# **HSZ** China Fund

Figures as of December 31, 2015

Net Asset Value USD 122.42, CHF 94.98, EUR 143.80

Fund Size USD 97.6 million Inception Date\* May 27, 2003 Cumulative Total Return Annualized Total Return 40.9% in USD

\* The track record is the combination of two consecutive track records of China Investment Corporation (CIC) and HSZ China Fund (HCF). From May 27, 2003 to November 17, 2006 it is the performance of CIC, a trust account managed by HSZ (Hong Kong) Limited for listed Chinese equities. Since the launch of HCF on November 17, 2006 it is the performance of HCF.



Performance				
	December	YTD	1 Year N	ov 17, 06
USD Class	0.4%	(1.0%)	(1.0%)	28.9%
CHF Class	(3.4%)	(0.4%)	(0.4%)	(0.3%)
EUR Class	(2.7%)	10.3%	10.3%	49.1%

Largest Holdings	
Ping An (A Shares)	8.5%
Qingdao Haier	7.2%
Gree Electric Appliances	7.2%
China Merchants Bank	6.1%
Tencent Holdings	5.7%
Yili Company	5.6%

Exposure	
Financials	28.7%
Consumer Discretionary	23.9%
TMT	20.7%
Industrials	11.1%
Consumer Staples	7.8%
Cash	0.1%

## Newsletter December 2015

- China's currency included in IMF's Special Drawing Rights basket
- Wasion maintains leading position in smart meters
- Moutai reported better than expected 3Q15 results
- Qingdao Haier to acquire assets from parent

China's currency, the renminbi, will be included in the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Drawing Rights (SDR) basket. It is the first change in the SDR's currency composition since 1999, when the Euro replaced Deutsche Mark and French Franc. The addition of the renminbi will take effect on October 1, 2016 and it will have a 10.92 percent weight in the basket, topping the pound and the yen. This inclusion is a significant development for China as it attempts to open up its financial markets.

Wasion maintains its leading position in smart meters. The company ranked number one in total contract sum in the latest centralized tender by the State Grid, winning contracts of 974,000 units of smart meters and 433,000 units of data collection terminals and concentrators. The company was also awarded SA8000:2008 Social Accountability System Certification from TÜV SÜD, making it the first awardee of this international certification within the industry. SA8000 is one of the world's first auditable social certification standards for workplaces.

Moutai reached 2015 annual sales target, recording sales of at least CNY 31.9 billion for 2015. The company held its annual distributor meeting in Renhuai. Management identified certain industry trends, including mainstream consumer shifting to millennials who have lower loyalty to baijiu while consumption behavior is concentrating on top brands. The Chairman mentioned three key measures to face the challenge of market changes, including linking compensation of all sales persons to sales volume, deeper penetration into low tier markets such as counties and towns, and development of an O2O e-commerce platform. Moutai reiterated optimization of distribution channel is a top priority in 2016.

Qingdao Haier will acquire assets from its parent company. Qingdao Haier will buy 45 percent stake in Mitsubishi-Haier-Air-con Co and 49% stake in Haier-Carrier Refrigeration Co for CNY 841.5 million from its parent Haier Group. The company believes the deals could enhance its market position and R&D capabilities in the air-con and refrigerator segments. The company's shares will remain suspended from trading as the company is involved in a major acquisition of overseas home-appliance assets and the deal is expected to be completed by March 2016.

Name HSZ China Fund Entrepreneurial China Theme Nature

Long-only equity fund, actively

managed

Focus Listed Chinese equities focusing on

privately controlled companies

Structure Swiss investment fund, regulated by

FINMA, open-ended Distributions Income annually Fiscal Year End December 31 Reporting Semi-annually in USD

**Currency Classes** USD, CHF, EUR (all unhedged)

Daily issuance and redemption, **Trading** based on net asset value

Fund Manager Custodian Bank Investment Manager Auditors

Credit Suisse Funds AG Credit Suisse AG HSZ (Hong Kong) Limited KPMG AG

Management Fee 1.5% annually

Performance Fee 10% above hurdle rate of 5%, high

water mark

Issuance Fee 0.5% Redemption Fee None

**USD Class** ISIN CH0026828035, Valor 2682803

WKN AOLC13

Bloomberg HSZCHID SW Equity ISIN CH0026828068, Valor 2682806 CHF Class

WKN A0LC15

Bloomberg HSZCFCH SW Equity ISIN CH0026828092, Valor 2682809 **EUR Class** 

WKN A0LC14

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## General Information

## **Investment Opportunity**

Once the world's largest trading power, China's gradual decline during the second millennium culminated in the Maoist purgatory. However, since the 1980s economic development has taken center stage. China has become the engine of the fastest growing region in the world attracting substantial foreign investments and developing into the world's manufacturing hub. Furthermore, an increasing middle class is fuelling demand for consumer products. The growth momentum is set to continue as China strives to catch up with mature economies, producing attractive investment opportunities.

#### Investment Strategy

The objective of HSZ China Fund is to create sustained shareholder value by acquiring and managing equity and equity-linked investments in a select number of high-quality companies that are rooted in China. At least two-thirds of the total assets are to be invested in companies which are domiciled in China or participate as holding companies in enterprises domiciled there. At most one-third of the total fund volume can be invested in equity oriented stocks and money market instruments of issuers worldwide. Based on fundamental analysis and a bottom up approach, investment opportunities are identified that are assessed to provide above-average return on invested capital, have strong earnings per share growth and are priced attractively.

### Risk Management

The Chinese stock market has many of the particular risks and characteristics of emerging markets. HSZ (Hong Kong) Limited exerts itself for reducing specific risks by accurately screening and monitoring high quality assets. That is why the long-lived experience of its specialists based locally is invaluable for investors. The fund is well diversified to avoid concentration risk. The weight of each position in the portfolio is subject to a maximum limit of 15%. No portfolio leverage is employed. The fact that HSZ China Fund invests in listed equity provides the investor with a reasonable degree of liquidity.

### Investment Manager

HSZ (Hong Kong) Limited is a Hong Kong based independent investment management company. Its investment team has been managing Asian equity portfolios since 1994.