HSZ China Fund

Figures as of September 29, 2017

Net Asset Value USD 172.16, CHF 130.87, EUR 186.02

Fund Size USD 120.3 million Inception Date* May 27, 2003
Cumulative Total Return Annualized Total Return 12.2% 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				
	September	YTD	1 Year	Nov 2006
USD Class	0.7%	51.5%	43.6%	83.2%
CHF Class	1.4%	44.1%	44.0%	38.8%
EUR Class	1.5%	35.1%	36.1%	96.2%

9.8%
9.1%
9.0%
7.8%
7.1%
6.1%

Exposure	
TMT	37.0%
Financials	18.1%
Consumer Discretionary	17.3%
Consumer Staples	15.5%
Industrials	5.9%
Cash	1.7% ■

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- CICC announced strategic cooperation with Tencent
- Alibaba will invest USD15 billion in global logistics
- Yangtze Power benefits from strong hydropower generation

The People's Bank of China (PBoC) announced targeted Reserve Requirement Ratio (RRR) cut, effective on January 2018. Banks with an inclusive financing exposure of higher than 1.5%/10% of loans would be eligible for a 50bps/150bps RRR cut from benchmark ratios. The definition of "inclusive financing" is expanded to include loans for poverty alleviation and innovation, in addition to the existing definition of SME loans and agricultural-related financing. It is estimated that the theoretical amount of interbank liquidity released from the cut would be about CNY 750 billion. The RRR cut probably signals the authorities' concern about the recent slowdown of August economic data and could be partly intended to support market sentiment in the run-up to the 19th Party Congress.

CICC announced strategic cooperation with Tencent. It is agreed that Tencent will acquire 4.95% stake of CICC and senior management from both sides will form a strategic committee to promote cooperation. The cooperation will allow CICC to tap into Tencent's vast client base and advanced technology. CICC stated that the primary goal is to scale up its high-net-worth client base, while cooperation in other areas such as mass-market client wealth management, investment banking and private equity fund is also possible.

Alibaba will invest USD15 billion in global logistics over the next 5 years. The company took controlling stake in logistics company Cainiao with the purpose of enhancing the logistics capabilities within the Alibaba ecosystem. This speeds up the implementation of their New Retail strategy which brings online and offline retail into one seamless experience for shoppers. Currently Cainiao handles 57 million deliveries a day and the ultimate goal of Alibaba Group is to create the capability to delivery anywhere in China within 24 hours and anywhere in the world within 72 hours.

Yangtze Power benefited from strong hydropower generation in September. According to NDRC's preliminary statistics, nationwide hydropower generation surged 23% YoY in September, much better than 16% YoY growth in August. The solid demand and the abundant incoming water both contribute to the accelerated generation. The satisfactory hydrology condition at the end of flood season also implies better performance during the dry season this year, as hydropower plants are able to increase their water reserve to the desired level and therefore improve generation efficiency in the dry season. Yangtze Power, as the largest hydropower company in China, will be a major beneficiary of this situation.

Name HSZ China Fund Theme Nature

Entrepreneurial China

Long-only equity fund, actively

managed

Focus Listed Chinese equities focusing on

privately controlled companies

Structure

Swiss investment fund, regulated by

Distributions Fiscal Year End Reporting

Income annually December 31 Semi-annually in USD

FINMA, open-ended

Currency Classes Trading

USD, CHF, EUR (all unhedged) Daily issuance and redemption, based on net asset value

Fund Manager Custodian Bank **Investment Manager** Auditors

Credit Suisse Funds AG Credit Suisse (Schweiz) 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 Redemption Fee

EUR Class

None None

USD Class ISIN CH0026828035, Valor 2682803

WKN AOLC13

Bloomberg HSZCHID SW Equity CHF Class

ISIN CH0026828068, Valor 2682806

WKN A0LC15

Bloomberg HSZCFCH SW Equity ISIN CH0026828092, Valor 2682809

WKN A0LC14

Bloomberg HSZCHEU SW Equity

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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 fueling 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.