# **HSZ** China Fund

Figures as of February 28, 2018

Net Asset Value USD 200.33, CHF 148.48, EUR 210.21

Fund Size USD 144.0 million Inception Date\* May 27, 2003
Cumulative Total Return Annualized Total Return 13.0% 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				
	February	YTD	1 Year	May 2003
USD Class	(3.7%)	6.0%	61.8%	509.1%
CHF Class	(2.7%)	2.3%	51.3%	333.7%
EUR Class	(1.9%)	3.9%	40.3%	482.0%

Largest Holdings	
Ping An	9.1%
Alibaba	8.2%
Gree Electric	8.1%
Tencent	7.2%
Yili	6.8%
China Resources Beer	6.7%

35.7%
18.5%
14.7%
13.5%
4.6%
3.3% 🚾

# Newsletter February 2018

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Sunny Optical issued positive profit alert. The smartphone lens manufacturing company said it expects net profit for 2017 to jump more than 120% YoY as shipments of lens sets and handset camera modules improved alongside with margins. Furthermore, the company has announced a strategic partnership with Corephotonics, a pioneer and market leader of dual camera technologies, in order to bring new offerings such as dual camera modules, image processing algorithms and computer vision software for superior image quality and user experience. We believe Sunny Optical can continue to add value to its Chinese customers and enhance return on equity in the coming years.

SSY expected 30-40% increase in net profit for 2017, according to its positive profit alert. The increase is attributable to both the rise of sales volume and average selling price of intravenous infusion solutions, as well as a higher gross profit margin thanks to a better product mix. The alert confirmed our view that SSY is benefiting from the trend of demand upgrade and is capable to gain market share. Besides, SSY has recently obtained the approval for drug production and registration for Hemofiltration Basic Solution (4000ml) from the China Food and Drug Administration.

Hikvision's net profit increased 26.6% YoY in 2017, according to its financial preview. Based on its preliminary accounting data, the revenue increased by 31.2% YoY to CNY 41.8 billion and net profit increased by 26.6% YoY to CNY 9.4 billion. The return on equity remained flat YoY at 35.0%. Hikvision has continued to keep a high level of R&D and accelerated the commercialization of technologies in the surveillance and video analytics application. Looking forward, edge computing and artificial intelligence could become the next wave of upgrade cycles which create excellent opportunities for the Chinese leading surveillance solution provider.

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 Fiscal Year End Reporting

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

Credit Suisse Funds AG **UBS Switzerland 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 None None

**USD Class** 

CHF Class

**EUR Class** 

ISIN CH0026828035, Valor 2682803

WKN AOLC13

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 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.