# **HSZ** China Fund



Figures as of October 29, 2021

Net Asset Value USD 287.12, CHF 203.93, EUR 315.19

Fund Size USD 347.4 million Inception Date\* May 27, 2003
Cumulative Total Return 773.0% in USD
Annualized Total Return 12.5% 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				
	October	YTD	1 Year	May 2003
USD Class	8.6%	(7.4%)	6.4%	773.0%
CHF Class	5.9%	(4.2%)	5.9%	500.7%
EUR Class	8.0%	(2.4%)	6.4%	772.7%

Largest Holdings	
Longi Green Energy	6.7%
Ningbo Orient Wires	6.3%
SF Holding	5.9%
Haitian Flavouring & Food	5.7%
Proya Cosmetics	5.5%
China Southern Airlines	5.5%

22.3%
19.1%
18.8%
14.3%
5.7%
8.3%

## Newsletter October 2021

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- HSZ China Fund up 8.6% in October
- CEG's strategy strongly aligned with the national education policy
- Dian Diagnostic's third quarter result is better than expected
- OWC will benefit from commercialization of offshore wind power

Property tax reform alter China's economic model. China's State Council will expand pilot schemes on property tax from Shanghai and Chongqing to more cities across China. The strong growth contributed by real estate development in the past will become history as the Chinese government is seeking sustainable development and common prosperity. The reform intends to reshape government revenue streams from land sales to taxes and deterring property speculation.

HSZ China Fund up 8.6% in October. Main positive contributors were our holdings in industrials, most notably our recently added holding of Ningbo Orient Wires (OWC), up over 50%, followed by CATL and China Southern. Consumer staples, Proya, Fuling Zhacai and Haitian also had a strong month. The latter benefitted from its announcement to raise prices to compensate for the increased input costs.

CEG's strategy strongly aligned with the national education policy. China's State Council issued "Opinions on Promoting the High-quality Development of Modern Vocational Education" in October, saying that as opposed to after-school tutorial, high quality vocational education plays an important role for the Chinese economy. The policy aims to upskill the Chinese workforce and train it to meet the needs of high-end manufacturing. China Education Group (CEG) as the largest listed higher and vocational education provider has a promising future as China moves toward common prosperity.

Dian Diagnostic's third quarter result is better than expected. The company's third quarter revenue increased by 18% to CNY 3.5 billion and net profit increased by 27% to CNY 506 million. The reoccurrence of Covid-19 cases in China since August has brought growing revenue to the coronavirus testing business. Moreover, other diagnostic services and agency business continue to recover strongly. To date, 34 of the 38 laboratories have turned into profit making and their successful operation is expected to improve the overall profitability of the company.

OWC will benefit from commercialization of offshore wind power. In October, over 600 wind power producers across the country jointly launched an action plan to strive for realization of the non-subsidized generation of offshore wind power by 2024. Its mission is to provide stable renewable energy for the sustainable economic development in China's coastal areas. As a leading company in the design and manufacturing of submarine cable systems, OWC is expected to benefit from offshore wind development in the future.

HSZ China Fund Name 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)

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

Fund Manager Custodian Bank **Investment Manager** 

**UBS Switzerland AG** HSZ (Hong Kong) Limited PricewaterhouseCoopers AG Auditors

Credit Suisse Funds AG

Management Fee Performance Fee

1.5% annually

10% above hurdle rate of 5%, high

water mark

Issuance Fee None Redemption Fee 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

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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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