HSZ China Fund



Figures as ofJuly 31, 2023Net Asset ValueUSD 199.22, CHF 135.20, EUR 231.39Fund SizeUSD 172.2 millionInception Date*May 27, 2003Cumulative Total Return505.7% in USDAnnualized Total Return9.3% 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

	July	YTD	1 Year	May 2003
USD Class	6.6%	(7.6%)	(14.0%)	505.7%
CHF Class	2.9%	(12.8%)	(21.5%)	298.2%
EUR Class	4.8%	(10.6%)	(20.4%)	540.7%

Largest Holdings

Alibaba Group	7.0%
Ping An	6.7%
Pinduoduo	6.6%
Yum China	6.3%
Centre Testing	5.5%
SF Holding	5.1%

Exposure

Consumer Discretionary	33.1%
Industrials	19.9%
Information Technology	11.5%
Consumer Staples	11.3%
Financials	6.7%
Cash	2.8%

Newsletter July 2023

- China announced measures to bolster its economy
- HSZ China Fund was up 6.6% in July
- CATL reports net income up 48% in 2Q23
- Centre Testing (CTI) shows margin improvement in 2Q23
- Pinduoduo's TEMU launches in South Korea

China announced measures to bolster its economy. In July, the National Development and Reform Commission pledged to boost household income, improve the business environment for private firms and stabilize youth employment. The NDRC plans to promote the ownership of new energy vehicles by improving the capacity of rural power grids, reducing the costs associated with purchasing and charging electric vehicles. In addition, the government also announced policies to boost demand for household consumer goods and services, including stepping up the renovation of old homes, encouraging improvements to online commercial platforms, and developing the concept of "15-minute cities."

HSZ China Fund was up 6.6% in July. The biggest positive contribution came from the consumer discretionary sector, namely Alibaba Group and Pinduoduo, as well as Ping An insurance from the financial sector. The biggest negative contribution came from our positions in OPT Machine Vision and Orient Wires.

CATL reports net income up 48% in 2Q23. The Chinese leading electric vehicle battery maker announced its second quarter result with revenue up 56% year over year to CNY 100 billion and net income jumped 48% year over year to CNY 9.9 billion. In addition, the company revealed that its latest product can be charged in just 10 minutes to achieve a range of 400 km. Management aims to reduce the charging time further to less than five to seven minutes for its next generation battery.

Centre Testing (CTI) shows margin improvement in 2Q23. The Chinese leading testing and certification provider announced its preliminary result for the 1H22, which was in line with market expectations and management guidance. CTI indicated its net profit grew 17-22% to CNY 379-394 million in the first half of 2023, implying steady net profit growth of 23% in Q2 compared to 12% growth rate in Q1. Despite concerns about the weak economic activity and competition, CTI's counter-cyclical business nature and operational efficiency displayed its resilience.

Pinduoduo's TEMU launches in South Korea. TEMU, the overseas arm of Pinduoduo's e-commerce platform, expanded its presence into the Korean market. Becoming the second Asian nation to be offered shipping for TEMU's goods after services launched in Japan one month earlier. Thanks to its aggressive expansion plan since September 2022, TEMU is now available in 27 markets and it is estimated that the GMV of TEMU reached USD 3 billion in the first half of 2023.

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	FundPartner Solutions (Suisse) S.A. Banque Pictet & Cie SA HSZ (Hong Kong) Limited PricewaterhouseCoopers AG 1.35% 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 Banque Pictet & Cie SA Client Services Tel: +352 46 71 71 7666 Email: pfcs.lux@pictet.com
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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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