

# Prusik Asian Smaller Companies Fund



LONG ONLY ABSOLUTE RETURN INVESTING IN ASIA

PRUSIK

**31 August 2011**

Monthly Fund Fact Sheet

## Investment Objective

To preserve capital and generate absolute returns over a full economic cycle by investing primarily in Small Cap companies in Asia Pacific Ex-Japan, whilst maintaining portfolio volatility significantly below the peer group.

## Fund Facts

Fund Size (USD)	87.4m
Launch Date	8 February 2008
Fund Manager	Heather Manners
Fund Structure	UCITS III
Domicile	Dublin
Currencies	USD (base), GBP, SGD

## Performance (%)

	A USD	C GBP	D SGD
1 Month	-11.67	-11.82	-11.92
3 Month	-9.61	-9.59	-10.00
Year to Date	-6.22	-7.01	-6.85
Since Launch <sup>†</sup>	36.63	42.65	-0.48
2010	16.43	16.90	7.90
2009	59.70	56.10	-
2008	-21.60	-18.40	-

Source: Bloomberg.

<sup>†</sup>Launch Date: A: 08.02.08, C: 25.03.08, 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 (%)



Source: Bloomberg. Total return net of fees. Since launch: 08.02.08.

## Fund Manager Commentary

The fund fell 11.6% which is a disappointing outcome after the strong relative and absolute returns achieved in July. The month of August was volatile, starting with a sharp index decline of about 14% and finishing with a 6% or so rally. Cyclical, exporters and smaller companies fell the most and as time progressed, many companies which had held up well in the past few months were also hit hard. This, in particular, affected our performance in the last week.

Our performance numbers do require further scrutiny. Until the mid-month when the market bottomed, the fund was 4% or better ahead of the index so our relative return was lost in the final days during the rally. Some of the failure to participate did come from our cash and futures exposure but, as mentioned, we also held some stocks which did get hurt. Starpharma (healthcare) which announced Ansell as the partner for its new 'Vivagel' product after Reckitt Benckiser failed to make satisfactory progress towards commercialisation fell 25%. Taiwan domestic property was also badly hit thanks to property cooling measures by the current government and a strong call for a referendum on China policies by the opposition.

However, it is instructive to note that (at the time of writing) for September to date, the performance is in positive territory and the fund has regained all and more of its losses relative to the index from August. This is largely thanks to the rebound in some of our stocks (Starpharma has rallied 20% since month end) as well as our defensive futures position.

We are expecting September to bring further macro economic uncertainty and possibly some earnings downgrades as Asia fails to withstand the slowdown evolving in the West. We remain positioned reasonably defensively, having made very few changes to the fund in the past month. We have sold our Taiwan domestic theme for now. Our prognosis for the final four months of the year is for a general pattern of weakness now, led possibly by earnings downgrades and also the Europe/US malaise and lack of leadership. This can and probably will turn on a sixpence, assuming the right actions are eventually taken by governments. We therefore can also envisage another, much longer lasting and more vigorous rally leading us into year end. On this basis we have not moved to a fully defensive portfolio, preferring to observe the quite considerable value which we can see as well as the strong growth still being achieved by our companies.

All data as at 31.08.11. Source: Prusik Investment Management LLP, unless otherwise stated.

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## Top 5 Holdings (%)

Robinson Department Store	3.0
Bangkok Dusit Medical Services	2.9
LPN Development PCL	2.8
Hemaraj Land & Development	2.8
Ezion Holdings	2.5
Total Number of Holdings	40

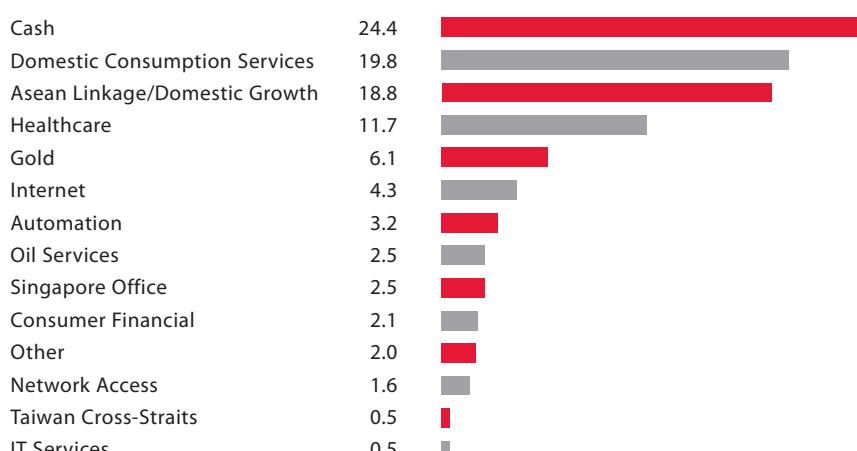
## Futures (%)

Hang Seng Index Futures (Sept 2011)	-5.7
KOSP12 Index Futures (Sept 2011)	-2.6
MSCI Taiwan Index (Sept 2011)	-5.3
SET50 Furures (Sept 2011)	-9.9
SGX S&P CNX NIFTY (Sept 2011)	-6.0

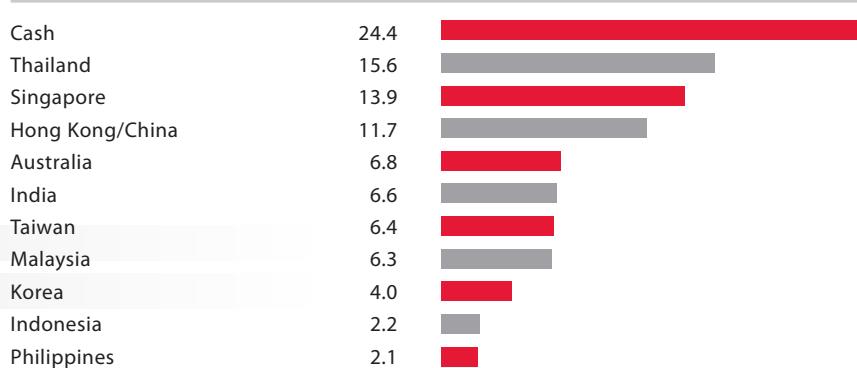
## Portfolio Financial Ratios

Predicted Price/Earnings Ratio	15.4x
Predicted Return on Equity (%)	25.8
Predicted Earnings Growth (%)	20.1

## Thematic Breakdown (%)



## Geographical Breakdown (%)



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## Management Fees

Annual Management Fee  
1.5% p.a. Paid monthly in arrears

Performance Fee  
10% of NAV appreciation with a 6% hurdle

## Dealing

Dealing Line	+ 353 1 4367 200
Administrator	Citi Hedge Fund Services (Dublin)
Dealing Frequency	Weekly, Friday
Min. Initial Subscription	USD 100,000
Min. Subsequent Subscription	USD 10,000
Subscription Notice	2 business days
Redemption Notice	2 business days

## Share Class Details

Share Class			Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV
A USD	Unhedged	Non distributing	B2PKN21	IE00B2PKN210	136.63
B USD	Unhedged	Distributing	B2PKN32	IE00B2PKN327	136.81
C GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B2PKN43	IE00B2PKN434	71.07
D SGD	Hedged	Distributing	B3M3HJ5	IE00B3M3HJ55	188.36
Performance fee based on individual investors' holding					

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