# Monthly NTA Statement

October 2017

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Ellerston Asian Investments Limited (**ASX: EAI**) advises the unaudited Net Tangible Asset backing (**NTA**) per share of the company as at 31 October 2017:

NTA per share	31 October 2017
NTA before tax	\$1.1677
NTA after tax	\$1.1267

The NTA is based on fully paid share capital of 105,410,739

The difference between the NTA before tax and the NTA after tax relates to the provision for deferred tax on set-up costs and tax on unrealised capital gains from the Company's Investment Portfolio.

On September 18 2017, EAI announced a new on-market buy-back of up to 10% of its shares, commencing September 27 2017 and continuing for twelve months.

Since 27 September 2016 a total of 14,589,262 shares had been bought back

The company's gross performance before tax for the month of October was 7.82%.

Ian Kelly

Company Secretary

#### **Important Note**

Should investors have any questions or queries regarding the company, please contact our Investor Relations team on 02 9021 7797. All <u>holding</u> enquiries should be directed to our share registrar, Link Market Services on 1300 551 627 or EAI@linkmarketservices.com.au.

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## Ellerston Asian Investments (ASX: EAI)

Investment Update – October 2017

#### Commentary

October was a good month for EAI. The fund was up 7.8% on a gross basis and outperformed the benchmark by 0.69% during the month. The fund is now up 11.2% on a gross basis Fiscal Year to Date and has outperformed the Index thus far in FY18. The pretax NTA as of October 31, 2017 was \$1.17 versus \$1.08 at the end of September. We continued to buy back shares during the month and are committed to further reducing the discount to NTA.

Asian markets were strong in October on account of positive data out of China and a clear roadmap and mandate for President Xi following the 19th Party Congress. In India, Prime Minister Modi surprised the market by announcing at INR 2.1trillion (~40b AUD) recapitalization of the state owned banks. This is very positive for the financial sector and also bodes well for a corporate capex cycle and GDP acceleration in FY19. In technology, strong results and commentary by Apple on the iPhone X drove some of our supply chain investments including TSMC, Win Semi, Hon Hai and Largan.

There are currently 46 stocks in the portfolio with an average market cap of over \$90b. The market cap of the Top 10 holdings is approximately \$280b. The largest sector weights in the portfolio remain financials and technology, with technology the largest sector overweight. In terms of country allocation, our biggest overweights are China and India and the biggest underweight is Korea.

In terms of stock performance, Samsung, DBS and Alibaba were the top contributors to absolute performance in October, while Telkom Indonesia and Baidu were the primary detractors from absolute performance.

The biggest contributors to alpha during the month were DBS, Hikvision, UltraTech Cement and Airtac. These stocks are in 4 different sectors (financials, tech, materials and industrials, respectively) and in 4 different markets (Singapore, China, India and Taiwan, respectively). This shows that our stock picking, rather than market moves or sector rotation, generated alpha during October.

Cash at the end of September was approximately 3%. Currencies with a greater than 10% weight are hedged as per the index.

During October and early November, Ellerston Asian Investments embarked on our annual roadshow in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney. We had over 300 people attend the event which was triple the number of attendees last year. We wish to thank shareholders for their support and look forward to seeing you at next year's roadshow. If you were unable to attend, please find below a link to the webcast of the presentation: <a href="https://youtu.be/2AD4TaZvo">https://youtu.be/2AD4TaZvo</a> k.

#### **Key Information**

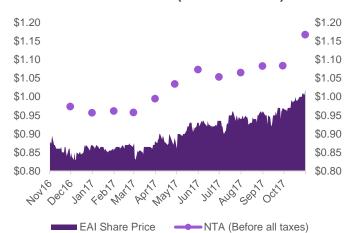
ASX Code: Shares	EAI
Listing date	15 September 2015
Share price at 31/10/2017	\$1.02
NTA (before tax)	\$1.17
NTA (after tax)	\$1.13
EAI Market Capitalisation	\$107.5m
ASX Code: Options	EAIO
Option price	\$0.049
Exercise price	\$1.00
Avg Management Fee	0.84% pa
Performance Fee	15%

#### **Performance**

Metric	EAI Gross	EAI Net *	MSCI Asia ex Japan (AUD)
1 Month	7.8%	7.7%	7.1%
3 Months	9.9%	9.6%	9.8%
6 Months	13.5%	12.8%	13.6%
1 Year	19.9%	18.5%	26.6%
1 Nov 2015^	17.3%	14.6%	23.5%
ITD	23.4%	20.3%	31.2%

\*Before all taxes and after fees. Includes the effects of the share buyback ^Performance fee commencement

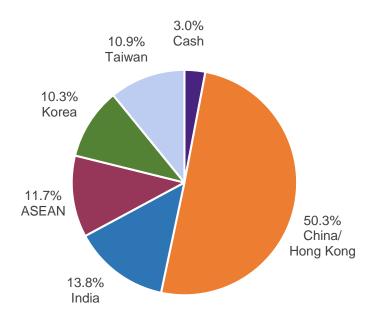
#### **EAI Share Price Vs NTA (Before all taxes)**



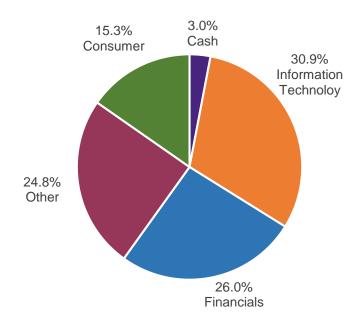
Top 10 Holdings	%
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	6.6
TSMC	6.2
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	5.1
DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	4.9
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	4.9
ICBC	3.4
CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK CORP	3.2
BAIDU INC-CHINA	3.1
LARSEN AND TOUBRO LTD	3.1
CHINA LIFE INSURANCE CO LTD	3.0



### **Geographical Exposure**



#### **Sector Allocation**



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