

**ASX Announcement  
(ASX: AUF)  
Investment and NTA update at 30 April 2015**

**Overview**

The unaudited, pre-tax net tangible asset (NTA) backing of the Asian Masters Fund (AUF) at 30 April was \$1.43 per share (compared with \$1.40 at 31 March 2015).

The Asian Masters Fund is a long-term equity investor and does not intend to dispose of its total portfolio. If estimated tax at 30% on unrealised portfolio gains were to be recognised, the net asset backing after tax would be \$1.28 per share.

AUF's unaudited, pre-tax NTA per share returned +1.9% over the month of April. This compares with the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index (total return in Australian dollars), which rose 3.4% over the same period. Since its initial public offering, AUF has outperformed its benchmark by 36.2%. At 30 April 2015, AUF was 95% invested and had investments in 14 funds with a total portfolio value of \$179,699,128.

**Market Commentary<sup>1</sup>**

The MSCI Asia ex Japan Index (the Index) gained 3.4% in April. Performance across the region was not uniform, with China and Hong Kong performing exceptionally well, and the Southeast Asian markets and India posting negative returns.

China A-Shares (+13.2%) and China H-Shares (+12.8%) were the region's best performing markets. Equities rallied on expectations of stimulus measures by the Chinese government after economic growth hit its slowest pace in six years, with first quarter gross domestic product registering 7% year-on-year growth. A larger-than-expected 100 basis points cut in the reserve requirement ratio for banks gave further credence to this view. Hong Kong (+9.1%) also performed well while Korea (+3.5%) performed in line with the Index.

Singapore (+2.1%) and Taiwan (+0.8%) posted positive returns but underperformed the Index. Malaysia (-0.3%), Vietnam (-1.6%) and Thailand (-2.9%) posted negative returns.

The Philippines (-6.0%) and India (-8.7%) performed poorly. Indian equities fell to their lowest level in four months, weighed down by weak corporate earnings and forecasts of a sub-normal monsoon.

Indonesia was the worst performing market in the region, losing 9.9% on the back of disappointing corporate earnings and outflows from foreign investors.

The Australian dollar closed out April at 79.05 US cents, increasing 3.9% on March's close of 76.07 US cents.

<sup>1</sup> All figures in Australian dollars (AUD) unless specified otherwise

Source: Walsh & Company Asset Management Pty Limited. Note some figures may not reconcile due to rounding. The historical performance of the Manager is not a guarantee of the future performance of the Portfolio or the Company.