# Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund

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# LONG ONLY ABSOLUTE RETURN INVESTING IN ASIA

# 30 June 2020

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 AC Asia Pacific Ex Japan Gross Return Index (USD) by 5-10% annually whilst growing its dividend over time.

#### **Fund Facts**

Fund Size (USD) 687.8m

Launch Date 31 December 2010

Fund Manager Tom Naughton

Fund Structure UCITS III

Domicile Dublin

Currencies USD (base), GBP, SGD

Index MSCI AC Asia Pacific Ex Japan Gross Return

# Performance - Class B USD (%)

	Fund	Index
1 Month	4.67	8.24
3 Month	14.13	18.50
Year to Date	-17.63	-6.02
Since Launch	132.51	43.60
$Annualised^{\dagger}$	9.29	3.88

Index (USD)

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**

We added several new positions to the portfolio this month. **China Mobile** is the largest mobile operator in the world with almost 1 billion subscribers. In the past it has been unable to benefit from its dominant market position however, the move from 4G to 5G might potentially change this as the significant increase in data packages offered means that consumers do not have an incentive to hold multiple SIM cards and therefore will gravitate towards the operator with the best coverage. Capital intensity is also falling which means cash flows could increase substantially. Trading on a 13% free cash flow yield with a net cash position equal to a third of its market cap, the risk reward is very attractive.

We also added a position in Thai Finance Company, **TISCO** (10% dividend yield), Hong Kong Infrastructure owned **NWS Holdings** (9% dividend yield) and took advantage of a placing by Blackstone to re-enter **Embassy Office Parks REIT** (7.5% dividend yield).

In general, we still find more value in out of favour stocks in traditional industries (e.g. telecoms, tobacco, real estate) which offer steady growth and stable yields as opposed to the technology and healthcare sectors which have now reached stratospheric valuations.

All data as at 30.06.20. Source: Prusik Investment Management LLP, unless otherwise stated.

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# Top 5 Holdings (%)

Samsung Electronics Co Ltd - Pref	6.5
Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd	6.0
CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd	5.8
CK Asset Holdings Ltd	5.4
ITC Ltd	5.2
Total Number of Holdings	41

#### **Portfolio Financial Ratios**

Price/Earnings Ratio	10.1x
Predicted Dividend Yield (%)	5.9

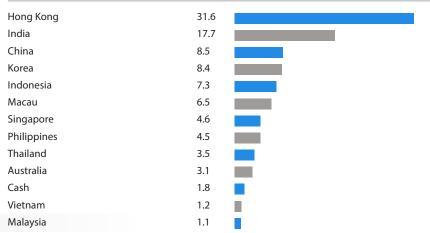
#### **Risk Metrics**

Tracking Error (% pa)	9.42
Beta	0.83
Alpha	5.85
Volatility (%)	15.86
Sharpe Ratio	0.83

# Thematic Breakdown (%)

Consumer	19.0	
Real Estate	18.8	
Communications Infrastructure	18.7	
Power Utilities	11.0	
Transport Infrastructure	9.0	
Technology	8.9	
Financials	7.0	
Cheung Kong / Hutchison	5.8	
Cash	1.8	

#### 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 AC Asia Pacific Ex Japan Gross Return Index (USD), with a high-water mark paid quarterly.

#### **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 Subscri	ption USD 5,000

#### **Share Class Details**

Class 1		Se	edol	ISIN	Month-end NAV
A USD Un	hedged Non dis	tributing B4	4MK5Q6	IE00B4MK5Q67	239.18
B USD Un	hedged Distribu	iting B4	4QVD94	IE00B4QVD949	160.65
C GBP He	dged Distribu	iting B4	4Q6DB1	IE00B4Q6DB12	148.79
D SGD He	dged Distribu	iting B4	4NFJT1	IE00B4NFJT16	150.10

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	143.51
Y GBP Hedged	Distributing	B4TRL17	IE00B4TRL175	133.50
Z SGD Hedged	Distributing	B6WDYZ1	IE00B6WDYZ18	139.26

Class 2 shares are open to current investors only and were 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	147.40

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

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