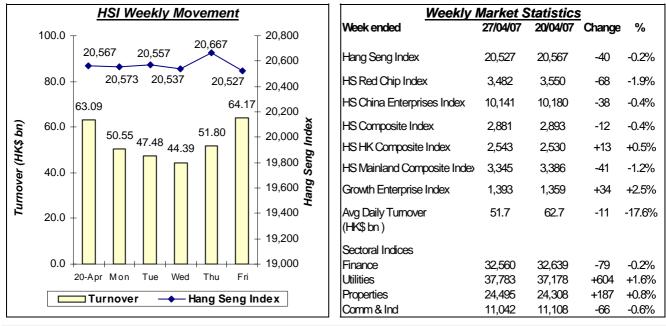


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The local bourse held steady ahead of the Golden Week



Review & Outlook of Market Performance

Trading in the local bourse was cautious this week as sentiment was clouded by renewed fears of further austerity measures by the mainland policymakers following last week's release of a set of strong economic figures. Future-led trading was also evidenced with the expiries of the April index futures on Friday. In fact, the slight losses in the major local indices were witnessed despite the stellar performance of the Wall Street market during week, with the US Dow set a new all-time high above the 13,000 mark amid strong US corporate quarterly earnings and solid reading for durable goods orders. The Hang Seng Index edged down 0.2% w-o-w to finish the week at 20,526.50 while the H-share index eased 0.4% w-o-w to 10,141.41. The cautiousness in the local bourse can be reflected by the lower average daily turnover of HK\$51.7 billion.

China CITIC Bank, which marked the biggest IPO so far this year by raising some US\$5.4 billion, received a lukewarm welcome on Friday. The mainland's 7th-largest lender by assets finished its first day of trading on the local bourse at HK\$6.68, 14.0% higher than its offer price of HK\$5.86. Meanwhile, China Molybdenum had an eye-catching debut on Thursday when its share price saw a 59.1% gain from its IPO price of HK\$6.80. The H-share molybdenum producer finished the week at HK\$11.90 (Vs IPO price of HK\$6.8).

During the week, the Hong Kong government released the latest inflation and trade figures of the city. The composite CPI rose 2.4% y-o-y in March while total exports grew 6.9% y-o-y. Both figures pointed to a healthy state of the city's economy.

Looking forward, trading is expected to remain cautious next week ahead of the Golden Week holiday (1st May to 7th May inclusive) in the mainland while the market are expecting further austerity measures to be announced by the central government to cool down the overheating economy. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the HSI should see good support at 20,300.

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US & Regional Markets Weekly Update *Remark (*): closing as of 26th April 2007*

| Date | US | US | JAPAN | SINGAPORE | MALAYSIA | BANGKOK | TAIPEI |
|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| | Dow Jones | NASDAQ | Nikkei Avg | STI | KLSE Index | SET Index | Weighted Index |
| Week to | | | | | | | |
| 27th April | 13,105.50* | 2,554.46* | 17,400.41 | 3,398.60 | 1,324.77 | 695.11 | 7,949.42 |
| 20th April | 12,961.98 | 2,526.39 | 17,452.62 | 3,360.67 | 1,315.37 | 687.53 | 7,942.67 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Change | +143.52 | +28.07 | -52.21 | +37.93 | +9.40 | +7.58 | +6.75 |
| % | +1.1% | +1.1% | -0.3% | +1.1% | +0.7% | +1.1% | +0.1% |

Major Changes in Index Constituent Stocks (Week ended 27th April 2007)

Hang Seng Index (HSI)

| Stock | Stock Code | Closing Price @27/04/07 | W-O-W Change | | Remarks / Comments |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|---|
| | | | Absolute | % | |
| China Mobile | 0941 | HK\$72.20 | -HK\$2.70 | -3.60% | Despite recording a 22% y-o-y jump in 1Q2007 earnings, the mainland's No. 1 mobile operator saw lower average revenue per user on its increasing focus on the lower-paying rural areas. |
| COSCO Pacific | 1199 | HK\$19.22 | +HK\$0.84 | +4.57% | The company announced the acquisition of majority stakes in the three ports of Hainan, Fuzhou and Jiangdu in Yangzhou. |

Hang Seng China Enterprises Index (HSCEI)

| Stock | Stock Code | Closing Price @27/04/07 | W-O-W Change | | Remarks / Comments |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|---|
| | | | Absolute | % | |
| China Shipping Development | 1138 | HK\$14.72 | +HK\$1.02 | +7.45% | The shipper posted a 44.2% y-o-y jump in net profit for 1Q2007. |
| China Shipping Container Lines | 2866 | HK\$3.96 | +HK\$0.29 | +7.90% | The firm reported a 23.9% y-o-y rise in revenues in 1Q2007 on a 31.9% growth in container volume. |

Hang Seng China-Affiliated Corporations Index (HSCCI)

| Stock | Stock Code | Closing Price @27/04/07 | W-O-W Change | | Remarks / Comments |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|---|
| | | | Absolute | % | |
| China Resources Power | 0836 | HK\$14.44 | +HK\$0.94 | +6.96% | The IPP surged on target-price upgrade by Morgan Stanley, citing strong capacity growth and solid fundamentals. |
| Lenovo Group | 0992 | HK\$3.11 | +HK\$0.19 | +6.51% | The PC maker's announcement of a workforce reduction late last week and the imminent approval from the State Council for its listing on the mainland markets buoyed its share price. |
| Brilliance China | 1114 | HK\$1.69 | -HK\$0.17 | -9.14% | The automaker reported a narrowed net loss of RMB398 million in FY2006, which was worse than market consensus amid losses in Zhonghua sedan sales and lower gross margin. |



Summary of US Economic News

| Indicator | Change/Index | Comments |
|--|--------------|---|
| Consumer confidence – April 2007 | 104.0 | The Conference Board's index of consumer confidence slipped to a 9-month low of 104.0 in April from an upwardly-revised 108.2 in March. |
| Existing home sales – March 2007 | -8.4% m-o-m | Existing home sales fell by 8.4% in March, the biggest one-month decline since a 12.6% drop in January 1989, to an annual rate of 6.12 million units, the slowest pace since June 2003. |
| Durable goods orders – March 2007 | +3.4% m-o-m | New orders for US durable goods climbed by a surprisingly strong 3.4% in March, following a revised 2.4% gain in February. |
| New home sales – March 2007 | +2.6% m-o-m | New home sales rebounded 2.6% to an annual pace of 858,000 homes in March from an downwardly-revised figure of February but still fell short of forecasts |
| Initial jobless claims – the week ended 21 st April 2007 | -20,000 | Initial jobless claims fell a much bigger-than-expected 20,000 to 321,000 last week from an upwardly-revised 341,000 for the previous week. |

Forthcoming Important Announcements / Events

| 30 th April 2007 (Monday) | HK | : | Yantai North Andre Juice (8259) – Q1 2007 results | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|---|---|--|--|
| | US | : | Personal income – March 2007 | | |
| | | | Personal spending – March 2007 | | |
| | | | Construction spending – March 2007 | | |
| | | | Anadarko Petroleum Corp – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Hilton Hotels Corp – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Kellogg Co – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Loews Corp – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Principal Financial Group Inc – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Verizon Communications Inc – Q1 2007 results | | |
| 1 st May 2007 (Tuesday) | HK | : | Labour Day holiday | | |
| | US | : | ISM manufacturing index – April 2007 | | |
| | | | MetLife Inc – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Procter & Gamble Co – Q3 2006/07 results | | |
| | | | Qwest Communications International Inc – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Yum! Brands Inc – Q1 2007 results | | |
| 2 nd May 2007 (Wednesday) | HK | : | ASM Pacific (0522) – Q1 2007 results | | |
| , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | | | Convenience Retail Asia (8052) – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | US | : | Factory orders – March 2007 | | |
| | | | Allergan Inc – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Las Vegas Sands Corp – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Mastercard Inc – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Prudential Financial Inc – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Time Warner Inc – Q1 2007 results | | |
| 3 rd May 2007 (Thursday) | HK | : | Retail sales – March 2007 | | |
| | | | Hang Seng Bank (0011) – Q1 2007 dividend | | |
| | | | Manulife (0945) – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | US | : | Productivity – Q1 2007 | | |
| | | | ISM non-manufacturing index – April 2007 | | |
| | | | Initial jobless claims – the week ended 28 th April 2007 | | |
| | | | CBS Corp – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | General Motors Corp – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | MGM Mirage – Q1 2007 results | | |
| | | | Starbucks Corp – Q2 2006/07 results | | |
| | | | Wynn Resorts Ltd – Q1 2007 results | | |
| 4 th May 2007 (Friday) | HK | : | No important announcements / events | | |
| | US | : | Unemployment rate – April 2007 | | |
| | | | Freddie Mac – Q1 2007 results | | |
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