

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
March 30, 2012

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 6-K

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of March 2012**

# HSBC Holdings plc

**42nd Floor, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, England**

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Yes  No

(If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- ).

**This Report on Form 6-K shall be deemed incorporated by reference into the  
Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-3ASR (File No. 333-180288).**

**Exhibits**

Opinion of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, US counsel to the Registrant, dated March 30, 2012.	Exhibit 5.1
Opinion of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, English solicitors to the Registrant, dated March 30, 2012.	Exhibit 5.2

**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: /s/ Iain J Mackay

Name: Iain J Mackay

Title: Group Finance Director

Date: 30 March 2012