# Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund

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# LONG ONLY ABSOLUTE RETURN INVESTING IN ASIA

# 30 April 2018

Monthly Fund Fact Sheet

# **Investment Objective**

To select a portfolio of equity investments in the Asia Pacific ex-Japan region with above average dividend yields and which have the ability to grow their dividends over time. The fund aims to outperform the MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan index by 5-10% annually whilst growing its dividend over time.

#### **Fund Facts**

Fund size (USD)

Launch date

31 December 2010

Fund Manager

Fund Structure

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Currencies

USD (base), GBP, SGD

Index

MSCI Asia Pacific ex
Japan Index

#### Performance - Class B USD (%)

	Fund	Index
1 Month	1.34	1.00
3 Month	-3.70	-5.88
Year to Date	-1.28	0.44
Since Launch	176.83	48.80
Annualised <sup>†</sup>	14.90	5.57

Source: Morningstar. Launch Date: B: 31.12.10 †Since Launch Performance

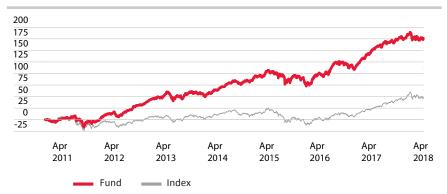
# **Investment Process**

The process is both quantitative and qualitative with the latter dominating. The universe is screened for those high dividend stocks which have the greatest ability to sustain and grow their dividends over time. A particular emphasis is placed on identifying those companies with exceptional franchises, annuity like cash flows and pricing power which are trading at significant discounts to intrinsic value.

#### **Dividend Dates**

Dividends paid twice annually (January and July)

#### Fund Performance - Class B USD (%)



Source: Morningstar. Total return net income reinvested.

## **Fund Manager Commentary**

This month we exited two positions – CPN Retail Fund and Asia Pay Television.

**CPN Retail Fund** is a position we have owned since the launch of the fund and it has generated an annualised USD return of 16% over that period. It is the "Westfield" of Thailand, owning several key shopping centres which have benefited from the growing middle-class of the country. However, because the low government bond yields in Thailand have pushed up valuations of "safe" assets, the valuation is no longer attractive.

In the case of **Asia Pay Television**, we are concerned about the rising debt levels at the trust and lack of revenue growth in the core business. Although the dividend yield is optically high, we believe the risk/return profile is not attractive enough to maintain the position.

The fund is currently on a lower P/E ratio than the market (12.4x compared to 13.0x), has a higher dividend yield (4.9% compared to 3%) and higher forecast dividend growth (10% compared to 7% for 2018-2019). Although the current, cyclically driven, market does not suit our investment style we remain confident about our ability to generate attractive absolute and relative returns over the long term.

All data as at 30.04.18. Source: Prusik Investment Management LLP, unless otherwise stated.

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# Top 5 Holdings (%)

CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd	5.9
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd - Pref	5.9
Power Grid Corporation of India	5.0
AIA Group Ltd	4.9
Beijing Capital International Airport	4.9
Total Number of Holdings	35

#### **Portfolio Financial Ratios**

Predicted Price/Earnings Ratio	12.4x
Predicted Return on Equity (%)	14.7
Predicted Dividend Yield (%)	4.9

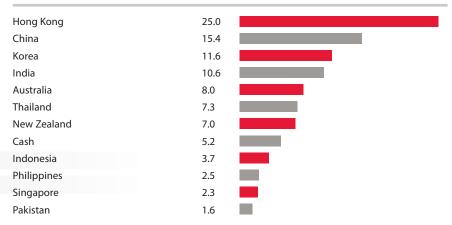
# **Risk Metrics**

Tracking Error (% pa)	.40
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Beta 0	.77
Alpha	.80
Volatility (%)	.43
Sharpe ratio 1	.54

## Thematic Breakdown (%)

Transport Infrastructure	26.6	
Power Utilities	15.8	
Communications Infrastructure	15.3	
Financials	11.1	
Consumer	7.6	
Real Estate	6.6	
Technology	5.9	
Cheung Kong / Hutchison	5.9	
Cash	5.2	

#### Geographical Breakdown (%)



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# **Management Fees**

## Annual Management Fee

1.0% p.a. Paid monthly in arrears

#### **Performance Fee**

Class 1: None

Class 2 and Class U: 10% of the net outperformance of the MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index, with a high-water mark paid quarterly.

# **Temporary Front End Charge:**

3% introduced on 2nd December 2013 paid to the benefit of the fund.

#### **Dealing**

Dealing Line	+353 1 603 6490
Administrator	Brown Brothers Harriman (Dublin)
Dealing Frequenc	Daily
Valuation Point	11am UK time
Dealing Cut-off	5pm UK time
Min. Initial Subsc	ription USD 10,000
Min. Subsequent	Subscription USD 5,000

# **Share Class Details**

Class 1		Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV	
A USD	Unhedged	Non distributing	B4MK5Q6	IE00B4MK5Q67	284.78
B USD	Unhedged	Distributing	B4QVD94	IE00B4QVD949	208.49
C GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B4Q6DB1	IE00B4Q6DB12	205.37
D SGD	Hedged	Distributing	B4NFJT1	IE00B4NFJT16	200.01

Class 1 shares were closed to further investment on 30th November 2012.

Class 2		Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV
X USD Unhedged	l Distributing	B4PYCL9	IE00B4PYCL99	186.26
Y GBP Hedged	Distributing	B4TRL17	IE00B4TRL175	184.22
Z SGD Hedged	Distributing	B6WDYZ1	IE00B6WDYZ18	185.64

Class 2 shares were soft closed to new investors as of 30th November 2012. Performance fee based on individual investor's holding.

Class U		Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV
U GBP Unhedged	Distributing	BBP6LK6	IE00BBP6LK66	170.86

Class U shares are open to current investors only. Performance fee based on fund performance as a whole.

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