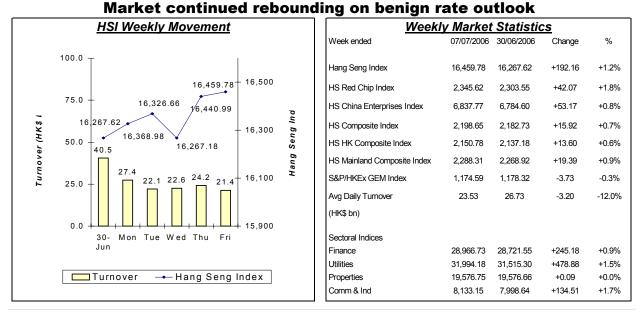


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Review & Outlook of Market Performance

The Hong Kong stock market continued rebounding over the week on more US economic data pointing to a slowing economy and hence a more benign rate outlook. The missile test in North Korea, to a certain extent, did help the local market as it was being viewed as a temporary "shelter" for funds. Led by commercial stocks like China Merchants (up 6.77% w-o-w) and Li & Fung (up 5.41% w-o-w), Hang Seng Index gained 1.2%, or 192.16 points w-o-w to close 16,459.78. Meanwhile, commodities stocks like Zijin Mining (up 8.39% w-o-w) and Jiangxi Copper (up 8.33% w-o-w), lifted the HSCEI up 0.8%, or 53.17 points w-o-w, at 6,837.77. Average daily turnover was HK\$23.53 billion, down HK\$3.2 billion w-o-w.

The PCCW saga continues. After the board meeting on this Monday, Chairman Richard Li said the board of PCCW aims to decide this month on the competing offers for its core telecommunication and media assets. However, given China Netcom's firm stand against the proposed deal, it is speculated the two bidders, Australia's Macquarie Bank and US private equity firm Newbridge Capital may eventually pull-off and a third bidder with Chinese background is likely to emerge.

On the IPO front, Bank of China, raised 20 billion yuan in the China's largest IPO, made its debut on Shanghai A-share Exchange on Wednesday. Bank of China's A-share closed at RMB3.79 per share on Wednesday, 23% above its IPO price of RMB3.08, or at a 4% premium to its H-shares. Meanwhile, Shimao Property Holdings priced its IPO at HK\$6.25 each, the bottom of the indicated range. The property developer attracted weak investor demand with only 2.5 times subscription in institutional tranche and only 54% covered in the retail offering. On its debut trading on Wednesday, shares of Shimao closed at HK\$6.6, 5.6% above its issue price.

Looking forward, the market will continue to dominate by the US interest rate outlook. However, mixed economic data on inflation outlook in the US has added volatility to the US markets. Nevertheless, speculation of a new round of RMB reform shall provide some support to the local market. We see the HSI to consolidate at the 16,500 level pending more economic data on the US inflation outlook for direction.

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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							
7th July	11,090.67	2,130.06	15,307.61	2,445.13	925.56	686.11	6,660.61
30th June	11,150.22	2,172.09	15,505.18	2,435.39	914.69	678.13	6,704.41
Change	-59.55	-42.03	-197.57	+9.74	+10.87	+7.98	-43.80
%	-0.5%	-1.9%	-1.3%	+0.4%	+1.2%	+1.2%	-0.7%

Major Changes in Index Constituent Stocks (Week ended 7th July 2006)

Hang Seng Index (HSI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @07/07/06	W-O-W	Change	Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
China Merchants Holdings	0144	HK\$25.25	+HK\$1.6	+6.77%	China Merchants remained the strongest performing blue - chips because its port business is a direct beneficiary of the booming Chinese exports.

Hang Seng China Enterprises Index (HSCEI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @07/07/06	W-O-W Change		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
Zijin Mining	2899	HK\$4.2	+HK\$0.325	+8.39%	Gold price rebounded back to US\$630/oz lifted the performance of this leading Chinese gold miner.
Datang Power	0991	HK\$5.1	-HK\$0.3	-5.56%	Datang reached an agreement with a coal producer to set up a RMB1.08 bn power plant. But the market response was negative, possibly because this joint venture contradicted with Datang's recent strategy to divert into environmental friendly nuclear and hydropower generation.

Hang Seng China-Affiliated Corporations Index (HSCCI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @07/07/06	W-O-W	Change	Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
China Resources Land	1109	HK\$3.975	-HK\$0.275	-6.47%	Rumour has it that the Chinese government is going to launch a new round of cooling measures on the property sector.



Summary of US Economic News

Indicator	Change/Index	Comments		
Construction Spending (MoM) –	-0.4%	The figure was lower than the expected 0.2%		
Мау		increase and -0.1% in the prior month, indicating a		
		slow down in housing activities.		
ISM Manufacturing	53.8	The figure was lower than the expected 55 and 54.4		
		in the prior month, indicating a slow down in		
		manufacturing activities.		
Factory Orders – May	0.7%	The figure was better than the expected 0.1%		
		increase and –1.8% drop in the prior month.		
Initial Jobless Claims – week ended	313k	The figure stayed largely unchanged with 315k in		
2 July		the prior week.		
ISM Non-Manufacturing – June	57	The figure was lower than the forecasted 59 and		
		60.1 in the prior month, indicating a slow down in		
		service activities.		
Change in Non-farm Payrolls –	+121k	Though the payroll increase was larger than the 92k		
June		in the prior month, the increase was lower than the		
		expected 160k. This was the third month in a row		
· · · · · ·		that the payroll fell short of forecast.		
Unemployment rate – June	4.6%	The unemployment rate stayed in line with forecast.		
Average Hour Earnings - June	+0.5%	This was the biggest gain since 2001 and higher		
		than forecast of +0.3%, indicating inflationary		
		pressure.		

Forthcoming Important Announcements / Events

10 th July 2006 (Monday)	ΗK	:	Kingmaker Footwear (1170) – Final Results
	US	:	Advanced Mirco Devices – FY06 Interim Results
			Alcoa – FY06 Interim Results
11 th July 2006 (Tuesday)	ΗK	:	Café de Coral (0341) – Final Results
	US	:	Pespi Bottling Group – FY06 Interim Results
12 th July 2006 (Wednesday)	ΗK	:	AMS Public Transport (0077) – Final Results
			Victory City International (0539) – Final Results
			Digital China (0861) – Final Results
	US	:	Trade Balance – May
13 th July 2006 (Thursday)	ΗK	:	Chevalier International (0025) – Final Results
			Asia Standard Hotel (0292) – Final Results
			Peace Mark (0304) – Final Results
	US	:	Marriott International – FY06 Interim Results
			PepsiCo – FY06 Interim Results
			Initial Jobless Claims – Week ended 9 July
14 th July 2006 (Friday)	HK	•••	Sun Hing Vision (0125) – Final Results
			Moiselle International (0130) – Final Results
			Guangdong Kelon (0921) – Final Results
	US	:	Imported Price Index - June
			Advanced Retail Sales – June
			University of Michigan Confidence (Preliminary) - July
15 th July 2006 (Saturday)	ΗK	:	Far East Consortium (0035) – Final Results
	US	:	No Important News/ Announcement



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