

# HSBC Asia ex-Japan Smaller Companies Equity Fund

Share Class A (HAJAX) and Class I (HAJIX)

## Fund description and strategy

The investment objective of the Fund is long-term capital appreciation. The Fund invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of equities and equity equivalent securities of smaller companies that are economically tied to Asia. The Fund may have exposure to companies from Asian geographies such as China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand, and will exclude Japan.

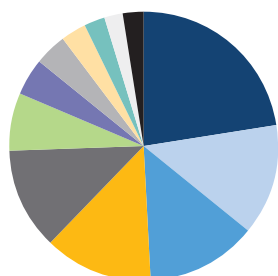
Total returns	As of September 30, 2018					
	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since inception
Class A without sales charge	-5.80%	-9.36%	-13.88%	-9.58%	11.01%	5.55%
Class A with maximum sales charge (5.00%)	-10.52%	-13.88%	-18.15%	-14.10%	9.14%	4.16%
Class I	-5.70%	-9.18%	-13.56%	-9.15%	11.45%	5.94%
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index	-3.94%	-4.39%	-11.22%	-2.33%	6.85%	2.43%

**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 November 11, 2014. 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 through March 1, 2019.

Fund characteristics <sup>1</sup>	Fund
Turnover ratio (%)	134.56
Number of holdings	140

## Sector allocation - GICS<sup>2</sup> Classification (%)



Consumer Discretionary (22.5%)
Industrials (13.5%)
Information Technology (13.2%)
Health Care (13.1%)
Materials (12.2%)
Financials (7.0%)
Utilities (4.4%)
Real Estate (4.0%)
Cash Equivalents (3.2%)
Consumer Staples (2.4%)
Telecommunication Services (2.3%)
Energy (2.2%)

Top 10 geographies	Weight (%)
China	19.1
Korea	17.3
Taiwan	16.2
India	14.1
Hong Kong	10.4
Malaysia	4.9
Thailand	4.8
Indonesia	4.5
Singapore	4.3
Philippines	1.3

Top 10 holdings	Weight (%)	Currency <sup>3</sup>
Genting Malaysia Bhd	2.0	MYR
Cleanaway Co Ltd	1.9	TWD
Jacobson Pharma Corp Ltd	1.9	HKD
Erawan Group Pcl	1.9	THB
Dentium Co Ltd	1.8	KRW
Wt Microelectronics Co Lt	1.7	TWD
Pt XI Axiata Tbk	1.7	IDR
Lotte Fine	1.6	KRW
Hankook Tire Co Ltd	1.5	KRW
Sinbon Electronics Co Ltd	1.5	TWD

## Fund details

**Total net assets of all Fund classes**  
\$89.0 M

### Portfolio Management

Elina Fung  
20+ years of investment experience

Alex Kwan  
10 years of investment experience

### Expense ratio (gross/net)<sup>4</sup>

A: 5.18% / 1.32%      I: 4.83% / 0.97%

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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<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 market value of securities. **Number of holdings** reflected excludes cash.

<sup>2</sup> **GICS:** Global Industry Classification Standard

<sup>3</sup> **HKD** Hong Kong Dollar, **IDR** Indonesian Rupiah, **KRW** South Korean Won, **MYR** Malaysian Ringgit, **THB** Thai Baht, **TWD** Taiwan Dollar.

<sup>4</sup> Reflects the expense ratio as reported in the prospectus dated February 28, 2018. HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc., the Fund's investment adviser ("Adviser"), has entered into a contractual expense limitation agreement with the Fund ("Expense Limitation Agreement") under which it will limit total expenses of the Fund (excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions and extraordinary expenses) to an annual rate of: Class A: 1.25%, Class I: 0.90%. The expense limitation shall be in effect until March 1, 2019.

## 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. The Fund's performance is expected to be closely tied to the social, political, economic and regulatory developments within Asia and to be more volatile than the performance of a more geographically diversified mutual fund. Moreover, the **economies of geographies in Asia**, including China, differ from the U.S. economy in several ways, including the rate of growth, reliance on a small number of industries or natural resources, rates of inflation, capital reinvestment and balance of payments position. As export-driven economies, the economies of these geographies are affected by developments in the economies of their principal trading partners, including the U.S. Furthermore, flooding, monsoons and other natural disasters also can significantly affect the value of investments. Investments in **foreign markets** entail special risks such as currency, political, economic, and market risks. The risks of investing in **emerging-market** geographies are greater than the risks generally associated with foreign investments. Fluctuations in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies, or between various **foreign currencies**, may negatively affect the Fund's performance. Investing in **smaller companies** is more risky and volatile than investing in large companies. **Derivatives** may be riskier than other types of investments and could result in losses that significantly exceed the Fund's original investment. The Fund will not invest more than 25% of its total assets in the securities of one or more issuers conducting their principal business activities in the same industry, except that to the extent that an industry represents 20% or more of the Fund's benchmark index at the time of investment, the Fund may invest up to 35% of its assets in that industry. Concentrating Fund investments in a limited number of issuers conducting business in the same industry would subject the Fund to a greater risk of loss as a result of adverse economic, political, regulatory or market conditions affecting that industry than if its investments were not so concentrated.

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The Fund's primary benchmark, the **MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted small cap index of the stock markets of two developed markets and nine emerging markets, respectively: Hong Kong, Singapore, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. Index returns assume reinvestment of all distributions and do not reflect fees or expenses, or taxes. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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