

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of September

HSBC Holdings plc

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Yes..... No

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HSBC TO SELL CHILEAN RETAIL BANKING BUSINESS TO BANCO ITAÚ CHILE

HSBC, through its wholly owned subsidiary HSBC Bank (Chile) has entered into an agreement to sell its retail banking business in Chile to Banco Itaú Chile. The value of the gross assets to be disposed of was US\$20m at 31 August 2011.

The transaction, which is subject to regulatory approvals, is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2011.

HSBC will continue to operate in Chile, concentrating on its strengths in Global Banking and Markets and Commercial Banking. The transaction represents further progress in the execution of HSBC's new global strategy outlined in May 2011.

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The HSBC Group

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 7,500 offices in over 80 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, North and Latin America, the Middle East and Africa. With assets of US\$2,691bn at 30 June 2011, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HSBC Holdings plc

By:

Name: P A Stafford

Title: Assistant Group Secretary

Date: 29 September, 2011