# Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund

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## LONG ONLY ABSOLUTE RETURN INVESTING IN ASIA

## 29 February 2016

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)	711.1m
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 (MXAPJ)

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

		Fund	Index
1 Month		-0.37	-0.84
3 Month		-6.69	-8.27
Year to Date		-6.39	-8.62
Since Launch		79.30	-6.02
Since Launch	(Annualised)	11.96	-1.19
Source: Bloom	hera		

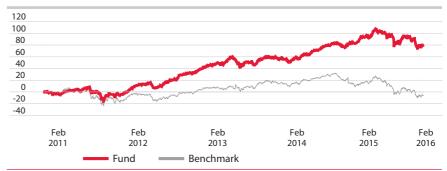
#### **Investment Process**

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: Bloomberg. Total return net income reinvested.

#### **Fund Manager Commentary**

The premium that "safe" stocks attract in the market continues to increase as fears over deflation and permanently low (or negative) rates grow stronger. We have taken the opportunity to reduce our exposure in some of these positions and increase our weightings in stocks that offer much more attractive risk/reward ratios. This has led to reductions in holdings such as **Hong Kong Telecom**, **Samui Airport** and **CPN Retail Fund** which have returned between10 to 15% year to date and increases in positions such as **Sun TV**, **Indiabulls Housing Finance**, **Beijing Capital Airport** and **Cheung Kong Property Holdings** which have fallen between 20 to 25% year to date. Overall, we remain cautious on the fundamentals in Asia but do think there are opportunities to buy stocks that are already pricing in very negative scenarios.

We note with interest that London City Airport has just been sold to a Canadian consortium, led by Ontario Teachers' pension fund, for a reported 30x EV/EBITDA highlighting the valuations that long term investors will pay for developed market infrastructure assets as a result of the low level of real bond yields. Although emerging market infrastructure assets generally lack the regulatory and legal certainty that developed markets possess, we believe that **Beijing Capital Airport** – trading on 8x EV/EBITDA and a free cash flow yield of 12% - offers an attractive combination of strong growth and a supportive (if not transparent) regulatory environment which remains undervalued by the market.



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#### Top 5 Holdings (%)

CK Hutchinson Holdings Ltd	7.4
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	6.4
Cheung Kong Property Holdings Ltd	4.6
Macquarie Korea Infrastructure Fund	4.4
Link Real Estate Investment Trust	4.3
Total Number of Holdings	35

#### **Portfolio Financial Ratios**

Predicted Price/Earnings Ratio	11.9x
Predicted Return on Equity (%)	13.5
Predicted Dividend Yield (%)	5.1

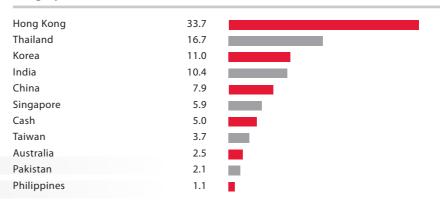
#### **Risk Metrics**

6.37
0.79
12.90
12.65
0.95

#### Thematic Breakdown (%)

Financials	17.9
Transport Infrastructure	16.4
Communications Infrastructure	14.0
Cheung Kong / Hutchison	12.0
Asian Brands & Technology	10.0
Consumer	8.6
Power Utilities	8.5
Shopping Malls	7.6
Cash	5.0

#### 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 (MXAPJ) 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 Frequency	Daily
Valuation Point	11am UK time
Dealing Cut-off	5pm UK time
Min. Initial Subscription	USD 10,000
Min. Subsequent Subscriptio	n USD 5.000

### **Share Class Details**

Class 1			Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV
A USD	Unhedged	Non distributing	B4MK5Q6	IE00B4MK5Q67	184.27
B USD	Unhedged	Distributing	B4QVD94	IE00B4QVD949	144.82
C GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B4Q6DB1	IE00B4Q6DB12	146.64
D SGD	Hedged	Distributing	B4NFJT1	IE00B4NFJT16	140.55
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	129.83
Y GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B4TRL17	IE00B4TRL175	131.64
Z SGD	Hedged	Distributing	B6WDYZ1	IE00B6WDYZ18	130.83

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	118.05

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

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