# HSZ China Fund

Figures as ofAugust 30, 2019Net Asset ValueUSD 170.44, CHF 131.50, EUR 197.85Fund SizeUSD 157.4 millionInception Date\*May 27, 2003Cumulative Total Return418.2% in USDAnnualized Total Return10.6% 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

	August	YTD	1 Year	May 2003
USD Class	(1.5%)	18.7%	1.8%	418.2%
CHF Class	(1.6%)	19.0%	4.2%	287.3%
EUR Class	(0.4%)	22.9%	7.8%	447.8%

### Largest Holdings

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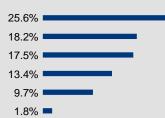
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Alibaba Group	7.0%
China Education Group	6.4%
Kweichow Moutai	6.1%
Ping An Insurance	5.9%
Geely Automobile	5.7%
nner Mongolia Yili	5.4%

### Exposure

Information Technology Consumer Staples Consumer Discretionary Health Care Industrials Cash



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- China economy shows signs of stabilization despite trade war
- Yili reported 1H19 net profit of CNY 3.8 billion, up by 10% YoY
- Dian Diagnostics' revenue up 35% YoY in 1H19 to CNY 4 billion
- Sunny Optical achieved net profit growth of 20% YoY in 1H19

China's economy shows signs of stabilization despite trade war. The latest Caixin China General Manufacturing PMI rebounded to 50.4 in August, compared with 49.9 in July. It was the first time in three months that it has risen above the 50 mark. On the other hand, activity in China's services sector also expanded at the fastest pace in three months where the Caixin services PMI surged to 52.1 in August, compared with 51.6 in July. At the same time the progress on opening up the Chinese market are continuing. Most recently the Chinese government eased rules on cheap drug imports, expanded free trade zones in several regions and introduced market-driven lending rates.

Yili reported 1H19 net profit of CNY 3.8 billion, up by 10% YoY. The company reported another set of positive interim results, with revenue up by 13% year over year to CNY 45.1 billion and net profit up 10% year over year to CNY 3.8 billion. While the penetration rate of Yili's products further enhanced in all tiers cities, in particular, sales from the e-commerce channel sharply increased by 32% year over year. Management is convinced that their core brands, namely the liquid milk brand "Satine" and the yogurt brand "Ambrosial", can benefit from consumer upgrades and has therefore ample room to grow.

Dian Diagnostics' revenue up 35% YoY in 1H19 to CNY 4 billion. Revenue from In Vitro Diagnostic Devices (IVD) segment increased by 44% year over year to CNY 2.6 billion while revenue from diagnosis service increased by 21% year over year to CNY 1.4 billion. Net operating profit increased by 21.5% year over year to CNY 247 million. Management is pleased that the expansion phase has been completed successfully with full coverage of China. The focus in now on the integration and on improvement of its internal operating efficiency. We expect the profitability from diagnostic services to increase rapidly in the coming years once the utilization of newly established laboratories reaches its optimal level.

Sunny Optical achieved net profit growth of 20% YoY in 1H19. The Chinese leading optical lens expert delivered another solid performance with revenue up 30% year over year to CNY 15.6 billion and net profit increased by 20% year over year to CNY 1.4 billion. The company has made good progress in the research and development of the next generation handset lens set and camera module. Management is confident in bringing these latest technologies and functional upgrade features into commercialization. We expect the competitive advantage of Sunny Optical against its competitors is going to get bigger in the coming years.

Name Theme Nature Focus	HSZ China Fund Entrepreneurial China Long-only equity fund, actively managed Listed Chinese equities focusing on privately controlled companies
Structure Distributions Fiscal Year End Reporting Currency Classes Trading	Swiss investment fund, regulated by FINMA, open-ended Income annually December 31 Semi-annually in USD USD, CHF, EUR (all unhedged) Daily issuance and redemption, based on net asset value
Fund Manager Custodian Bank Investment Manager Auditors Management Fee Performance Fee Issuance Fee Redemption Fee	Credit Suisse Funds AG UBS Switzerland AG HSZ (Hong Kong) Limited KPMG AG 1.5% annually 10% above hurdle rate of 5%, high water mark None None
USD Class CHF Class EUR Class Orders via Banks	ISIN CH0026828035, Valor 2682803 WKN A0LC13 Bloomberg HSZCHID SW Equity ISIN CH0026828068, Valor 2682806 WKN A0LC15 Bloomberg HSZCFCH SW Equity ISIN CH0026828092, Valor 2682809 WKN A0LC14 Bloomberg HSZCHEU SW Equity UBS Switzerland AG Fund Order Desk Tel: +4144 239 1930 Fax: +4144 239 4804
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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.

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