

# 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 countries such as China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand, and will exclude Japan.

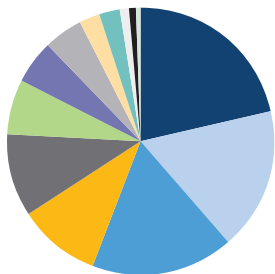
Total returns	As of January 31, 2018						As of December 31, 2017	
	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since inception	1 Year	Since inception
Class A without sales charge	6.78%	8.43%	6.78%	36.54% <sup>†</sup>	16.19%	14.09%	34.52%	12.13%
Class A with maximum sales charge (5.00%)	1.47%	3.04%	1.47%	29.76% <sup>†</sup>	14.23%	12.28%	27.76%	10.30%
Class I	6.78%	8.48%	6.78%	36.94% <sup>†</sup>	16.56%	14.48%	34.93%	12.52%
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index	5.60%	10.89%	5.60%	35.64%	9.41%	8.64%	33.84%	7.01%

**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 (%)	92.85
Number of holdings	126

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



- Consumer Discretionary (21.6%)
- Information Technology (17.2%)
- Industrials (17.1%)
- Materials (10.1%)
- Real Estate (10.1%)
- Financials (6.5%)
- Cash Equivalents (5.4%)
- Health Care (4.7%)
- Consumer Staples (2.6%)
- Utilities (2.3%)
- Pooled (1.3%)
- Telecommunication Services (0.8%)
- Energy (0.3%)

Top 10 countries	Weight (%)
China	22.3
Hong Kong	16.9
Taiwan	16.0
India	13.2
Korea	12.4
Singapore	6.7
Indonesia	3.6
Malaysia	1.7
Thailand	1.1
Philippines	0.8

Top 10 holdings	Weight (%)	Currency <sup>3</sup>
Dream International Ltd	2.0	HKD
Times Property Hldgs	1.8	HKD
Valuetronics Holdings Ltd	1.5	SGD
Aem Holdings Ltd	1.5	SGD
Far East Consortium Inter	1.5	HKD
China State Construction	1.5	HKD
Kingmaker Footwear Hldgs	1.5	HKD
Texhong Textile Group Ltd	1.4	HKD
China Yongda Auto	1.3	HKD
iShares MSCI India ETF	1.3	USD

## Fund details

**Total net assets of all Fund classes**  
\$17.0 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: 5.13% / 1.27%    I: 4.78% / 0.92%

★★★★★  
**Overall Morningstar Rating™**  
Class I Shares<sup>5</sup>

Rated among 67 Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stock Funds, as of 1/31/18, based on risk adjusted total return. The Overall Morningstar Rating is a weighted average of the performance figures for its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics.

<sup>†</sup> The recent appreciation in the stock market has helped to produce short-term returns that are not typical and may not continue in the future. Because of ongoing market volatility, fund performance may be subject to substantial short-term changes.

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, countries 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 total assets.
- <sup>2</sup> **GICS**: Global Industry Classification Standard
- <sup>3</sup> **HKD** Hong Kong Dollar, **SGD** Singapore Dollar, **USD** United States Dollar.
- <sup>4</sup> Reflects the expense ratio as reported in the prospectus dated February 28, 2017, as supplemented. 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.
- <sup>5</sup> The HSBC Asia ex-Japan Smaller Companies Equity Fund (Class I) received 5 stars for the three-year rating among 67 Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stock Funds, and was not rated for the five- or 10-year periods. A star rating is derived from a weighted average of the Fund's three-, five- and 10-year risk-adjusted returns as of 1/31/18. Different share classes may have dissimilar ratings. Star ratings are based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a fund's monthly performance (including the effects of sales charges and redemption fees), placing more emphasis on downward variations, and rewarding consistent performance. The overall rating is a weighted average of the three-, five- and 10-year (if applicable) returns. The top 10% of funds in each category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. A fund must be in existence three years to be rated. Ratings are subject to change monthly. ©2018 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Morningstar and/or its content providers are the proprietors of this information; do not permit its unauthorized copying or distribution; do not warrant it to be accurate, complete, or timely; and are not responsible for damages or losses arising from its use.

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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 countries 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 countries 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** countries 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. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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