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Platinum Asia Fund Complex ETF (“PAXX”) and Platinum Asia Investments Limited (“PAI”) proposed merger moving ahead in line with timetable

Platinum Investment Management Limited (“Platinum”) is pleased to be informed of the PAI Board’s decision to reject the non-binding indicative proposal received from PM Capital Global Opportunities Fund Ltd on [27 February 2025](#) (“Alternate Proposal”), on the grounds that the Alternate Proposal is not superior to the Platinum proposal to merge PAI with PAXX, as outlined in the Scheme Implementation Deed between PAI and Platinum dated [1 October 2024](#), as amended on [13 November 2024](#) (“Platinum Proposal”).

Platinum was not involved in the assessment of the Alternate Proposal but fully endorses the position taken by the independent PAI Board and its financial adviser.

Platinum notes the following:

The Platinum Proposal achieves the PAI Board’s primary objectives to solve the discount on an ongoing basis whilst retaining investors’ chosen investment manager and strategy

Platinum reiterates that the Platinum Proposal addresses the PAI Board’s stated aims of permanently solving for the share price discount-to-net tangible assets (“NTA”), a problem that plagues almost all listed closed ended vehicles, while, at the same time, retaining the investment manager and strategy that investors have chosen. PAXX, being an open-ended managed fund traded on the ASX, also provides investors with an ability to exit at any time at or around net asset value.

The Platinum Proposal is in line with industry trends and investor sentiment

Actively managed exchange traded funds, such as PAXX, have become the clear retail investor preference for all but niche, less illiquid asset classes such as real estate, private equity and private credit. The vast majority of closed ended vehicles investing in listed equities trade at large discounts to NTA, with a number of closed ended vehicles, in recent years, having been wound up or converted to open ended structures like PAXX as a consequence of their prevailing share price discounts.

Premiums for listed closed-ended structures are often transitory

Investors should be highly cautious of any proposal that seeks to spruik a “point in time” and/or “episodic” premium to pre-tax NTA. This is because any such premiums are generally transitory and highly unlikely to survive the after-effects of any proposed merger transaction. This has been borne out by the post-acquisition performance of several recent listed closed ended vehicle mergers, which saw illusory “premiums” quickly evaporate following post deal trading.

The Platinum Proposal is highly executable and proceeding according to schedule

Platinum has entered into a binding SID with PAI as outlined above with the Platinum Proposal proceeding smoothly, in line with the current timetable. Platinum expects that PAI shareholders will receive the scheme booklet in May 2025, with the PAI shareholder meeting to approve the proposed scheme of arrangement, to take place in late July 2025. PAXX investors do not need to take any action.

Platinum is focused on working collaboratively with the PAI Board to complete the Platinum Proposal.

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