# HSZ China Fund



Figures as ofAugust 31, 2023Net Asset ValueUSD 182.23, CHF 125.37, EUR 214.70Fund SizeUSD 161.4 millionInception Date\*May 27, 2003Cumulative Total Return454.1% in USDAnnualized Total Return8.8% 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	(8.5%)	(15.5%)	(18.5%)	454.1%
CHF Class	(7.3%)	(19.1%)	(26.6%)	269.3%
EUR Class	(7.2%)	(17.0%)	(25.2%)	494.5%

### Largest Holdings

PDD Holdings	8.0%
Alibaba Group	7.1%
Ping An	6.7%
Centre Testing	5.8%
Sungrow Power	4.8%
SF Holding	4.8%

#### Exposure

Consumer Discretionary	32.1%
Industrials	22.3%
Information Technology	10.9%
Consumer Staples	10.8%
Financials	6.7%
Cash	2.1% 🗖

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Stabilization in China-US relations. Various visits of exponents of the US government to China, most recently of Gina Raimondo, the Commerce Secretary, in late August, have led to a clear improvement and stabilization in China-US relations. China's Caixin manufacturing PMI rose to 51.0 in August from 49.2 in July, suggesting improving activity in manufacturing sector. Following the Politburo meeting in late July, there have been various modest property easing measures, but on August 31, a nationwide reduction of the minimum downpayment requirement for both 1st and 2nd mortgages was announced. In addition, banks have been asked to lower mortgage interest rates for existing mortgages across the board starting on September 25. The expectation is that both measures will revive the demand for properties.

HSZ China Fund was down 8.5% in August. The biggest positive contribution came from the consumer discretionary sector, namely PDD holdings, which is our top holding in the portfolio. The biggest negative contribution came from our positions in Fuling Zhacai, Lianchuang Electronic and SF Holding.

Yangtze Power's revenue better than expected. Yangtze Power has released its first half result of 2023, which was better than market expectations. The company's revenue slightly decreased by 1.5% YoY to CNY31 billion due to weak water intake at its Three Gorges, Xiluodu, and Xiangjiaba plants. Despite the acquisition of Wuhai, hydropower production only grew by 8.5% to reach 103 billion kWh. Although power generation growth was less than capacity growth, the seasonal impact will fade in the second half of the year.

Nongfu Spring capitalized on post-reopening dynamics and delivered a strong financial performance. In August, Nongfu, China's beverage market leader, reported a 23.3% year-over-year growth in revenue, boosted by increased outdoor activities. The tea segment, driven by the high growth in unsweetened tea, emerged as the second growth driver and delivered a 59.8% growth rate. The result underscores Nongfu Spring's resilience and adaptability, positioning it favorably in the beverage market's outlook.

PDD Holdings' strong 2Q23 earnings beat. The Chinese value-formoney e-commerce leader recorded a revenue growth of 66% yearover-year in the second quarter of 2023, while net profit surged 47% to CNY 13 billion. The company is a beneficiary of the consumer downgrade theme for the domestic market, where there is upside for GMV growth and monetization. TEMU, the overseas arm of PDD, remains at the high growth stage as the company is replicating its success formulas to its overseas operation. The upfront investment in the overseas markets is manageable.

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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