

International Private Equity Fund Commitment

The HSBC Private Equity Fund 6, L.P.

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Overview

- Fund size is \$1.25 billion, with a hard cap of \$1.5 billion
- Middle market expansion capital and buyout investments
- Focus on investments of between \$40 and \$150 million
- Will invest in Greater China, South Korea, India, and Southeast Asia

Fund Strategy

- Geographic specific strategies with teams dedicated to China, South Korea, and Southeast Asia
- The strong brand name and regional network of 700 offices across the region will represent a significant competitive advantage for HSBC
- Pennsylvania Presence Not applicable

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Investment Team

- 19 investment and portfolio executives complemented by 9 professionals in its finance and investor relations team
- Offices in Hong Kong & Singapore

GP "Value Add"

 HSBC provides its companies with assistance in improving financial systems, corporate governance, building out the depth of management teams, and advice on brand positioning and expansion strategies

Performance

 The 29 investments completed by HSBC Private Equity since January 1, 1998 (post Asian crisis) have generated a gross IRR of 27% and a gross multiple of 1.9x.

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Market Opportunity

- Staff highly values the depth of the team, the good performance since 1998 and the HSBC brand name
- HSBC would offer PSERS additional exposure to the mid-market in Asia

History with PSERS

This would be PSERS first fund relationship with HSBC

Recommendation

 Staff, together with Portfolio Advisor's, recommends a \$200 million commitment to the approximately \$1.5 billion fund