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Weekly Report 21<sup>st</sup> December 2007

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	HSI Weekly Movement
Turnover (HK\$ bn)	300.0

<u>Weekly I</u>	Market S	Statistic	<u>s</u>	
Week ended	21/12/07	14/12/07	Change	%
Hang Seng Index	27,627	27,564	+63	+0.2%
HS Red Chip Index	6,013	5,955	+59	+1.0%
HS China Enterprises Index	15,982	15,957	+24	+0.2%
HS Composite Index	3,887	3,881	+6	+0.2%
HS HK Composite Index	2,879	2,880	-1	-0.0%
HS Mainland Composite Index	5,144	5,129	+15	+0.3%
Growth Enterprise Index	1,311	1,324	-13	-1.0%
Avg Daily Turnover (HK\$ bn )	83.4	111.8	-28	-25.4%
Sectoral Indices Finance Utilities Properties Comm & Ind	39,660 40,779 36,904 16,404	39,899 39,397 36,745 16,291	-238 +1,382 +160 +113	-0.6% +3.5% +0.4% +0.7%

#### **Review & Outlook of Market Performance**

Led by property stocks, the local bourse started the week with a massive sell-off across the board. The sell off was triggered by plunges in the Wall Street last Friday amid the higher-than-expected US's inflation rate in November which dashed hopes for further rate cuts in US. Fortunately, Hang Seng Index found a toehold on the following day, as investors sought safe havens in utility counters and market heavyweight HSBC. After a flat range-bounded trading on Thursday, Hang Seng Index started to rebound on Friday; despite Beijing's further monetary tightening to cool economic overheating and mounting concerns over US credit markets. During the week, HSI rose slightly by 0.23% w-o-w and closed at 27,626.92, while the HSCEI was up 0.15% w-o-w and closed at 15,981.81. Average daily turnover dropped to HK\$90.2 billion, compared with HK\$111.8 billion in the previous week.

Seven debutants got diverse performance on their respective debuts over the week. Among the gainers, Uni-President, the mainland arm of Taiwan's food and beverage giant, bucked Monday's falling trend and closed 13.7% higher from its offer price of HK\$4.22. China National Materials, the world's largest cement engineering service provider climbed 21% one day after its trading debut driven by expectation of China's robust economic growth and its heavy investment in fixed assets. BYD Electronic also posted a standout result, which was up 2.4% on its first trading date and another 15% surge on the following day. However, Pacific Online, Vietnam Manufacturing and Export Processing, Pan Asia Environmental Protection Group and Eyang Holdings Group all disappointed investors.

Looking ahead, it is expected that the local market would have a good support next week due to window dressing and a shorter trading week. Investors should still remain cautious amid of shrinking trading volumes with volatile share prices even though the great selling pressure appeared to have subsided.

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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							
21st December	13,245.64*	2,640.86*	15,257.00	3,411.60	1,400.54	813.60	7,941.44
14th December	13,339.85	2,635.74	15,514.51	3,466.38	1,403.41	836.40	8,118.08
Change	-94.21	+5.12	-257.51	-54.78	-2.87	-22.80	-176.64
%	-0.7%	+0.2%	-1.7%	-1.6%	-0.2%	-2.7%	-2.2%

Remarks: (\*) closing as of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

# Major Changes in Index Constituent Stocks (Week ended 21st December 2007)

## Hang Seng Index (HSI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @21/12/07	W-O-W (	Change	Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
China Resources	0291	HK\$34.3	+HK\$3.55	+11.54%	Market continued to have high expectation on the counter in terms of the strong retail and brewery performance from its CR China supermarkets and CR Brewery operations.
China Unicom	0762	HK\$16.76	+HK\$1.36	+8.8%	The wireless provider said the total no of its GSM cellular service subscribers increased to 118.149 million in November from 117.054 million in October.

## **Hang Seng China Enterprises Index (HSCEI)**

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @21/12/07	W-O-W Change		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
Anhui Conch	0914	HK\$68	+HK\$8.75	+14.77%	Another hot stock engaged in building materials related businesses apart from this week's stellar debutant - SINOMA. Anhui Conch's best performance was supported by China's high economic growth and heavy investment in fixed assets, which helped stimulate expansion of its cement engineering and non-metal materials industries. Its P/E is around 22x, which is the same as SINOMA lately.
R&F Properties	2777	HK\$28.4	+HK\$3.3	+13.15%	Investors purchased into the consolidation trend in China property.

## Hang Seng China-Affiliated Corporations Index (HSCCI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @21/12/07	W-O-W Change		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
Guangzhou Inv	0123	HK\$2.44	+HK\$0.24	+10.91%	The company announced it had acquired two sites in Jinshazhou in Guangzhou for RMB 523 million to develop a large-scale, low-density, high-end project.



## **Summary of US Economic News**

Indicator	Change/Index	Comments
Housing Market Index – Dec 2007	Index remained at level of 19	The lowest level since records began in 1985 signalling that the falling home prices and a glut of unsold properties could extend the housing slump into 2008.
Housing Starts – Nov 07	-3.7% m-o-m	In line with expectations on Wall Street.
State Street Investor Confidence Index – Dec 07	-9.9 points m-o-m	Fell to a new low level of 65.9 from reading of 74.3 in Nov.
Gross Domestic Product (Final) – Q3 2007	+4.9% q-o-q	Same as estimation, US economy expanded 4.9% vs. 3.8% in last quarter. The narrowing trade deficit contributed 1.4% to growth, the most since 1996.
Initial jobless claims – the week ended 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2007	+12,000	Climbed to one-month high by 12,000 to 346,000. Fourth-week moving average rose to 343,000, the highest since the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.
Leading Indicators – Nov 2007	-0.4% m-o-m	Dropped more than forecast, to the lowest level in more than two years, which signalled that the US economy is at greater risk of faltering next year.
Philadelphia Fed Survey – Dec 2007	-13.9 points m-o-m	Manufacturing in the Philadelphia region unexpectedly contracted in last month to the lowest level since April 2003, adding to evidence that a weakening economy has driven business executives more pessimistic.

## **Forthcoming Important Announcements / Events**

24 <sup>th</sup> December 2007 (Monday)  25 <sup>th</sup> December 2007 (Tuesday)  26 <sup>th</sup> December 2007 (Wednesday)	US HK US	:	Same Time Holdings (0451) - interim results Pan Sino International Holding (0502) - interim results Gay Giano International Group (0686) - interim results Nubrands Group Holdings (0835) - interim results Xin Corporation (1141) - interim results No important announcement /event
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	US	:	American Bank Inc – Q3 2007 results
27 <sup>th</sup> December 2007 (Thursday)	HK	:	Deson Development Int'l Holdings (0262) - interim results
			Mei Ah Entertainment Group (0391) - interim results
			China Elegance (Holdings) (0476) - interim results
			Emperor Capital Group (0717) - interim results
			Vision Tech Int'l Holdings (0922) - interim results
			Coastal Greenland (1124) - interim results
			Grandtop International Holdings (2309) - interim results
			Xingye Copper (0505) – trading debut
	US	:	Durable Goods Orders – Nov 2007
			Initial Jobless Claims – the week ended 22 nd December 2007
			Consumer Confidence – December 2007
28 <sup>th</sup> December 2007 (Friday)	HK	:	Mascotte Holdings Ltd (0136) – interim results
			Public Financial Holdings (0626) - 2 <sup>nd</sup> interim dividend
			Uni Bio Science Group (0690) - interim results
			Chun Wo Development Holdings (0711) - interim results
			Sino Prosper Holdings (0766) - interim results
			Rising Development Holdings (1004) - interim results
			Karrie International Holdings (1050) - interim results
			Trade Balance – November 2007
			Imports and Exports – November 2007
	US	:	National Association of Purchasing Management (Chicago) –
			December 2007
		1	New Home Sale – November 2007
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