

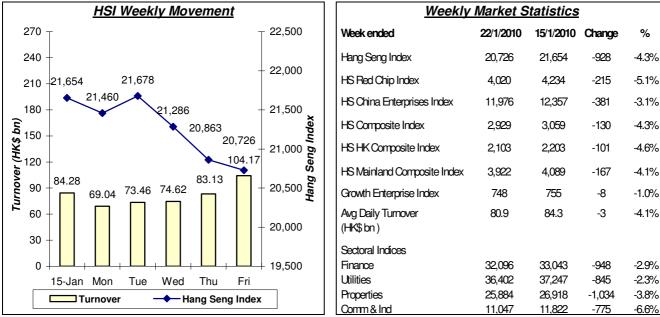
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Weekly Report 22nd January 2010

The HSI tumbled on concerns over more Chinese tightening measures



Review & Outlook of Market Performance

Hong Kong stock market stayed volatile during the week. It once saw support on Tuesday following a rumor of "through train investment" for Shanghai investors. However, fears of further tightening measures to contain inflation were reignited amid China's strong economic data being released on Thursday. Losses were extended on Friday after the Hang Seng Index saw a roller-roaster ride during its intraday trading. Over the week, the Hang Seng Index plunged 927.98 points or 4.29% to 20,726.18, while the HSCEI fell 3.09% to 11,975.65. Average daily turnover dropped to HK\$80.9 billion, versus HK\$84.3 billion in the previous week.

On economic front, China successfully achieved GDP growth target of 8% in 2009 following its fourth quarter growth of 10.7% year-on-year in 2009. Inflation picked up at 1.9% year-on-year (versus market consensus of 1.4%) in December 2009. Hong Kong unemployment rate fell to 4.9% in October – December 2009, down from 5.1% level in September – November 2009. On IPOs front, three IPOs in Hong Kong have been raising net proceeds of around HK\$20.02 billion year-to-date. United Company RUSAL (00486) raised HK\$16.79 billion by share placement, while SouthGobi Energy Resources (01878) and Meike International (00953) combinedly raised HK\$3.23 billion through their respective public offerings. Shares in the international placement trench of RUSAL registered four times oversubscription, while those in SouthGobi and retail trench of Meike were 20 times and 151 times oversubscribed respectively.

Despite the weak market sentiment, three more companies are scheduled to have their respective initial public offerings in the coming week. Meanwhile, Hang Lung Properties will deliver its interim results announcement on 27th January, unveiling the blue chips results announcement in Hong Kong. Market sentiment would also likely depend on US companies results announcement and what the FOMC statement will reveal after the FOMC meeting to be held on 27th January 2010. Moreover, given China's strong 4Q GDP growth and higher than expected inflation in December 2009, the Chinese government is expected to see more pressure to curb overheating. Accordingly, the HSI is expected to consolidate with a downside support level at around 20,000 mark in the coming week amid lacking positive news in the stock market.

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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
22nd January	10,389.88*	2,265.70*	10,590.55	2,820.16	1,298.10	714.10	7,927.31
15th January	10,609.65	2,287.99	10,982.10	2,920.19	1,298.58	746.52	8,356.89
Change	-219.77	-22.29	-391.55	-100.03	-0.48	-32.42	-429.58
%	-2.1%	-1.0%	-3.6%	-3.4%	-0.0%	-4.3%	-5.1%

Remarks: (*) closing as of 21st January 2010

Major Changes in Index Constituent Stocks (Week ended 22nd January 2010)

Hang Seng Index (HSI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @22/1/10	W-O-W Change		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
Foxconn International	02038	HK\$9.03	-HK\$1.99	-18.06%	The worst performed shares in the HSI. Foxconn hit a three-week low level on Friday after Citigroup downgraded its parent Hon Hai (2317.TW) from "Buy" to "Hold", citing the firm' rich valuations and margin concerns.
Tencent	00700	HK\$150.5	-HK\$24.90	-14.20%	Tencent was downgraded by Macquaire to "Neutral", citing the counter had limited upside potential.

Hang Seng China Enterprises Index (HSCEI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @22/1/10	W-O-W Change		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
BYD Company	01211	HK\$56.80	-HK\$7.10	-11.11%	The worst performed shares in the HSCEI this week, as investors reassessed stock valuations following a strong gain in 2009.

Hang Seng China-Affiliated Corporations Index (HSCCI)

Stock	Stock Code	Closing Price @22/1/10	W-O-W Change		Remarks / Comments
			Absolute	%	
Denway Motors	00203	HK\$4.97	+HK\$0.37	+8.04%	The counter bucked the market downtrend and became the top gainer in the HSCCI this week. It was reported that Guangzhou Auto, which controls 38% of Denway, offered to exchange shares in itself for the rest of the shares in Denway.
Sinofert Holdings	00297	HK\$4.69	-HK\$0.79	-14.42%	The counter expected to post net losses for the second-half and full-year of 2009 due to reduced domestic demand and lower prices of potash fertilizer.



Summary of US Economic News

Indicator	Change/Index	Comments
Housing Market Index – January 2010	15	Housing market index edged down to 15 in January 2010 from 16 in December 2009 on weaker job market.
Producer Price Index – December 2009	0.2%, month-on-month	Producer price index rose 0.2% month-on-month in December after a 1.8% gain in November, led by a jump in food prices. Core PPI stayed flat in December after a monthly rise of 0.5% in November on falling prices of light trucks.
Housing Starts – December 2009	-4%, month-on-month	Led by a drop in single-family starts, housing starts fell 4% month-on-month to 557,000 units in December after rebounding 10.7% in November. The result was below consensus projection. However, building permits unexpectedly jumped by 11.8% as the bad weather might have kept builders away from worksites.
Initial jobless claims – the week ended 16 th January 2010	+36,000	Initial jobless claims jumped unexpectedly by 36,000 to 482,000, while four-week average jumped 7,000 to 448,250, reflecting a backlog of applications during the year-end holidays.
Leading Indicators – December 2009	1.1%, month-on-month	Leading indicators rose more than anticipated to 1.1% month-on-month in December from 0.9% in November due to fewer layoff and low interest rates.

Forthcoming Important Announcements / Events

25 th January 2010 (Monday)	ΗK	:	No important news or announcements
		:	Existing home sales – December 2009 Apple – Q1 FY2010
26 th January 2010 (Tuesday)		:	Trade balance – December 2009
		:	Consumer confidence – January 2010 Verizon – Q4 2009 Yahoo – Q4 2009
27 th January 2010 (Wednesday)	ΗK	:	Hang Lung Group (00010) – interim result Hang Lung Properties (00101)– interim result United Company RUSAL Limited (00486) – trading debut
	US	:	New home sales – December 2009 FOMC meeting announcement Caterpillar – Q4 2009 The Boeing Co. – Q4 2009
28 th January 2010 (Thursday)	ΗK	:	China Daye Non-Ferrous Metals Mining (00661) – interim result
	US	:	Durable goods orders – December 2009 Initial jobless claims – the week ended 23 rd January 2010 Microsoft – Q2 FY2010 Procter & Gamble – Q2 FY2010 AT&T – Q4 2009 Invesco – Q4 2009 Motorola – Q4 2009
29 th January 2010 (Friday)	ΗK	:	SouthGobi Energy Resources Limited (01878) – trading debut
US		:	GDP – 4Q 2009 Employment cost index – Q4 2009 Chicago PMI – January 2010 Consumer sentiment – January 2010



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