

# HSBC Frontier Markets Fund

Share Class A (HSFAX) and Class I (HSFIX)

## Fund description and strategy

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in the equity securities of companies in frontier market geographies. The Fund's portfolio management team uses an in-depth stock selection process that combines both qualitative and quantitative inputs, applying a top-down geography approach and a bottom-up stock analysis, with a strong emphasis on the latter. By following a disciplined and fundamental approach to investing, combining top-down and bottom-up elements, the team believes this investment process helps to equally take advantage of opportunities at the geography, sector and company level as they arise.

Total returns	As of July 31, 2018							As of June 30, 2018		
	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception	1 year	5 years	Since inception
Class A without sales charge	1.65%	-10.90%	-8.43%	-4.99%	2.14%	3.89%	7.19%	-4.80%	4.66%	7.03%
Class A with maximum sales charge (5.00%)	-3.44%	-15.33%	-13.00%	-9.74%	0.41%	2.82%	6.39%	-9.57%	3.60%	6.22%
Class I	1.72%	-10.71%	-8.19%	-4.59%	2.52%	4.25%	7.57%	-4.40%	5.02%	7.40%
MSCI Frontier Markets Index	3.69%	-9.12%	-7.41%	3.52%	4.80%	4.64%	6.28%	1.97%	4.94%	5.80%
MSCI Select Frontier and Emerging Markets Capped Index*	3.38%	-5.56%	-2.73%	5.14%	4.48%	3.99%	5.77%	3.93%	4.27%	5.33%

Calendar Year Total returns	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Class A without sales charge	21.20%	8.54%	-10.78%	4.72%	25.69%	23.93%
Class A with max. sales charge (5.00%)	15.11%	3.11%	-15.26%	-0.49%	19.40%	17.79%
Class I	21.60%	8.96%	-10.46%	5.10%	26.08%	24.38%
MSCI Frontier Markets Index	32.32%	3.16%	-14.07%	7.21%	26.32%	9.25%
MSCI Select Frontier and Emerging Markets Capped Index*	22.88%	7.51%	-15.66%	6.04%	17.85%	17.26%

**Past performance does not guarantee future results. The performance data quoted represents past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. The investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed may be worth more or less than the original cost. To obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end and other information, please call 1-888-936-4722 or visit <https://investorfunds.us.hsbc.com>.**

Fund inception date is September 6, 2011. Returns include the reinvestment of dividends and income. Returns greater than one year are annualized and returns less than one year are aggregated. Performance for other share classes will vary. The performance above reflects any fee waivers that have been in effect during the applicable periods as well as any expense reimbursements that have periodically been made. Absent such waivers and reimbursements, returns would have been lower. Currently, contractual fee waivers are in effect from March 1, 2018 through March 1, 2020.

Fund characteristics <sup>1</sup>	Fund
Turnover ratio (%)	67.07
Alpha (1 year)	-7.82
Beta (1 year)	1.07
Standard deviation (1 year)	12.06
Number of holdings	52

Sector allocation - GICS <sup>2</sup> Classification	%
Financials	40.4
Industrials	12.8
Consumer Discretionary	11.1
Real Estate	7.9
Consumer Staples	7.0
Materials	5.9
Energy	4.7
Health Care	2.9
Telecommunication Services	2.8
Utilities	2.3
Cash equivalents	2.2

Regional weightings	%
Middle East North Africa	44.4
Asia	15.9
Latin America	15.7
Eastern Europe	14.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	7.3
Cash equivalents	2.2

Top 10 geographies	Weight (%)
Egypt	13.9
Kuwait	13.0
United Arab Emirates	12.9
Argentina	10.2
Philippines	7.1
Romania	6.2
Vietnam	4.4
Kazakhstan	4.2
Georgia	4.1
Colombia	3.6

Top 10 holdings	Weight (%)	Currency <sup>4</sup>
Agility Public Ware	4.4	KWD
Natl Bank of Kuwait	4.4	KWD
Human Soft Holding Co Ksc	4.1	KWD
Banco Macro Sa Adr	3.4	USD
International Container T	3.3	PHP
Banco Davivienda Sa	3.0	COP
Talaat Moustafa Group	3.0	EGP
DP World Ltd.	3.0	USD
Centamin Plc	3.0	GBP
Nagacorp Ltd.	2.9	HKD

## Fund details

**Total net assets of all Fund classes**  
\$21.9 M

### Portfolio Management

Ramzi Sidani, Lead Portfolio Manager  
10+ years industry experience

### Expense ratio (gross/net)<sup>2</sup>

A: 3.89% / 1.85%    I: 3.54% / 1.50%

Portfolio data is subject to change. The information provided should not be considered as a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security or securities in the sectors, geographies and regions shown above. There is no assurance that securities remain in the Fund's portfolio or that securities sold have not been repurchased.

### Investment products:

ARE NOT A BANK DEPOSIT OR OBLIGATION OF THE BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES	ARE NOT FDIC INSURED	ARE NOT INSURED BY ANY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY	ARE NOT GUARANTEED BY THE BANK OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES	MAY LOSE VALUE
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\* The indicative index is a customized MSCI Frontier Emerging Markets Capped index until end of May 2014 and the customized MSCI Select Frontier and Emerging Markets Capped index thereafter. No calendar year returns are available as this index was created on May 31, 2014.

<sup>1</sup> **Portfolio Turnover** is a measure of trading activity in a fund's portfolio over the past 12 months expressed as a percentage of the fund's average total assets. **Alpha** measures a fund's risk/reward potential. A positive alpha means the fund outperformed the index. A negative alpha means the fund underperformed the index. **Beta** measures a fund's risk in relation to the market. A beta of 0.8 means the fund's total return is likely to move up or down 80% of the market change; 1.25 means total return is likely to move up or down 25% more than the market. **Standard deviation** is an indicator of the portfolio's total return volatility, which is based on a minimum of 36 monthly returns. The larger the portfolio's standard deviation, the greater the portfolio's volatility.

<sup>2</sup> Reflects the expense ratio as reported in the prospectus dated February 28, 2018, as supplemented. HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc., the Fund's investment adviser has entered into a contractual expense limitation agreement with the Fund under which it will limit total expenses of the Fund (excluding interest, tax, brokerage commissions, extraordinary expenses and estimated indirect expenses attributable to the Fund's investments in investment companies) to an annual rate of: Class A: 1.85%, Class I: 1.50%. The expense limitation agreement is effective until March 1, 2020.

<sup>3</sup> **GICS**: Global Industry Classification Standard

<sup>4</sup> **COP** Colombian Peso, **EGP** Egyptian Pound, **GBP** British Pound Sterling, **HKD** Hong Kong Dollar, **KWD** Kuwaiti Dinar, **PHP** Philippine Peso, **USD** United States Dollar.

### Investment Risks:

There is no assurance that a portfolio will achieve its investment objective or will work under all market conditions. The value of investments may go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount originally invested. Portfolios may be subject to certain additional risks, which should be considered carefully along with their investment objectives and fees. Equity investments fluctuate in value based on changes to an individual company's financial condition and overall market conditions. Investments in **foreign markets** entail special risks such as currency, political, economic, and market risks. The risks of investing in **emerging markets geographies** are greater than the risks generally associated with foreign investments. **Frontier markets geographies** generally have smaller economies and even less developed capital markets or legal and political systems than traditional emerging market geographies. As a result, the risks of investing in emerging market geographies are magnified in frontier market geographies. **Derivatives** may be riskier than other types of investments and could result in losses that significantly exceed the Funds' original investment. The Fund will invest more than 25% of its total assets in securities issued by companies in the financial services group of industries. Accordingly, the Fund will be more susceptible to developments that affect such industries than other funds that do not concentrate their investments. **Exposure to commodities markets**, including investments in companies in commodity-related industries, may subject the Fund to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. The value of commodity-related investments may be affected by overall market movements and factors specific to a particular industry or commodity.

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