# Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund

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# LONG ONLY ABSOLUTE RETURN INVESTING IN ASIA

# 30 September 2014

Quarterly 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 out-perform the MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan index by 5-10% annually whilst growing its dividend over time.

#### **Fund Facts**

Fund Size (USD)	822.5m
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

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

		Fund	Index
1 Month		-2.54	-7.16
3 Month		2.12	-3.02
Year to Date		11.96	4.11
Since Launch		77.99	13.47
Since Launch (A	nnualised)	16.62	3.43
Source: Bloombe	erg		

# **Investment Process**

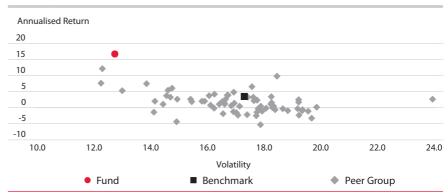
The process is both quantitative and qualitative with the latter dominating. The universe is screened for those high dividend stocks which have the greatest ability to sustain and grow their dividends over time. A particular emphasis is placed on identifying those companies with exceptional franchises,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

# Fund Performance - Class B USD (%)



Source: Bloomberg. Total return net income reinvested.

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



Source: Bloomberg. Annualised return and 1 year volatility versus the peer group (open ended offshore Asia Pacific ex Japan Equity Fund Index), 31.12.10 to 30.09.14

# **Fund Manager Commentary**

Our relative outperformance against the index in September was the result of portfolio positioning which had, up until this month, detracted substantially from returns. Our cautious investment stance, relatively high cash weighting and low beta portfolio had been struggling to keep up with the moves in markets but that defensiveness assisted in the preservation of capital during a more turbulent month. Half of the outperformance was due to the cash position and low beta stocks. The other half was due to our underweight position in Australia and good alpha across the portfolio, in particular Korea.

This month we exited our position in **Link REIT** and re-entered **HSBC** - in effect reversing a decision that we took earlier in the year. This is largely due to relative price movements. Since the end of January, **Link REIT** has returned 30% whereas **HSBC** is unchanged. In addition, our confidence in **HSBC** has increased as we believe we are closer to the point at which the bank can be more aggressive with regard to its capital return policy if they pass the EU and Bank of England stress tests as expected later in the year.



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#### Top 5 Holdings (%)

Hutchison Whampoa Ltd	5.1
Cheung Kong Holdings	4.8
Macquarie Korea Infrastructure	3.5
Beijing Capital Intl	3.3
MTR Corporation	3.3
Total Number of Holdings	47

#### **Portfolio Financial Ratios**

Predicted Price/Earnings Ratio	11.6x
Predicted Return on Equity (%)	12.9
Predicted Dividend Yield (%)	5.1

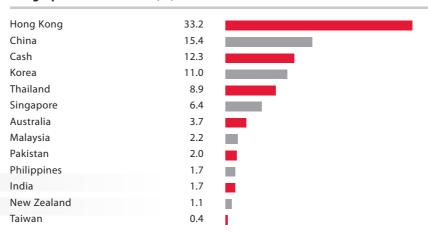
#### **Risk Metrics**

Tracking Error (% pa)	6.8
Beta	0.79
Alpha	13.9
Volatility (%)	12.7
Sharpe ratio	1.30

#### Thematic Breakdown (%)

Core Infrastructure	45.9	
Cash	12.3	
Asian Consumer	11.4	
Retail Shopping Mall	10.7	
Quality Financials	9.6	
Real Estate	4.8	_
Asian Export Brand	3.0	
Niche Tech	2.5	

#### 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 (MXAJP) 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	182.92
B USD	Unhedged	Distributing	B4QVD94	IE00B4QVD949	152.47
C GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B4Q6DB1	IE00B4Q6DB12	153.06
D SGD	Hedged	Distributing	B4NFJT1	IE00B4NFJT16	146.20
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	139.33
Y GBP	Hedged	Distributing	B4TRL17	IE00B4TRL175	140.30
Z SGD	Hedged	Distributing	B6WDYZ1	IE00B6WDYZ18	139.01

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	108.32

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

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