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TECH PLAYS RALLIED IN THE FIRST WEEK OF 2002 HSI Weekly Movement Weekly Market Statistics 4/1/02 28/12/2001 Change % Hang Seng Index 11,702.15 11,431.59 +270.56+2.4%40.011,702.15 HS Red Chip Index 1,371.38 1,348.41 +22.97 +1.7%11.700 HS China Enterprises Index 1,816.89 1,747.97 +6892+3.9%30.0 Turnover (HK\$ bn) HS Composite Index 1,382.45 1.348.41 +34.04+2.5%Hang Seng Index 11 500 HS HK Composite Index 1,460.30 1,421.73 +3857+2.7%11.431.59 11 423 52 20.0 HS Mainland Composite Index 1,226.96 1,203.36 +23.60+2.0%11,397.21 Growth Enterprise Index 213.75 195.64 +18.11+9.3% 11,350.857.4 11.300 10.0 6.7 Avg Daily Tumover 4.18 2.70 +1.48+54.7%4.82.7 (HK\$bn) 1.8 0.0 11,100 Sectoral Indices 28-Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Finance 20,178.52 19,609.38 +569.14+2.9%Dec Utilities 20,432.81 20,575.98 -143.17 -0.7% Turnover Hang Seng Index 15,935.42 Properties 15,528.23 +407.19+2.6%Comm&Ind 5,648.92 5,522.79 +126.13 +2.3%

Review & Outlook of Market Performance

Hong Kong stocks rallied in the first week of the year on the back of strong gains in Wall Street. Trade was meagre the day before and after the New Year holiday, but turned active later in the week. Although the local bourse ended down on the first trading day of 2002, the index managed to climb higher on continued strengths in US stocks. The hefty gains of tech issues in Asian bourses also underpinned the local market. Catching the spotlight this week were technology plays, surging on hopes of an early turnaround in the computer industry after reports of rising sales and higher prices in chips. Small-to-medium-sized tech stocks eclipsed the blue-chip large caps, with Tom.com (HK\$4.325), SUNeVision (HK\$1.97), QPL (HK\$3.20) and ASM Pacific (HK\$16.75) soaring between 11.67% and 26.28% this week. The Hang Seng Index finished the week at 11,702.15, up 2.4% or 270.56 points w-o-w, with an average daily turnover of HK\$4.18 billion.

Similar to the "Greencool" incident, another mainland private enterprise Euro-Asia Agricultural (HK\$1.46) faced heavy selling pressures this week, prompted by worries that the orchid grower could become entangled with its chairman's private property and theme park projects. Rumours of a share placement by the company also nerved investors. Although the company had clarified that the chairman's private businesses would not be a drain on the company funds and the company was not making any share placements, the counter still plunged 19.34% on a weekly basis.

Data from the US seems to suggest that a recovery is on its way, and there is ample liquidity in the market. These should lend support to the bcal stock market. However, since HSI's 31%-gain from its 52-week low on 21st September has already factored in a large part of the expected economic recovery, the risk of corrections is on the high side. Further sustained upside momentum needs to be driven by earnings surprises. Next week, the index should consolidate around the current levels before struggling to test the 12,000 medium level.

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US & Regional Markets Weekly Update

Date	US	US	JAPAN	SINGAPORE	MALAYSIA	BANGKOK	TAIPEI
	Dow Jones	NASDAQ	Nikkei Avg	STI	KLSE Index	SET Index	Weighted Index
Week to							
4th January	10,259.74	2,059.38	10,871.49	1,678.67	693.47	315.73	5,638.53
28th December	10,136.99	1,987.26	10,542.62	1,625.98	691.64	303.85	5,398.28
Change	122.75	72.12	328.87	52.69	1.83	11.88	240.25
%	+1.21%	+3.63%	+3.12%	+3.24%	+0.26%	+3.91%	+4.45%

Index Weighting Changes (week ended 4th January 2002)

Hang Seng Index (HSI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @04/01/02	W-O-W Changes		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
PCCW	0008	HK\$2.30	+HK\$0.15	+7.0%	The rally came after the company announced a renegotiated deal involving more than HK\$845 million in business and strategic partnerships, which further revealed its determination to trim costs.
Johnson Electric	0179	HK\$8.80	+HK\$0.75	+9.3%	The two blue chips with business focused in US were
Li & Fung	0494	HK\$9.50	+HK\$0.95	+11.1%	beefed up on a strong US purchasing manager index figure and hopes that a recovery was on its way in the US. Positive performance of major US automakers in December also buoyed Johnson Electric.
Cathay Pacific	0293	HK\$10.45	+HK\$0.50	+5.0%	Cathay Pacific continued to react calmly though the Hong Kong Aircrew Officers Association, which represents its 1,500 pilots, entered a renewed "work to rule" campaign. The airline has so far not reported any service disruptions, shrugging off worries that the renewed industrial action could disturb its operations.

Hang Seng China-affiliated Corp Index (HSCCI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @04/01/02	W-O-W Changes		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
Legend	0992	HK\$4.225	+HK\$0.275	+7.0%	The mainland top PC maker surged, tracking a strong performance by US technology stocks on hopes that demand in the PC sector may start recovering. The company had also been boosted by share buyback in recent days.

Hang Seng China Enterprises Index (HSCEI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @04/01/02	W-O-W Changes		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
Angang	0347	HK\$1.01	+HK\$0.11	+12.2%	The steel, iron & copper producers were higher on
Newsteel					rotational buyings, with investors attracted to them
Jiangxi Copper	0358	HK\$1.04	+HK\$0.13	+14.3%	due to their current low valuations and brighter
Maanshan Iron	0323	HK\$0.68	+HK\$0.08	+13.3%	earnings outlooks.
China Shipping	1138	HK\$1.32	+HK\$0.07	+5.6%	The state-owned company said it would pocket a total
Development					of 64.18 million yuan by leasing 9 container vessels
					and selling an old oil tanker to its sister companies



Summary of US News

Indicator	Change/Index	Comments
ISM purchasing manager index- December	48.2	The former NAPM index rose for a second straight month to 48.2 in December from 44.5 in November.
Unemployment- December	5.8%	The US jobless rate rose to 5.8% in December from a revised 5.6% in November, and US non-farm payrolls shed 124,000 jobs in December after November's 371,000 job loss.

Forthcoming Important Announcements / Events

7 th January, 2002 (Monday)	HK	:	External trade- November
8 th January, 2002 (Tuesday) HK		:	Retail sales - November
			Orders-on-hand- November
			Infoserve Technology Corporation (8077)- Trading debut
			Jessica Publications Ltd (8137)- Trading debut
	US	:	Factory orders - November
			Consumer credit - November
10 th January, 2002 (Thursday)	нк	:	Hanison Construction (0896)- Trading debut
	US	:	Imports and export prices - December
			Wholesale inventories - November
11 th January, 2002 (Friday)	US	:	Producer price index- December