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)	989.7m
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	2.91	4.06
3 Month	2.41	4.87
Year to Date	29.59	32.34
Since Launch	173.66	42.77
Annualised [†]	15.87	5.35

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

If there is one overriding theme to our investment decisions this month, it is that we are selling stocks that could be described as "growth" or "momentum" companies and buying "defensive" or "value" stocks. We have trimmed our holdings in Indiabulls Housing Finance, Wuliangye Yibin and Samsung Electronics. These stocks rank in the top quintile of all Asian companies for price momentum and earnings momentum and have performed very well this year (Indiabulls and Wuliangye are up more than 100% and Samsung Electronics is up 70%). They remain very well positioned companies and are not (except for Wuliangye) trading at expensive valuations but the risk/reward is not in our favour at these levels given the downside potential if our analysis is incorrect. We have been reinvesting the proceeds into existing holdings such as Shenzhen Airport and Fonterra as well as two new positions - SCentre Group and Contact Energy. **SCentre Group**, the vehicle which owns Westfield's Australia and New Zealand shopping malls, has fallen in price this year due both to a general dislike of bond sensitive, defensive holdings and concerns that Amazon's entry into the Australian market will pressure their rental growth. We disagree with the latter point and believe tier 1 malls, such as Westfield, will prove resilient to this threat. Trading at an implied capitalisation rate of 6% we believe that it offers excellent value. Contact Energy is an integrated New Zealand Power company which is trading on a free cash flow yield of 8% and we believe they can pay that all out as dividends, whilst still growing at a low, single digit rate.

All data as at 31.10.17. Source: Prusik Investment Management LLP, unless otherwise stated.

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Top 5 Holdings (%)

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Samsung Electronics Co Ltd - Pref	6.9
CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd	6.4
AIA Group Ltd	5.7
Zhejiang Expressway	5.3
Beijing Capital International Airport	5.1
Total Number of Holdings	34

Portfolio Financial Ratios

Predicted Price/Earnings Ratio	12.9x
Predicted Return on Equity (%)	14.4
Predicted Dividend Yield (%)	4.4

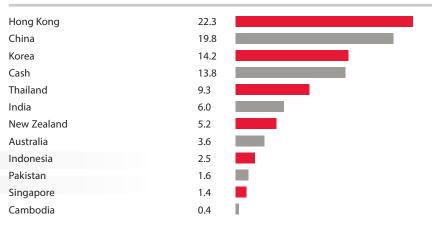
Risk Metrics

Tracking Error	(% pa)	9.47
Beta		0.78
Alpha		10.79
Volatility (%)		13.64
Sharpe ratio		1.61

Thematic Breakdown (%)

Transport Infrastructure	19.1	
Consumer	14.7	
Communications Infrastructure	14.2	
Cash	13.8	
Power Utilities	11.2	
Financials	9.5	
Technology	6.9	
Cheung Kong / Hutchison	6.4	
Real Estate	4.1	

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	Brow	n Brothers Harriman (Dublin)
Dealing Frequer	ncy	Daily
Valuation Point		11am UK time
Dealing Cut-off		5pm UK time
Min. Initial Subs	cription	USD 10,000
Min Subsequen	t Subscription	USD 5 000

Share Class Details

Class 1			Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV
A USD	Unhedged	Non distributing	B4MK5Q6	IE00B4MK5Q67	281.52
B USD	Unhedged	Distributing	B4QVD94	IE00B4QVD949	209.10
C GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B4Q6DB1	IE00B4Q6DB12	207.86
D SGD	Hedged	Distributing	B4NFJT1	IE00B4NFJT16	201.55

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

Class 2		Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV
X USD Unhedged	Distributing	B4PYCL9	IE00B4PYCL99	186.81
Y GBP Hedged	Distributing	B4TRL17	IE00B4TRL175	186.47
Z SGD Hedged	Distributing	B6WDYZ1	IE00B6WDYZ18	187.11

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	178.13

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

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