HSZ China Fund



Figures as of April 30, 2024

Net Asset Value USD 165.48, CHF 117.63, EUR 197.66

Fund Size USD 131.9 million Inception Date* May 27, 2003
Cumulative Total Return Annualized Total Return 8.0% 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				
	April	YTD	1 Year	May 2003
USD Class	4.9%	(1.0%)	(16.8%)	403.1%
CHF Class	5.6%	7.8%	(15.4%)	246.5%
EUR Class	5.5%	2.2%	(14.8%)	447.3%

Largest Holdings	
Midea Group	7.1%
Ping An	5.9%
Alibaba Group	5.9%
Tencent Holdings	5.7%
China Yangtze Power	5.7%
Cathay Pacific Airways	5.1%

Exposure	
Consumer Discretionary	31.6%
Consumer Staples	14.1%
Information Technology	12.6%
Industrials	11.8%
Financials	10.2%
Cash	3.2%

Newsletter April 2024

- China to hold Two Sessions meeting in July
- HSZ China Fund was up 4.9% in April
- Envicool reaping benefits of growing adoption of liquid cooling
- Tencent's big game title is set to launch
- Nongfu delivered strong results for FY2023

China to hold Two Sessions meeting in July. The Chinese Politburo decided on its April 30 meeting, to hold the third plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China in Beijing in July of this year. The main agenda will include issues concerning deepening reforms as well as the analysis of the current economic situation and new measures for high-quality development.

HSZ China Fund was up 4.9% in April. The biggest positive contribution came from the consumer discretionary and consumer staples sector, namely Proya Comsetics, Eastroc Beverage, Midea and Meituan. The biggest negative contribution came from the information technology sector, namely OPT Machine Vision and Transsion. There was strong inflow into the Hong Kong stock market, in which heavy indexes stocks i.e. Tencent, Ping An and China Merchants Bank benefited.

Envicool reaping benefits of growing adoption of liquid cooling. The leading liquid cooling solution provider reported its 1Q24 result with revenues up 41% year-over-year to CNY 746 million and net income up 147% year over year to 62 million. The company is benefiting from the increasing adoption of liquid cooling from China-made AI GPU suppliers and telecom operators. The company also set up offices in Malaysia and Singapore to better serve the SEA region.

Tencent's big game title is set to launch. The leading online games operator is set to release the long-anticipated title Dungeon&Fighter (DnF) Mobile on 21 May. DnF has a good track record under the PC platform and was one of the highest grossing video games globally. Tencent is expected to launch the mobile version of DnF in China. This will be a boost to Tencent's gaming revenues. Brokers expect the game may generate CNY 6 billion for the year. The DnF game was originally supposed to launch in 2020 August. However, coincidentally the Chinese government amended the regulation concerning time spent on online games by children and therefore the release date had to be postponed.

Nongfu delivered strong results for FY2023. The leading beverage brand reported its 2023 full year result with revenues up 28.4% to CNY 43 billion, driven by an impressive 83% increase in sales of non-sugar tea products. Improved gross margins were achieved through better management of raw material and packaging costs. In addition, Nongfu has expanded its distribution channels to access lower-tier cities and capitalize on the growing tea market. Looking forward to 2024, Nongfu will maintain its growth momentum.

Name Theme Nature HSZ China Fund 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

FINMA, open-ended Income annually December 31 Semi-annually in USD

Currency Classes Trading

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

Fund Manager Custodian Bank Investment Manager Auditors

FundPartner Solutions (Suisse) S.A. Banque Pictet & Cie SA HSZ (Hong Kong) Limited PricewaterhouseCoopers AG

Management Fee Performance Fee 1.35% annually

10% above hurdle rate of 5%, high

water mark

Issuance Fee Redemption Fee None None

USD Class

EUR Class

ISIN CH0026828035, Valor 2682803

WKN AOLC13

CHF Class

Bloomberg HSZCHID SW Equity ISIN CH0026828068, Valor 2682806

WKN A0LC15

Bloomberg HSZCFCH SW Equity ISIN CH0026828092, Valor 2682809

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 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 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.

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