Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund

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LONG ONLY ABSOLUTE RETURN INVESTING IN ASIA

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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) 895.7m

Launch Date 31 December 2010

Fund Manager Tom Naughton

Fund Structure UCITS III

Domicile Dublin

Currencies USD (base), GBP, SGD

Index MSCI Asia Pacific ex

Japan Index

Performance - Class B USD (%)

	Fund	Index
1 Month	-0.52	-1.36
3 Month	0.30	-1.33
Year to Date	-6.81	-5.33
Since Launch	161.32	40.25
Annualised [†]	13.20	4.46

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

The Indian financial sector saw significant volatility this month following the news that Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (ILFS) had defaulted on one of its bonds. This led to panic in the money markets as mutual funds, which owned this paper, had to sell other bonds to meet redemption requests which pushed up yields for several other issuers, particularly in the non-bank financial sector, of which ILFS was a member.

As a result, the share price of **Indiabulls Housing Finance** fell sharply as investors worried that they would not be able to access funding. This was despite the fact that the company has no asset liability mismatch, a AAA credit rating and had shown the ability to raise bonds at relatively attractive rates of interest despite the panic in the market. Trading at a P/E of 8x earnings, a dividend yield of 5.5% and growing at 20-25% per year, we believe the stock trades at a steep discount to intrinsic value. Although there is no denying running a wholesale funded financial institution in an emerging market is by no means a risk-free investment, the upside potential outweighs the downside risk in our view and we increased the size of our position during the panic. We also took advantage of the skittish markets to buy back into **Wynn Macau**. Due to concerns over a slowdown in the VIP business together with weakness caused by the recent typhoon, the stock has de-rated substantially and now trades on a free cash flow yield of 10% and offers an 8% dividend yield.

All data as at 28.09.18. Source: Prusik Investment Management LLP, unless otherwise stated.

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Top 5 Holdings (%)

CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd	6.4
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd - Pref	5.7
Beijing Capital International Airport	5.4
Swire Pacific Ltd	4.6
Zhejiang Expressway	4.6
Total Number of Holdings	32

Portfolio Financial Ratios

Predicted Price/Earnings Ratio	10.5x
Predicted Return on Equity (%)	16.2
Predicted Dividend Yield (%)	5.3

Risk Metrics

Tracking Error (% pa)	9.31
Beta	0.78
Alpha	9.08
Volatility (%)	13.39
Sharpe Ratio	1.37

Thematic Breakdown (%)

Transport Infrastructure	24.9
Communications Infrastructure	16.0
Power Utilities	12.7
Financials	11.9
Cash	8.5
Real Estate	7.8
Cheung Kong / Hutchison	6.4
Technology	5.7
Energy	3.9
Consumer	1.8

Geographical Breakdown (%)

Hong Kong	28.9
China	15.0
India	11.1
Korea	10.0
Cash	8.5
Australia	8.1
Thailand	5.6
Indonesia	4.6
Singapore	3.0
Philippines	2.9
New Zealand	1.6
Pakistan	0.5

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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	y Daily
Valuation Point	11am UK time
Dealing Cut-off	5pm UK time
Min. Initial Subscr	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	268.82
B USD Unhedged	Distributing	B4QVD94	IE00B4QVD949	192.16
C GBP Hedged	Distributing	B4Q6DB1	IE00B4Q6DB12	187.63
D SGD Hedged	Distributing	B4NFJT1	IE00B4NFJT16	183.55

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

Class 2		Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV
X USD Unhed	ged Distributing	B4PYCL9	IE00B4PYCL99	171.67
Y GBP Hedge	d Distributing	B4TRL17	IE00B4TRL175	168.30
Z SGD Hedge	d Distributing	B6WDYZ1	IE00B6WDYZ18	170.29

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	165.73

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

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