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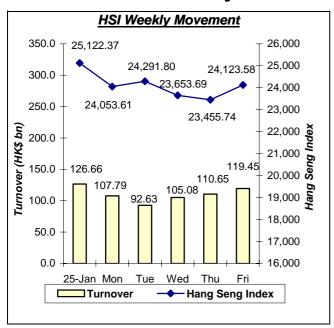
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Weekly Report

Restricted circulation 1st February 2008 Analyst: Sabina Cheng

HSI stayed volatile amid two headwinds



Weekly Market Statistics							
Week ended	1/2/2008	25/1/2008	Change	%			
Hang Seng Index	24,124	25,122	-999	-4.0%			
HS Red Chip Index	5,308	5,444	-136	-25%			
HS China Enterprises Index	13,285	14,016	-731	-5.2%			
HS Composite Index	3,392	3,529	-138	-3.9%			
HSHK Composite Index	2,591	2,689	-98	-3.6%			
HS Mainland Composite Index	4,401	4,588	-187	-4.1%			
Growth Enterprise Index	1,002	1,075	-73	-6.8%			
Avg Daily Turnover (HK\$bn)	119.4	139.7	-20	-14.5%			
Sectoral Indices			4 000	- 407			
Finance	33,615	35,547	-1,932	-5.4%			
Utilities Proportion	42,575	41,409	,				
Properties Comm&Ind	32,825	35,550 14.700	,	-1.1% -2.2%			
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Review & Outlook of Market Performance

HK stocks stayed volatile over the week amid the global economic uncertainties and the severe snowstorms in the PRC. Over the week, HSI plunged 999 points or 4% and closed at 24,123.58, while the H-share index dived 731 points or 5.2% and closed at 13,284.74. Average daily turnover fell to HK\$119.4 billion from last week's HK\$139.7 billion.

Whilst the US Fed shaved its interest rate by 50bps on Wednesday as expected, local banks did not follow suit and only announced rate cuts of 25bps. Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority also reduced the base rate for overnight lending by 50bps to 4.5%.

Owing to volatile market conditions, six IPOs were called off - including Maoye International Holdings, SJM Holdings, Honghua Group, Changsheng China Property, Solargiga Energy, SFK Construction Holdings. Only New Media Group proceeded which opened its retail tranche on Tuesday. However, it was reported that at least 7 companies would launch initial public offerings after the Lunar New Year to raise about US\$6 billion.

On policy front, the Mainland will impose a tax on commercial properties in 1H08. Market expected that the government would set the rate at between 0.8% and 1.4%. Meanwhile, the PRC regulators have been preparing to allow some 100 mainland brokers to manage assets on behalf of individual clients with a minimum of RMB 1 million. Moreover, it was also reported that the PRC would suspend approvals on foreign futures joint ventures until rules governing the market have been launched. At present, only JP Morgan, ABN Amro and Crédit Agricole have got such approval.

Looking forward, trading should be more cautious next week ahead of the Lunar New Year holidays while market volatility should remain high, as there are still many uncertainties in the global economies.

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US & Regional Markets Weekly Update

Remarks: (*) closing as of 31st January 2008

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Date	US	US	JAPAN	SINGAPORE	MALAYSIA	BANGKOK	TAIPEI
	Dow Jones	NASDAQ	Nikkei Avg	STI	KLSE Index	SET Index	Weighted Index
Week to							
1st February	12,650.36*	2,389.86*	13,497.16	3,002.41	1,393.25	810.86	7,673.99
25th Janunary	12,207.17	2,326.20	13,629.16	3,159.48	1,405.40	759.72	7,739.59
Change	+443.19	+63.66	-132.00	-157.07	-12.15	+51.14	-65.60
%	+3.6%	+2.7%	-1.0%	-5.0%	-0.9%	+6.7%	-0.8%

Major Changes in Index Constituent Stocks (Week ended 1st February 2008)

Hang Seng Index (HSI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @1/2/08	W-O-W Change		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
ССВ	0939	HK\$5.84	+HK\$0.45	+8.35%	CCB planned to raise its stake in Ritz-Carlton Hong Kong from 40% to 50% with HK\$417.2 million.
ICBC	1398	HK\$5.00	+HK\$0.37	+7.99%	It was expected that ICBC could add value through overseas M&A.

Hang Seng China Enterprises Index (HSCEI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @1/2/08	W-O-W Change		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
ZTE	0763	HK\$43.35	+HK\$6.15	+16.53%	It is expected that ZTE to FY2007 net profit to increase between 50% and 70% on strong sales in local and overseas markets. International sales were the main growth driver, accounting for 54.6% of the total.
China Oilfield	2883	HK\$15.24	+HK\$1.74	+12.89%	FY2007 net profit grew about 95% (vs. 37.4% in 2006) as robust gas and oil exploration activities put oilfield services in high demand.
China COSCO	1919	HK\$19.52	+HK\$2.18	+12.57%	Owing to the severe snowstorm in the PRC, the domestic demand for shipping of coal kept holding up.
PICC P&C	2328	HK\$7.91	-HK\$1.34	-14.49%	Shares tumbled on fears that the China's
Ping An	2318	HK\$56.8	-HK\$11.40	-16.72%	bad weather would raise the number of claims.

Hang Seng China-Affiliated Corporations Index (HSCCI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @1/2/08	W-O-W Change		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
China Overseas Land & Investment	0688	HK\$14.72	+HK\$1.56	+11.85%	The company has some 50% of 2008 earnings locked in and with well-diversified land bank, which could reduce risks amid the PRC's austerity measures.



Summary of US Economic News

Indicator	Change/Index	Comments
New home sales – December 2007	-4.7%	Dropped from 634,000 in Nov 2007 to 604,000, the fewest since February 1995. It reinforced fears that falling home prices and stricter lending rules could lead to more foreclosures and hurt consumer spending.
Durable goods orders – December 2007	+5.2%	It was the biggest gain since July 2007 and there was a revised up of 0.5% in last month's figure, suggesting business investment has been hold up.
Consumer confidence – December 2007	87.9	Fell less than forecast from a revised 90.6 level in November 2007.
Federal Reserve's Fed funds rate target	-50bps	The Fed cut the benchmark interest rate by 50bps to 3%.
Initial Jobless Claims – the week ended 26 th January 2008	+69,000	Rose more than expected to 375,000, which was a 27-month high level.

Forthcoming Important Announcements / Events

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4 th February 2008 (Monday)	НК	Ξ	Sincere Watch (Hong Kong) Ltd (0444) – Q3 2007 results Sunevision Holdings Ltd (8008) – interim results Prosten Technology Holdings Ltd (8026) – Q3 2007 results Tiger Tech Holdings Ltd (8046) – interim results M Dream Inworld Ltd (8100) – final results Soluteck Holdings Ltd (8111) – Q3 2007 results Tradeeasy Holdings Ltd (8163) – Q3 2007 results Emcom International Ltd (8220) – Q3 2007 results AGTech Holdings Ltd (8279) – interim results
	US	:	Finet Group Ltd (8317) – Q3 2007 results News Corporation – Q2 FY2008 Wendys Intl. Inc – Q4 FY2007 Challenger Job-Cut Report – January 2008 Factory Orders – December 2007
5 th February 2008 (Tuesday)	HK	:	Frasers Property China Ltd (0535) – Q1 2007 results Polyard Petroleum International Gp Ltd (8011) – final results ITE (Holdings) Ltd (8092) – Q3 2007 results IIN International Ltd (8128) – Q1 2007 results Richfield Group Holdings Ltd (8136) – Q3 2007 results China Cyber Port Intl Co Ltd (8206) – Q3 2007 results
	US	:	CB Richard Ellis Group Inc – Q4 FY2007 Tyco Intl. Ltd – Q1 FY2008 Walt Disney Co – Q1 FY2008 ISM Non-Mfg – January 2008
6 th February 2008 (Wednesday)	HK US	:	No important announcement/event Cisco Systems Inc – Q2 FY2008 Devon Energy Corp – Q4 FY2007 Polo Ralph Lauren Corp – Q3 FY2008 Prudential Financial Inc – Q4 FY2007 Time Warner Inc – Q4 FY2007 Nonfarm Productivity – Q4 2007 Unit Labor Costs – Q4 2007
7 th February 2008 (Thursday)	HK US	:	Lunar New Year Holiday Moody's Corp – Q4 FY2007 Pepsico Inc – Q4 FY2007 Chain Store Sales – January 2008 Pending Home Sales – December 2007 Initial Jobless Claims - the week ended 2 nd February 2008
8 th February 2008 (Friday)	HK US	:	Lunar New Year Holiday Wholesale Trade – December 2007

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