directors' Report**

The Directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

#### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in respect of the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland.

Irish company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Prusik Asia Fund Plc (the "Company") and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In addition to the Company law requirements, as an investment company with variable capital, the Company is required to comply with the requirements of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2003, as amended, and related Financial Regulator Notices and it is the Directors' responsibility to ensure that these regulations are adhered to by the Company.

#### **Books of Account**

The measures taken by the Directors to secure compliance with Company's obligation to keep proper books of account are the use of appropriate systems and procedures and employment of competent persons. The books of accounts are kept at Citi Fund Services (Ireland), Limited, 1 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland.

#### **Principal Activities**

The Company is organised as an investment company with variable capital under the laws of Ireland as a public limited company pursuant to the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2006, and the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2003, as amended.

#### Review of development of the business and future developments

Over the twelve month period ending 31 December 2008, the Prusik Asia Fund Plc Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class returned (20.84%), outperforming the Morgan Stanley Capital International AC Asia Pacific Ex Japan Index (the "Index") which returned (53.30%).\*

#### Risk management objectives and policies

The investment objective of the Company, as detailed on page 2, is to engineer capital growth primarily by investing in companies operating in the Asian region. Investment in the Company carries with it a degree of risk including, but not limited to, the risks referred to in Note 11 of these financial statements.

#### Results

The results for the year are stated on page 11 of the financial statements. Particulars relating to distributions and the issue and redemption of shares are set out on page 12 of the financial statements.

#### **Events Since Year End**

There have been no significant events since the year end.

<sup>\*</sup>Source Bloomberg.

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## Directors' Report (continued)

#### **Directors**

The names of the persons who were Directors at any time during the year ended 31 December 2008 are set out below.

Heather Manners Richard Hayes David Hammond

#### **Directors' Interests**

Details of the Directors or the Company Secretary holdings in the shares of the Company as at 31 December 2008 are included in Note 4. "Significant Agreements and Related Party Transactions". Heather Manners is Chief Investment Officer of the Investment Manager. David Hammond was during the period a partner in the law firm of Dillon Eustace and is a director of Bridge Consulting, who provide corporate governance services to the Company.

#### Auditors

The Auditors, Ernst & Young, have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with section 160(2) of the Companies Act, 1963.

On behalf of the Board:	
David Hammond	Heather Manners
Director Date: 23 April 2009	Director

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## **Investment Manager's Report**

Over the twelve month period ending 31 December 2008, the Prusik Asia Fund Plc Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class returned (20.84%), outperforming the Morgan Stanley Capital International AC Asia Pacific Ex Japan Index (the "Index") which returned (53.30%).

2008 was a traumatic year for the world's equity markets. Lax credit policies finally came home to roost, the US housing market finally ran out of steam and crucially Western Central bank policy of fuelling countless asset bubbles was exposed. 10 years ago Prusik's founders were all labouring through what was then known as the Asian crisis. There was little or no support given to corporates, many went bust, Asian central banks were powerless to stimulate domestically and full scale capital flight spread all over Asia. We faced lectures from various money managers that the Hong Kong peg was doomed and Asia faced a lost decade. The downcycle was savage but market forces were allowed to prevail which in hindsight cleansed the region of excesses and left us with a far more robust corporate sector, high savings rates and a much more risk averse mentality. All these factors still prevail in Asia 10 years on, savings rates are high, corporate debt not excessive and public finances in better shape, certainly than in the West. Perversely during the Asian crisis 10 years ago LTCM, a "hedge fund" got into difficulties due to a "long tail" or supposedly series of random events occurring. The Greenspan Fed pushed the oiligopoly of investment banks into a room (these were the key lenders and investors to LTCM) worked out a compromise and injected liquidity provisions to ease the work out. We wonder whether the Western world would be in quite the mess it is now if market forces had been allowed to prevail with LTCM and its investor base as cleanly as they were allowed to sweep through Asia during the crisis. The economic collapse of Asia was not a random event and therefore ran its course, the financial contagion of the Western investment arena as a result, was deemed to be so and thus prevented. What followed was a ballooning of lenders proprietary risk which when it turned sour destroyed the lenders ability to lend. Welcome to 2009.

Asian indices fell over 50% during 2008. The Company fell 20% and our strategy for the year can be characterised in three phases. During phase 1 we stuck with our favoured industries and companies this lasted the first two quarters – we reaped some gains in the face of dire markets but as we approached late summer we reduced exposure almost completely as market action became disorderly. Huge selling pressure from the leveraged investment industry rendered all traditional and normal investment tools redundant. Prusik's analysis showed many companies trading at undervalued levels in September yet in October share prices in many of these companies still halved. PE's fell from 5x to 2.5x, we stepped back almost completely. Phase 3 started in late November when we began to become more confident that we had seen selling exhausted and that the Chinese Government had to step into stimulate its economy to stave off any social unrest –as unemployment was beginning to balloon in the coastal manufacturing areas. Prusik's favoured industries in the region already had a tilt towards Government spend and this is where we re-invested favouring power transmission & distribution, railway infrastructure roll out, healthcare reform in China, gold, rural and agricultural reform and nuclear power plant construction. Over 50% of the portfolio was re-invested.

The outlook for Asia in 2009 is not all gloom. We are already seeing pockets of data where the effects of the huge Chinese stimulus are emerging. The Chinese banking sector probably lent nearly half of what it lent last year in the first two months of 2009. China has little social security or unemployment provisioning so any downturn in confidence can have serious consequences. Serious civil unrest, which we are yet to see, would jeopardise the entire 20 year programme started by Deng Xiaoping to introduce a "market economy" in China. The stakes are high so the huge stimulus programme is understandable. Prusik forecast is that the Chinese economy will show patches of resilience which will mollify the manufacturing collapse but not offset it in 2009. It will be a difficult year for China but we do not foresee a Western style collapse. The Chinese financial system is in good health and the 'command' characteristics of the economy at least enable China to stimulate.

China cannot however stimulate forever and its fortunes are still tied into the global economy. We remain very nervous about the prospects for Western economies. Central banks have one blueprint we think and that is what happened and what went wrong in Japan. Noted economists always criticised the Bank of Japan for not pursuing what are termed "quantative" policies aggressively enough. It is clear that the Federal Reserve intends to use this policy – no one really knows what the consequences will be – Prusik believe much higher inflation – a negative, and in the shorter term perhaps higher liquidity – which may chase reasonable investment opportunities which we would say are predominantly in Asia – a positive.

Meanwhile our investment process continues to pick out industries which are still growing in the face of the global slump. We think when more rationality returns to the equity markets this should stand us in good stead.

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We would like to thank all our investors for their support in 2008 which was a difficult year for all.

Prusik Investment Management LLP 26 March 2009

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## Report of the Custodian

#### To the Shareholders of Prusik Asia Fund Plc

We have enquired into the conduct of the Prusik Asia Fund Plc ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2008, in our capacity as Custodian to the Investment Company.

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and solely for the shareholders in the Company as a body, in accordance with the Financial Regulator's Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS") Notice 4 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown.

#### Responsibilities of the Custodian

Our duties and responsibilities are outlined in the Financial Regulator's UCITS Notice 4. One of those duties is to enquire into the conduct of the Company in each annual accounting period and report thereon to the shareholders.

Our report shall state whether, in our opinion, the Company has been managed in that period in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the UCITS Regulations. It is the overall responsibility of the Company to comply with these provisions. If the Company has not so complied, we as Custodian must state why this is the case and outline the steps which we have taken to rectify the situation.

#### **Basis of Custodian Opinion**

The Custodian conducts such reviews as it, in its reasonable opinion, considers necessary in order to comply with its duties as outlined in UCITS Notice 4 and to ensure that, in all material respects, the Company has been managed:

- (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on its investment and borrowing powers by the provisions of its constitutional documentation and the appropriate regulations and
- (ii) otherwise in accordance with the Company's constitutional documentation and the appropriate regulations.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the Company has been managed during the year, in all material respects:

- (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the Company and the Custodian by the Memorandum & Articles of Association and by the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2003 ("the Regulations") and
- (ii) otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum & Articles of Association and the Regulations.

For and on Behalf of Brown Brothers Harriman Trustee Services (Ireland) Limited Date: 23 April 2009

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## Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Prusik Asia Fund Plc

We have audited the financial statements of Prusik Asia Fund Plc (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2008 which comprise Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares and the related notes 1 to 16. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 193 of the Companies Act, 1990. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditors

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and Accounting Standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, as set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

The Directors are also responsible for preparing a Schedule of Investments in accordance with the requirements of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2003 (as amended) Notices (the "UCITS Notices") issued by the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority (the "Financial Regulator").

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act, 1963 to 2006 and the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2003 (as amended). We also report to you our opinion as to whether proper books of account have been kept by the Company; and whether the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements. In addition, we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit and whether the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

We also report to you if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding Directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed and, where practicable, include such information in our report.

We review whether the Schedule of Investments has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2003 (as amended) Notices (the "UCITS Notices") issued by the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority (the "Financial Regulator") and we report if it does not.

We read other information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises of Background to the Company, the Directors' Report, the Investment Manager's Report and the Report of the Custodian. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

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## Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Prusik Asia Fund Plc (continued)

#### Basis of audit opinion (continued)

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31 December 2008 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2006, and the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2003 (as amended).

We have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Company. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

23 April 2009

## Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET		As at	As at
	Note	31 December 2008	31 December 2007
Current Assets:		USD	USD
Sinancial Assets, at cost		95,238,516	246,273,575
inancial Assets, at fair value through profit or loss		101,900,209	266,535,206
Cash	5	144,974,379	193,017,528
Dividends and Interest receivable		1,426	253,024
deceivable for issuance of redeemable participating shares		-	384,549
Other Assets		60,480	72,504
Cotal Assets:	_	246,936,494	460,262,811
iabilities (amounts falling due within one year):			
Financial Liabilities, at fair value through profit or loss		2,372,160	1,169,189
ayable for Investments purchased		12,164,392	38,412,090
Payable for redemption of redeemable participating shares accrued Expenses:		-	10,591,211
nvestment Management Fees	4	308,014	523,473
erformance Fees	4	-	5,819,080
Equalisation Payable	4	-	2,386,977
Administration Fees	4	21,372	7,218
Custody Fees	4	30,438	80,728
Audit Fees		43,226	38,974
Directors' Fees	4	2,865	48,092
Other Fees		45,031	25,738
iabilities (excluding Net assets attributable to holders of			
edeemable participating shares)	_	14,987,498	59,102,770
Vet assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating sha	res	231,948,996	401,160,041
Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class			
let Assets		USD 149,956,556	USD 260,535,337
Outstanding redeemable participating shares		1,068,085	1,470,698
Vet Asset Value per share		USD 140.40	USD 177.15
Class B Dollar Distributing Class			
Vet Assets		USD 61,250,391	USD 78,645,521
Outstanding redeemable participating shares		436,080	443,847
let Asset Value per share		USD 140.46	USD 177.19
Class C Sterling Distributing Class			
Jet Assets		GBP 14,265,343	GBP 30,955,503
Outstanding redeemable participating shares		181,486	324,503
let Asset Value per share		GBP 78.60	GBP 95.39

David Hammond Heather Manners

Director Director

Date: 23 April 2009

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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### INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2008

		Note	31 December 2008 USD	31 December 2007 USD
Investment Income:			CSD	OSD
Dividend Income		2	3,549,552	5,425,786
Withholding Tax			(540,346)	(830,837)
Interest Income			1,480,458	4,650,838
Net realised (loss)/gains on Financia	al Assets and Liabilities at fair value			
through profit or loss			(67,367,077)	69,453,844
Movement in net unrealised (loss)/g	gains on Financial Assets and Liabilities at			
fair value through profit or loss			(12,067,300)	4,739,503
Total (Loss)/Income:		_	(74,944,713)	83,439,134
Expenses:				
Investment Management Fees		4	4,595,395	5,142,277
Performance Fees		4	2,047	6,747,198
Administration Fees		4	151,039	88,203
Custody Fees		4	226,247	279,491
Audit Fees			44,717	38,974
Directors' Fees		4	65,004	45,849
Legal Fees			43,969	46,794
Printing Fees			1,093	5,851
Registration Fees			3,027	3,014
Miscellaneous Fees			66,020	100,012
Transaction Costs		2	4,236,224	10,292,287
Total Expenses			9,434,782	22,789,950
Net (Loss)/Profit		_	(84,379,495)	60,649,184

Gains and losses arise solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those reflected above.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARES

For the year ended 31 December 2008

	Note	<b>31 December 2008</b>	<b>30 December 2007</b>
		USD	USD
Net (Loss)/Profit		(84,379,495)	60,649,184
Capital Share Transactions of redeemable participating shares:			
Proceeds from issuance of redeemable participating shares	3	101,718,677	224,799,173
Equalisation on issuance of redeemable participating shares	3	2,386,977	(33,026)
Payments on redemption of redeemable participating shares	3	(188,937,204)	(63,768,202)
Net (decrease)/increase from capital shares transactions of redeemable participating shares	-	(84,831,550)	160,997,945
Net (decrease)/increase in Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		(169,211,045)	221,647,129
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the year		401,160,041	179,512,912
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at	-	221.040.006	401.160.041
the end of the year	-	231,948,996	401,160,041

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### 1. THE COMPANY

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The investment objective of the Company is to engineer capital growth primarily by investing in companies operating in the Asian region.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies and estimation techniques adopted by the Company are as follows:

#### BASIS OF PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and Irish Statute comprising the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2006 and the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2003, as amended. Accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland in preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view are those published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and issued by the Accounting Standards Board ("ASB").

The format and certain wordings of the financial statements have been adapted from those contained in the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1986 and FRS 3 "Reporting Financial Performance" so that, in the opinion of the Directors, they may more appropriately reflect the nature of the Company's business as an investment fund. The Company has availed of the exemption available to open-ended investment funds under FRS 1 not to prepare a cash flow statement.

### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT MEASUREMENT

#### (i) Classification

In accordance with FRS26 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement", the Company designated all its assets and liabilities as Financial Assets and Liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. The category of Financial Assets and Liabilities at fair value through profit or loss is further subdivided into:-

#### Financial assets and liabilities held for trading

These include equities held by the Company. These instruments are acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of generating a profit from short-term fluctuation in price. All the Company's assets and liabilities are held for the purpose of being traded or are expected to be realised within one year.

#### Financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition

These include Financial Assets or Liabilities that are not held for trading. These financial instruments are designated on the basis that their fair value can be reliably measured and their performance has been evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the risk management and/or investment strategy as set out in the Company's Prospectus. There were no such financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition held by the Company.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT MEASUREMENT (continued)

#### (ii) Initial Measurement

Purchases and sales of financial instruments are accounted for at trade date. Realised gains and losses on disposals of financial instruments are calculated using the FIFO ("first in first out") method. Financial instruments categorised at fair value through profit or losses are measured initially at fair value, with transaction costs for such instruments being recognised directly in the Income Statement.

#### (iii) Subsequent measurement

After initial measurement, the Company measures financial instruments which are classified as at fair value through profit or loss at their fair values. Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Securities which are quoted, listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange will be valued at last bid prices at the valuation point.

If a quoted market price is not available on a recognised stock exchange or from a broker/counterparty, the fair value of the financial instruments may be estimated by the directors using valuation techniques, including use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of another instrument that is substantially the same, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

#### Cash and Other Liquid Assets

Cash comprises current deposits with banks. Cash and other liquid assets will be valued at their face value with accrued interest on interest bearing accounts as at the close of business on each valuation date.

#### Derivative Instruments

Derivative instruments traded on a regulated market shall be valued at the settlement price as determined by the market. If the settlement price is not available, the value shall be the probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by (i) the Directors or the Investment Manager or (ii) a competent person, firm or corporation selected by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Custodian or (iii) any other means provided that the value is approved by a competent person (such competent person having been approved for the purpose by the Custodian). Derivative contracts which are not traded on a regulated market including without limitation swap contracts will be valued on the basis of a quotation provided daily by the relevant counterparty and verified or approved at least weekly by a party independent of the counterparty, including the Investment Manager, or another independent party which is approved for such purpose by the Custodian. Apart from forward foreign exchange contracts and the equity linked securities, as at 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007, the Company did not hold any derivative instruments.

#### Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts

Forward foreign exchange contracts shall be valued in the same manner as derivatives contracts which are not traded in a regulated market or by reference to the price at the Valuation Point at which a new forward contract of the same size and maturity could be undertaken. The forward foreign exchange contracts held by the Company as at 31 December 2008 are included in the Portfolio of Investments.

#### Collective Investment Schemes

Units in collective investment schemes shall be valued at the latest available net asset value per unit or bid price as published by the relevant collective investment scheme or, if listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange, in accordance with listed securities above. As at 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007, the Company did not hold any units in collective investment schemes.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment transactions are accounted for as at the date purchased or sold. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the Financial Assets at fair value through profit or loss are included in the Income Statement in the period which they arise. Dividends are credited to the Income Statement on the dates on which the relevant securities are listed as "ex-dividend". Interest income is accrued on a daily basis. Income is shown gross of non-recoverable withholding tax.

#### DISTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARES

UK Distributor Status was received from HM Revenue & Customs for the period ended 31 December 2007. The Directors propose to distribute at least 85 per cent of the net investment income of the Class B Dollar Distributing Class and the Class C Sterling Distributing Class of the Company and intend that the Company will apply to the HM Revenue & Customs in the UK for Distributor Status, for the year ended 31 December 2008. In the event that a dividend is paid it will be paid out of the net investment income and/or net realised and unrealised capital gains (i.e. realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses) of the Company. It is currently anticipated that a dividend will be declared in April of each year, and will be paid within four months of declaration. However, the Directors may at their discretion determine the frequency at which a dividend is paid. Shareholders will be notified of any change in the frequency of the payment of dividends. Distributions to holders of redeemable participating shares are recorded in the Income Statement as Finance Costs when paid. As at 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007, no distributions were paid or payable from the Company.

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSLATION

#### Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the Company's financial statements are measured using the currency of its primary assets and the currency in which shareholder transactions take place (the "functional currency"). This is U.S. Dollars. The Company's reporting currency is U.S. Dollars.

#### Transactions and Balances

Assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rates ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Gains and losses on foreign exchange transactions are recognised in the Income Statement in determining the result for the period.

#### **EXPENSES**

All expenses, including Investment Management fees and Performance fees, are recognised in the Income Statement on an accrual basis.

#### TRANSACTION COSTS

Transaction costs include fees and commissions paid to agents (including employees acting as selling agents), advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties. Transaction costs do not include debt premiums or discounts, financing costs or internal administrative or holding costs.

#### 3. SHARE CAPITAL

#### AUTHORISED

The authorised capital of the Company is EURO 300,000 divided into 300,000 Non-Participating Shares of EURO 1 each and 500 Billion redeemable participating shares of no par value.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

#### 3. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

#### NON-PARTICIPATING SHARES

There are currently 300,000 non-participating shares in issue. Prusik Investment Management LLP (the "Investment Manager") and Edward Buckley (partner of the Investment Manager) hold 299,999 and 1 non-participating shares, respectively, in the Company. The non-participating shares do not form part of the net asset value of the Company and are thus disclosed in the financial statements by way of this note only. In the opinion of the Directors, this disclosure reflects the nature of the Company's business as an investment fund.

#### REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARES

The net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares are at all times equal to the net asset value of the Company. Redeemable participating shares ("shares") are redeemable at the shareholder's option and are classified as Financial Liabilities under FRS 25 "Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation" as they can be redeemed at the option of the shareholder.

#### REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARE TRANSACTIONS

The movement in the number of redeemable participating shares for the year ended 31 December 2008 is as follows:

	Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class		Class B Dollar Distributing	
	Shares	USD	Shares	USD
At the beginning of the year	1,470,698	214,417,102	443,847	55,126,409
Issued	326,409	47,359,267	246,883	37,914,789
Equalisation	-	1,862,600	-	262,047
Redeemed	(729,022)	(105,400,301)	(254,650)	(42,059,132)
At the end of the year	1,068,085	158,238,668	436,080	51,244,113

Class C Sterling Distributing Class	
Shares	USD
324,503	47,558,604
97,809	16,444,621
-	262,330
(240,826)	(41,477,771)
181,486	22,787,784
	Shares 324,503 97,809 - (240,826)

The movement in the number of redeemable participating shares for the year ended 31 December 2007 is as follows:

	Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class		Class B Dollar Distributing	
	Shares	USD	Shares	USD
At the beginning of the year	652,865	85,577,232	356,248	42,628,852
Issued	1,074,319	174,297,155	170,850	27,310,569
Equalisation	-	(198,818)	-	379,439
Redeemed	(256,486)	(45,258,467)	(83,251)	(15,192,451)
At the end of the year	1,470,698	214,417,102	443,847	55,126,409

	Class C Sterling Distributing Class		
	Shares	USD	
At the beginning of the year	213,015	27,898,086	
Issued	131,898	23,191,449	
Equalisation	-	(213,647)	
Redeemed	(20,410)	(3,317,284)	
At the end of the year	324,503	47,558,604	

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#### 3. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

#### REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARE TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Application for redemption of participating shares may be submitted prior to 5.00pm Irish time two calendar days before any Dealing Day, (the "dealing deadline") or such other time as the Board of Directors may determine, provided that the dealing deadline is no later than the Valuation point, at the net asset value per share based on last traded prices.

Holders of Participating Shares of Class B Dollar Distributing Class and Class C Sterling Distributing Class are entitled to receive all dividends declared and paid by the Company. Upon winding up, the holders are entitled to a return of capital based on the Net Asset Value per share of the Company.

#### 4. SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

#### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES

The Company has entered into the Investment Management Agreement with Prusik Investment Management LLP pursuant to which the Investment Manager manages the Company's investments on a discretionary basis.

Each Share Class pays a management fee as below, subject to the terms and conditions of the Prospectus:

Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class	1.50%
Class B Dollar Distributing Class	1.50%
Class C Sterling Distributing Class	1.50%

In addition, the Investment Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company for its out-of-pocket expenses. Details of the Investment Management fees charged to the Company and payable at the end of the year are included in the Income Statement and Balance Sheet respectively.

#### PERFORMANCE FEE / EQUALISATION

The Investment Manager also receives a Performance Fee out of the assets of the Company. The Performance Fee is calculated in respect of each twelve month period ending on 31 December respectively in each year (a "Calculation Period"). For each Calculation Period, the Performance Fee in respect of each Share will be equal to 10% of the appreciation in the Net Asset Value per Share during that Calculation Period above the base Net Asset Value per Share. The base Net Asset Value per Share is the greater of the Net Asset Value per Share at the time of issue of that Share and the highest Net Asset Value per Share achieved as at the end of any previous Calculation Period (if any) during which such Share was in issue. The Performance Fee in respect of each Calculation Period will be calculated by reference to the Net Asset Value before deduction for any accrued Performance Fees.

Equalisation arises if shares are subscribed for at a time when the Net Asset Value per Share is greater than the Peak Net Asset Value per Share for performance fee calculation purposes, the investor will be required to pay an amount in excess of the then current Net Asset Value per Share equal to 10% of the difference between the then current Net Asset Value per Share (before accrual for the Performance Fee) and the Peak Net Asset Value per Share (an "Equalisation Credit").

The Investment Manager will not charge the Holders of Participating Shares of the Company a performance fee if the Net Asset Value does not appreciate by more than 6% over a calculation period.

The Investment Manager may, at its sole discretion, agree with any Shareholder, to rebate, return and or remit any part of the Management and Performance Fees which are paid or payable to the Investment Manager.

For further details on the Performance Fee calculations and Equalisation Credits please refer to the Prospectus.

Details of the Performance Fee and Equalisation Credit charged to the Company and payable at the end of the year are included in the Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares and Balance Sheet, respectively.

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

4. SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

#### ADMINISTRATOR FEES

The Company paid the Administrator fees ranging from 0.01% to 0.015% (plus VAT, if any) per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Company and subject to a minimum of USD 80,000 per annum with an additional Share Class fee of USD 7,800. Effective 21 February 2008, the administration agreement was amended in that the Company pays the Administrator fees in the amount of 0.05% of the Net Asset Value of the Company, (plus VAT, if any), subject to a minimum monthly charge of US\$12,500.

The Administrator's fees will be accrued at each Valuation Point and will be payable monthly in arrears. Details of the Administrator fees charged to the Company and payable at the end of the year are included in the Income Statement and Balance Sheet, respectively.

#### **CUSTODIAN FEES**

The Company will pay Brown Brothers Harriman Trustee Services (Ireland) Limited, (the "Custodian") a trustee fee of 0.02% of the Net Asset Value of the Company. The Custodian will also receive a custody fee ranging from 0.01% to 0.09% calculated by reference to the market value of the investments that the Company may make in each relevant market. The Custodian fees are payable monthly in arrears, subject to a minimum charge of USD 36,000 per annum. Details of the Custodian fees charged to the Company and payable at the end of the year are included in the Income Statement and Balance Sheet, respectively.

#### **RELATED PARTIES**

#### **DIRECTORS**

Heather Manners is Chief Investment Officer of the Investment Manager. Details of the Investment Management fees and Performance fees charged to the Company and payable at the end of the year are included in the Income Statement and Balance Sheet respectively. David Hammond was appointed as a Director of the Company, effective 6 December 2007. David Hammond was during the period a partner in the law firm of Dillon Eustace which earned fees of USD 33,641 for the year (2007: USD 40,912) and is a director of Bridge Consulting, which earned fees of USD 40,146 for the year (2007: USD 41,441), a financial services consultancy and business advisory firm.

With effect from 1 February 2008, it was agreed the Directors of the Company shall be entitled to a fee in remuneration for their services of Euro 15,000 (plus VAT, if any) for the year, increased from Euro 10,000 (plus VAT, if any). In addition the Directors may be entitled to special remuneration if called upon to perform any special or extra services to the Company. All Directors will be entitled to reimbursement by the Company of expenses properly incurred in connection with the business of the Company or the discharge of their duties. Details of the Directors fees charged to the Company and payable at the end of year are included in the Income Statement and Balance Sheet, respectively.

All transactions which the Company has entered into with related parties, Directors of the Company or any party in which a Director has a material interest has been made in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms.

#### **DIRECTORS & RELATED PARTIES INTERESTS**

The following Directors and related parties held shares in the Company as at 31 December 2008

Prusik Asia Fund	Shares	Class
Heather Manners	5,657	Class C Sterling Distributing Class
Richard Hayes	2,074	Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class
Richard Hayes (Family members)	330	Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class
David Hammond (Family members)	933	Class B Dollar Distributing Class
Prusik Investment Management LLP	4,038	Class C Sterling Distributing Class

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#### 4. SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

**DIRECTORS & RELATED PARTIES INTERESTS (continued)** 

The following Directors and related parties held shares in the Company as at 31 December 2007

Prusik Asia Fund	Shares	Class
Heather Manners	5,657	Class C Sterling Distributing Class
Richard Hayes	2,071	Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class
David Hammond (Family members)	933	Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class
Prusik Investment Management LLP	4,038	Class C Sterling Distributing Class

#### 5. CASH AT BANK

All cash balances were held under the control of the Custodian for the year ended 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007.

#### 6. TAXATION

The Company qualifies as an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 (as amended). It is not chargeable to Irish tax on its income and gains.

Tax may arise on the happening of a chargeable event. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to shareholders or any encashment, redemption or transfer of Shares. No tax will arise on the Company in respect of chargeable events in respect of:

- i) a shareholder who is not Irish resident and not ordinarily resident in Ireland at the time of the chargeable event, provided the necessary signed statutory declarations are held by the Company; and
- certain exempted Irish resident investors who have provided the Company with the necessary signed statutory declarations.

Dividend income and interest received by the Company may be subject to non-recoverable withholding tax in the countries of origin.

Following legislative changes in the Finance Act 2006, the holding of shares at the end of a Relevant Period will, in respect of Irish Resident investors, also constitute a chargeable event. To the extent that any tax issues arise on such a chargeable event, such tax will be allowed as a credit against any tax payable on the subsequent encashment, redemption, cancellation or transfer of the relevant Shares.

Relevant Period is defined as a period of eight years beginning with the acquisition of a Share by a shareholder and each subsequent period of eight years beginning immediately after the preceding relevant period.

### 7. SOFT COMMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

The Investment Manager may effect transactions by or through the agency of another person with whom the Investment Manager has an arrangement under which that party will, from time to time, provide to or procure for the Investment Manager goods, services or other benefits such as research and advisory services, specialised computer hardware or software. No direct payment may be made for such goods or services but the Investment Manager may undertake to place business with that person provided that person has agreed to provide best execution with respect to such business and the services provided must be of a type which assists in the provision of investment services to the Company.

During the year ending 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007, there were no soft commission transactions.

#### 8. EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

The Company may employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments, for the purposes of efficient portfolio management including but not limited to futures, options, swaps, warrants, and forward currency contracts. Such techniques and instruments may include foreign exchange transactions which alter the currency characteristics of transferable securities held by the Company. The Company may also employ techniques and instruments intended to provide protection against exchange risk in the context of the management of its assets and liabilities. As at 31 December 2008 and 31

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#### 8. EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT (continued)

December 2007 the Company did not hold any such instruments for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, apart from forward currency contracts held with the Custodian.

#### 9. EXCHANGE RATES

The functional and reporting currency of the Company is U.S. Dollars. The Company prepares its valuation in U.S. Dollars.

The following exchange rates have been used to translate assets and liabilities in currencies other than U.S. Dollar as at:

31 December 2008	For USD 1.00	<b>31 December 2007</b>	For USD 1.00
Australian Dollar	1.4449	Australian Dollar	1.1390
Great British Pound	0.6878	Euro	0.6796
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7500	Great British Pound	0.4995
Korean Won	1254.60	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7983
Malaysian Ringgit	3.4550	Indian Rupee	39.4085
Singarpore Dollar	1.4441	Indonesian Rupiah	9,393
Taiwan Dollar	32.82	Korean Won	936.15
		Malaysian Ringgit	3.3070
		Singapore Dollar	1.4369
		Thai Baht	33.805
		Taiwan Dollar	32.436

#### 10. DERIVATIVES AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In pursuing the investment objectives set out in the Prospectus, the Company may hold a number of financial instruments. These include:

- Equity securities, convertible bonds, depository receipts, warrants plus other securities such as investment grade fixed or floating rate bonds, and preference shares, issued by corporate and governmental issuers. These are held in accordance with the Company's investment objectives and policies;
- · Cash, liquid resources and short-term debtors and creditors that arise directly from operations; and
- Derivative transactions, (primarily forward foreign currency contracts), the purpose of which is to manage the currency and market risks arising from the Company's investment activities.

The positions held by the Company at the year end are disclosed in the Portfolio of Investments.

#### 11. RISK MANAGEMENT

In accordance with FRS29 "Financial Instruments: Disclosures", this note details the way in which the Company manages risks associated with the use of financial instruments. Day-to-day risk management of the Company is undertaken by the Investment Manager. Investment in the Company carries with it a degree of risk including, but not limited to, the risks referred to below.

As defined by FRS29, risk can be separated into the following components: market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. Each type of risk is discussed in turn and qualitative and quantitative analyses are provided where relevant to give the reader an understanding of the risk management methods used by the Investment Manager and Board of Directors.

#### **Market Risk**

This risk comprises of three main types of risk, Market Price Risk, Currency Risk and Interest Rate Risk.

#### Market Price Risk

The investments of the Company are subject to normal market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in various securities markets and there can be no assurances that appreciation will occur. Stock markets can be volatile and stock prices can change substantially.

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#### 11. RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The Company invests in equity securities of companies in emerging markets. Such securities involve a high degree of risk and may be considered speculative. Risks include (i) greater risk of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, nationalisation, and social, political and economic instability; (ii) the small current size of the markets for securities of emerging markets issuers and the currently low or non-existent volume of trading, resulting in lack of liquidity and in price volatility, (iii) certain national policies which may restrict the Company's investment opportunities including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests; and (iv) the absence of developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment and private property.

#### Currency Risk

Currency Risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Currency risk arises on financial instruments that are denominated in a currency other the functional currency in which they are measured. The net asset values per share of the Company are computed in U.S. Dollars whereas the investments of the Company may be acquired, valued and disposed of in other currencies. The U.S. Dollar value of the investments of the Company designated in another currency may rise and fall due to exchange rate fluctuations in respect of the relevant currency.

#### Interest Rate Risk

This risk is defined as the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The value of investments in interest rate bearing securities may be subject to price volatility due to changes in interest rates. An increase in interest rates will generally reduce the value of debt securities that are issued and outstanding, while a decline in interest rates will generally increase the value of debt securities that are issued and outstanding.

The Company has no exposure to Interest Rate Risk as at 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007.

#### Credit Risk

The Company takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. Cash balances bear credit risk.

#### Liquidity Risk

This is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Company is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable participating shares. It therefore invests the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of. The Company's listed securities are considered readily realisable as they are listed on the stock exchange or dealt in on another regulated market. Some of the Recognised Exchanges in which the Company may invest may be less well regulated than those in developed markets and may prove to be illiquid, insufficiently liquid or highly volatile from time to time. This may affect the price at which the Company may liquidate positions to meet redemption requests or other funding requirements

### **Risk Management Process**

The Company's investment objective is to engineer capital growth primarily by investing in companies operating in the Asian region including Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, China, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. The Company's objective is to focus principally on select investments in fundamentally sound businesses which the Investment Manager believes can be acquired at an attractive discount to their intrinsic value. The Company generally seeks to invest, on average, in companies which have a price to book value ratio and a price/earnings ratio below the level prevailing in the market of that sector. The Company also seeks companies which the Investment Manager believes will achieve a rising return to Shareholders over the foreseeable future. The Company pursues its investment objective primarily by taking long positions in publicly traded common stocks and other equity securities of Asian issuers.

#### Market Risk

The Investment Manager adopts a bottom up, stock selection approach when constructing the portfolio. The Investment Manager selects stocks on Asian issuers which they believe have an attractive discount to their intrinsic value.

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### 11. RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The table below compares the annualised volatility of the Company to a number of indices for the markets to which the Company has exposure during the year ended 31 December 2008 and the year ended 31 December 2007.

	31 December 2008	<b>31 December 2007</b>
	%	0/0
Prusik Asia Fund	17.34	13.30
MSCI AC Asia Pacific	44.36	15.10
MSCI AC Asia Pacific Ex-Japan	42.38	18.60
MSCI Taiwan	32.52	18.30
MSCI India	41.47	20.30
MSCI Korea	37.11	19.50
MSCI Singapore	33.17	18.90
MSCI Australia	31.14	14.30
MSCI Hong Kong	47.69	20.00
MSCI Indonesia	37.31	21.80
MSCI Malaysia	21.14	14.80
MSCI Pakistan	26.66	17.40
MSCI Philippines	33.22	23.40
MSCI Thailand	31.60	18.80
MSCI New Zealand	18.80	10.80
MSCI Japan	38.39	16.10

The following table lists exchange exposure, reasonably possible market movements and their impact to the Company. This exposure can result in an equal percentage decrease.

As at 31 December 2008

		Reasonable % Movement	Impact on Profit or Loss
Exchange	Exchange Exposure USD	in Exchange	and Equity USD
ASX	23,710,419	31.14	7,383,424
China/Hong Kong	50,874,057	47.69	24,261,838
Kuala Lumpur	697,236	21.14	147,396
NATL India	6,319,497	41.47	2,620,695
Singapore	5,879,302	33.17	1,950,164
Taiwan	14,419,698	32.52	4,689,286
Total	101,900,209		41,052,803
	table to Holders of Redeemab	le Participating Shares	231,948,996 17.70

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

11. RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### Market Risk (continued)

As at 31 December 2007

Exchange	Exchange Exposure USD	Reasonable % Movement in Exchange	Impact on Profit or Loss and Equity USD
ASX	41,963,784	14.30	6,000,821
Bangkok	1,334,714	18.80	250,926
China/Hong Kong	39,466,621	20.00	7,893,324
Jakarta	12,275,578	21.80	2,676,076
Korea SE	23,697,485	19.50	4,621,010
Kuala Lumpur	15,350,839	14.80	2,271,924
Mumbai	63,351,498	20.30	12,860,354
Singapore	47,387,165	18.90	8,956,174
Taipei	21,703,932	18.30	3,971,820
Total	266,531,616		49,502,429

Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares 401,160,041 % Impact of reasonable movement in exchange 12.34

Percentage movements are based on expected movements of the relevant indices. Observation that in practice, the actual trading results may differ from the sensitivity analysis above and the differences could be material.

Details of the Company's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss concentrated by geographical and industrial distribution are included in the Portfolio of Investments.

#### **Currency Risk**

Assets of the Company may be denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Company and changes in the exchange rate between the base currency and the currency of the asset may lead to a depreciation of the value of the Company's assets as expressed in the base currency.

The Investment Manager does not hedge the potential foreign currency risk at an investment level as they believe that currency risk is inherent in the market price of the investment and that over time, in the long term perspective, the investments will even out respective to currency fluctuations.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

#### 11. RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### **Currency Risk (continued)**

The following sets out the total exposure to currencies other than the U.S. Dollar, possible currency movements over the course of a year and the impact of a movement of the size indicated on the net assets of the Company based on the currency exposure as at 31 December 2008

				Impact to
			Reasonable	Profit and
			% movement	Loss and
Amount in USD	<b>Hedging USD</b>	Net Exposure USD	in Currency	<b>Equity USD</b>
62,976,534	-	62,976,534	24.25	15,271,809
909,794	20,327,840	21,237,634	12.83	2,724,788
48,277,133	-	48,277,133	0.76	366,906
5,547,204	-	5,547,204	24.09	1,336,321
697,236	-	697,236	6.45	44,972
19,706,986	-	19,706,986	7.08	1,395,255
25,181,053	-	25,181,053	4.76	1,199,776
	62,976,534 909,794 48,277,133 5,547,204 697,236 19,706,986	62,976,534 - 909,794 20,327,840 48,277,133 - 5,547,204 - 697,236 - 19,706,986 -	62,976,534       -       62,976,534         909,794       20,327,840       21,237,634         48,277,133       -       48,277,133         5,547,204       -       5,547,204         697,236       -       697,236         19,706,986       -       19,706,986	Amount in USD         Hedging USD         Net Exposure USD         % movement in Currency           62,976,534         -         62,976,534         24.25           909,794         20,327,840         21,237,634         12.83           48,277,133         -         48,277,133         0.76           5,547,204         -         5,547,204         24.09           697,236         -         697,236         6.45           19,706,986         -         19,706,986         7.08

Total 163,295,940 22,339,827

#### Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares

231,948,996

#### % Impact of reasonable movement in exchange

9.63

The following sets out the total exposure to currencies other than the U.S. Dollar, possible currency movements over the course of a year and the impact of a movement of the size indicated on the net assets of the Company based on the currency exposure as at 31 December 2007

					Impact to
				Reasonable	Profit and
				% movement	Loss and
Currency	Amount in USD	Hedging USD	Net Exposure USD	in Currency	<b>Equity USD</b>
Australian Dollar	32,043,631	-	32,043,631	10.40	3,332,538
Euro	47,467	-	47,467	5.44	2,582
Great British Pound	7,468,171	59,334,401	66,802,572	5.75	3,841,148
Hong Kong Dollar	21,790,741	-	21,790,741	0.60	130,744
Indonesian Rupiah	3,941,681	-	3,941,681	6.80	268,034
Korean Won	28,467,849	-	28,467,849	3.70	1,053,310
Malaysian Ringgit	11,357,877	-	11,357,877	3.70	420,241
Singapore Dollar	44,030,499	-	44,030,499	3.10	1,364,945
Thai Baht	6,636,015	-	6,636,015	12.60	836,138
Taiwan Dollar	64,930,984	-	64,930,984	2.20	1,428,482
Total	220,714,915				12,678,164

Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares

401,160,041

#### % Impact of reasonable movement in exchange

3.16

Observation that in practice, the actual trading results may differ from the sensitivity analysis above and the differences could be material.

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#### 11. RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

The Company invests in equity securities and has limited or no exposure to Interest Rate Risk.

#### Credit Risk

The Company invests in equity securities and has limited or no exposure to Credit Rate Risk. All financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are held with the Custodian. All unsettled trades at year end have subsequently settled with the Custodian. Details of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are included in the Portfolio of Investments. The investment manager undertakes a detailed review of all counterparties before any arrangements are entered into. The credit quality of all counterparties is monitored on a regular basis.

#### Liquidity Risk

The Company manages its liquidity risk by investing the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of. All of the Company's securities are exchanged in Regulated Markets .The Company has the ability to borrow in the short term to ensure settlement of potential daily cash redemptions of redeemable participating shares. No such borrowings have arisen during the year ending 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007.

The maturity profiles of the Company's financial liabilities as of 31 December 2008 and 31 December 31 2007 are as follows:

#### 31 December 2008

	Due on Demand	Due within 3 months	Total
<b>Liabilities</b> Financial Liabilities at fair value	USD	USD	USD
through profit or loss	-	2,372,160	2,372,160
Investments Payable	12,164,392	-	12,164,392
Payable for redemption of			
redeemable participating shares	-	-	-
Other Payables	-	450,946	450,946
Redeemable Shares	231,948,996	-	231,948,996
Total Liabilities	244,113,388	2,823,106	246,936,494

#### 31 December 2007

	Due on Demand	Due within 3 months	Total
	USD	USD	USD
Liabilities			
Financial Liabilities at fair value			
through profit or loss	-	1,169,189	1,169,189
Investments Payable	38,412,090	-	38,412,090
Payable for redemption of			
redeemable participating shares	10,591,211	-	10,591,211
Other Payables	-	8,930,280	8,930,280
Redeemable Shares	401,160,041	-	401,160,041
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Total Liabilities	450,163,342	10,099,469	460,262,811

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#### 12. NET ASSET COMPARISON

In accordance with the provisions of the Company's Prospectus, marketable investment securities are valued at last traded prices at the valuation point. Marketable investment securities for financial statement purposes are required by FRS 26 to be valued based on last bid prices at the valuation point. The difference between the two valuations methods may result in a difference between the NAV per share shown the financial statements and the NAV per share at which redeemable participating shares are issued and redeemed.

As at 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007, the difference between the NAV required by FRS 26 and the NAV at which redeemable shares are issued and redeemed is detailed in the table below.

Net Asset value reconciliation		31 December 20	08	31 December 2007
		US		USD
Valuation in accordance with Prospectus		232,420,3		402,448,952
Adjustment for bid and offer pricing		(471,35		(1,288,911)
Valuation in accordance with FRS26		231,948,9	<u></u>	401,160,041
Dealing NAV analysis			December 2008	
		Net Assets		AV per Share
Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class	USD	150,261,289	USD	140.68
Class B Dollar Distributing Class	USD	61,374,861	USD	140.74
Class C Sterling Distributing Class	GBP	14,294,332	GBP	78.76
		As	at 31 December 200	07
		Net Assets	<b>N</b> A	AV per Share
Class A Dollar Non-Distributing Class	USD	261,372,427	USD	177.72
Class B Dollar Distributing Class	USD	78,898,218	USD	177.76
Class C Sterling Distributing Class	GBP	31,054,955	GBP	95.70
13. PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS				
As at 31 December 2008:			Market Value	% of Net
			USD	Asset Value
Transferable securities admitted to an official e	vahanga listing		71 970 202	30.98
Transferable securities dealt on another regulate			71,870,293 28,937,919	12.48
Financial derivative instruments dealt on regular			1,091,997	0.47
Financial derivative instruments (Forward Cont			(2,372,160)	(1.02)
Total Financial Assets at fair value through	,		99,528,049	42.91
As at 31 December 2007:			Market Value	% of Net
			USD	Asset Value
Transferable securities admitted to an official e	xchange listing		161,216,334	40.19
Transferable securities dealt on another regulate			41,963,784	10.46
Financial derivative instruments dealt on regula			63,351,498	15.79
Financial derivative instruments (Forward Cont			(1,165,599)	(0.29)
Total Financial Assets at fair value through			265,366,017	66.15

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#### 14. COMPARATIVES

The comparative figures are for the period ended 31 December 2007.

### 15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no material post balance sheet events.

### 16. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the Directors on 23 April 2009.

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## Portfolio of Investments (unaudited)

			Percent of Net
Common Stocks & Equity Linked Notes	Shares	Value USD	Assets
Financial Assets at fair value through profit or loss			
Australia (2007: USD 41,963,784; 10.47%)			
Basic Materials (2007: USD 14,732,002; 3.67%)			
Newcrest Mining Ltd.	358,000	8,176,627	3.53
Industrial (2007: USD 9,568,481; 2.39%)		7.000.400	
WorleyParsons Ltd.	746,000	7,228,432	3.12
Total Australia		15,405,059	6.65
Cayman Islands (2007: USD 0; 0%)			
Communications (2007: USD 0; 0%)			
Shanda Interactive Entertainment Ltd. *	170,000	5,227,500	2.25
Total Cayman Islands		5,227,500	2.25
China/Hong Kong (2007: USD 44,727,539; 11.14%)			
Basic Materials (2007: USD 18,241,892; 4.55%)			
Sinofert Holdings Ltd.	7,946,000	3,834,586	1.65
Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.	7,706,000	4,663,373	2.02
		8,497,959	3.67
Communication (2007: USD 0; 0%)			
China Mobile Ltd.	343,000	3,443,277	1.48
Consumer, Non-cyclical (2007: USD 12,011,982; 2.99%)	•======================================		
Mindray Medical International Ltd. *	250,000	4,625,000	1.99
Diversified (2007: USD 317,297; 0.08%)			
Swire Pacific Ltd.	890,000	6,126,645	2.64
Energy (2007: USD 8,283,344; 2.06%)			
PetroChina Co., Ltd.	9,000,000	2,624,516	1.13
Financial (2007: USD 5,873,024; 1.46%)			
Cheung Kong Holdings Ltd.	530,000	4,999,098	2.17
China Construction Bank Corp.	4,900,000	2,687,098	1.16
China Life Insurance Co., Ltd.	850,000	2,582,903	1.11
Industrial & Commercial Bank of China	5,200,000	2,737,548	1.18
New World Development Ltd.	4,380,000	4,396,955	1.90
•	· · ·	17,403,602	7.52
Exchange Traded Funds (2007: USD 0; 0%)	4 020 000	4 247 200	1 07
iShares Asia Trust - iShares FTSE/Xinhua A50 China Tracker	4,030,000	4,347,200	1.87

## Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

Common Stocks & Equity Linked Notes (continued)	Shares	Value USD	Percent of Net Assets
China/Hong Kong (2007: USD 44,727,539; 11.14%) (continued) Utilities (2007: USD 0; 0%)			
Datang International Power Generation Co., Ltd.	7,194,000	3,805,858	1.64
Total China/Hong Kong		50,874,057	21.94
India (2007: USD 63,351,498; 15.79%)			
Technology (2007: USD 20,117,266; 5.01%)			
ICSA India Ltd. **	413,759	1,091,997	0.47
Total India	_	1,091,997	0.47
Malaysia (2007: USD 15,350,839; 3.83%)			
Financial (2007: USD 7,053,288; 1.76%)			
Bandar Raya Developments BHD	2,385,100	697,236	0.30
Total Malaysia		697,236	0.30
Papua New Guinea (2007: USD 0; 0%)			
Basic Materials (2007: USD 0; 0%)			
Lihir Gold Ltd.	4,000,000	8,305,360	3.58
Total Papua New Guinea		8,305,360	3.58
Singapore (2007: USD 42,126,247; 10.50%)			
Basic Materials (2007: USD 0; 0%)			
CapitaLand Ltd.	2,730,000	5,879,302	2.53
Total Singapore		5,879,302	2.53
Taiwan (2007: USD 21,703,932; 5.41%)			
Basic Materials (2007: USD 0; 0%)			
Taiwan Fertilizer Co., Ltd.	2,675,000	4,254,570	1.83
Financial (2007: USD 0; 0%)			
Chinatrust Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	9,000,000	3,784,278	1.63
Yuanta Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	10,600,000	4,731,566	2.04
		8,515,844	3.67
Industrial (2007: USD 21,703,932 0; 5.41%)			
Fortune Electric Co., Ltd.	1,853,750	1,649,284	0.71
Total Taiwan		14,419,698	6.21
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## Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

Common Stocks & Equity Linked Notes (continued)	Shares	Value USD	Percent of Net Assets
Total Commons Stocks (Cost USD 95,238,516 )		101,900,209	43.93
Total Financial Assets at fair value through profit or loss (Cost USD 95,238,516)		101,900,209	43.93

Financial Liabilities at fair value through profit or loss Forward Currency Contracts Open as of 31 December 2008

Currency Purchased	Principal Amount	Currency Sold	Currency Market Value USD	Aggregate Face Value USD	Settle Date	Unrealised Loss USD	Percent of Net Assets
GBP	13,992,906	USD	20,327,840	22,700,000	02-Feb-09	(2,372,160)	(1.02)
Total	13,992,906		20,327,840	22,700,000		(2,372,160)	(1.02)
Total Financial Liabilities at fair value through profit or loss						(2,372,160)	(1.02)
Other assets in excess of liabilities						132,420,947	57.09
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares						231,948,996	100.00

All forward contracts are held by Brown Brothers Harriman.

<sup>\*</sup> ADR denotes American Depositary Receipt

<sup>\*\*</sup> Equity Linked Notes

## **Statements of Changes in Composition of Portfolio (unaudited)**

Moior Durchosos for the year and od 21 December 2009	Shares or Principal Amount or Par	Cost USD
Major Purchases for the year ended 31 December 2008	Amount or Far	Cost USD
China Mobile Ltd.	4,599,000	51,797,571
PetroChina Co., Ltd.	38,568,000	43,984,755
Ping An Insurance Group Co. of China Ltd.	5,630,000	37,382,075
China Life Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,740,000	34,276,574
Lihir Gold Ltd.	15,426,000	34,064,396
Newcrest Mining Ltd.	1,452,870	33,416,059
DBS Group Holdings Ltd.	2,633,000	32,295,294
iShares Asia Trust - iShares FTSE/Xinhua A50 China Tracker	20,750,000	25,271,029
City Developments Ltd.	3,602,000	24,808,521
Doosan Heavy Industries and Construction Co., Ltd.	223,000	24,733,419
Taiwan Fertilizer Co., Ltd.	10,239,000	23,865,936
Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.	39,118,000	23,795,577
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	328,000	23,017,082
Bumi Resources Tbk PT	35,300,000	22,091,958
Yuanta Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	30,736,000	21,616,380
Keppel Corp Ltd.	3,420,000	21,322,172
IOI Corp Bhd	9,898,000	21,002,528
LG Chem Ltd.	197,000	18,613,874
WorleyParsons Ltd.	1,486,042	18,025,542
Cathay Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	7,150,000	17,655,031
PT Astra International Tbk	6,850,000	17,234,854
Hidili Industry International Development Ltd.	11,106,000	16,975,113
Cheung Kong Holdings Ltd.	1,524,000	15,942,763
Energy Resources of Australia Ltd.	731,077	15,815,114
Tatung Co., Ltd.	28,147,000	15,513,950
Tata Power Co., Ltd.	470,000	15,453,078
Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.	6,836,000	15,356,612
Zhaojin Mining Industry Co., Ltd.	7,457,500	14,924,691
Keppel Land Ltd.	3,167,000	14,558,096
New World Development Ltd.	16,484,000	14,157,967

## Statements of Changes in Composition of Portfolio (unaudited) (continued)

	Shares or Principal	Proceeds
Major Sales for the year ended 31 December 2008	Amount or Par	USD
China Mobile Ltd.	4,256,000	48,035,304
DBS Group Holdings Ltd.	3,503,000	43,728,082
PetroChina Co., Ltd.	35,568,000	40,924,635
Newcrest Mining Ltd.	1,518,870	39,566,290
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd.	5,630,000	34,898,146
China Life Insurance Co., Ltd.	9,890,000	30,673,853
City Developments Ltd.	4,302,000	29,532,026
Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.	38,562,000	28,026,659
Bumi Resources Tbk PT	35,300,000	25,225,362
Lihir Gold Ltd.	11,426,000	25,127,993
Doosan Heavy Industries and Construction Co., Ltd.	223,000	24,603,549
PT Astra International Tbk	9,525,500	23,746,734
Taiwan Fertilizer Co., Ltd.	7,564,000	23,345,520
Tata Power Co., Ltd.	728,900	22,662,881
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	328,000	21,587,993
iShares Asia Trust - iShares FTSE/Xinhua A50 China Tracker	16,720,000	19,912,218
CSR Ltd.	6,576,575	19,465,558
Keppel Corp Ltd.	3,420,000	19,066,093
IOI Corp Bhd	9,898,000	19,044,476
Zhaojin Mining Industry Co., Ltd.	10,823,500	17,550,848
Felix Resources Ltd.	1,494,000	17,539,287
Yuanta Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	20,136,000	17,207,353
LG Chem Ltd.	197,000	17,199,203
Hidili Industry International Development Ltd.	11,106,000	16,982,443
Tatung Co., Ltd.	28,147,000	16,516,295
Cathay Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	7,272,500	16,210,731
Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.	6,983,000	14,896,439
Queensland Gas Co., Ltd.	2,998,408	14,745,461

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