

China / HK Market Weekly

HK market's rerating continues

Last week (13-17 Jun), US S&P 500 Index declined by over 5% for the second consecutive week, as the Fed raised interest rates by 75 bps bringing inflation down. China / HK stock markets outperformed. Looking ahead to this week, market focus will still be on central banks. The PBOC will announce LPR on Monday, and Fed Chair Powell will give a semi-annual testimony before the Congress on Wednesday & Thursday. China Internet, Healthcare & Consumer Discretionary stocks may remain volatile this week as investors digest Fed's tightening, but we continue to see medium-term re-rating potential. Among Value stocks, Financials are more defensive than Commodities.

- **Market recap:** The HSI / CSI 300 returned -3.4% / 1.7% last week, extending their strong runs relative to developed markets over the past few weeks. In HK, all major sectors declined, while in A-shares market, Healthcare & Consumer Discretionary led gains. China Growth stocks are on the verge of bucking an 18-month downtrend relative to Value stocks (Fig. 7).
- **Fund flows:** Global equity funds flew out of EM as higher-than-expected inflation in the US spiked faster tightening of the Fed. But equity fund flows to China continued to improve as the country was in the liquidity easing and economic resumption cycle. US equity funds continued to see withdrawals.
- **Stock Connect flows:** Weekly Northbound net inflows stayed high, and Southbound net inflows increased WoW (Fig. 16-17). By sector, Southbound funds flew into Consumer Discretionary, IT, Energy, Industrials and Healthcare, and out of Conglomerates and Financials. Northbound funds flew into Food, Beverage & Tobacco, Banking, Hardware & Equipment, Semiconductors and Software & Services, and out of Materials and Utilities.
- **Interest rates:** UST yield curve flattened as short yields jumped more on Fed rate hike bets. Implied Fed funds rate in Dec 2022 rose to 3.57%. HK dollar liquidity gradually tightened as USD/HKD reached the weak-side 7.85.
- **Sentiments:** Risk appetite mildly decreased in HK due to US rate hike. "Fear Index" VHSI rose to 31.1. Short-sell ratio on HK mainboard rebounded from 3-month low to 17.1%.
- **Earnings:** FY22E EPS consensus of the HSI / HSTECH / CSI 300 were revised down by 1.0% / 2.6% / 0.8% last week (Fig. 43-45). In HK, IT, Healthcare & Consumer Discretionary got earnings. In A-shares, Financials & Staples got upward revision, while IT & Healthcare was revised down.
- **Valuation** gaps between HK and other major markets have narrowed, as HSI's forward P/E is approaching 10-yr mean after earnings cuts and re-rating, while those of the US / Europe / Japan dropped to below 10-yr mean after recent weakness (Fig. 39).
- **Sector views:** China Growth stocks such as Internet, Healthcare & Consumer Discretionary may remain volatile this week as investors digest Fed's tightening, but we continue to see re-rating potential over the medium term. Among Value stocks, Financials are more defensive, but Commodities may underperform as investors become more concerned on global economic slowdown and higher interest rates.

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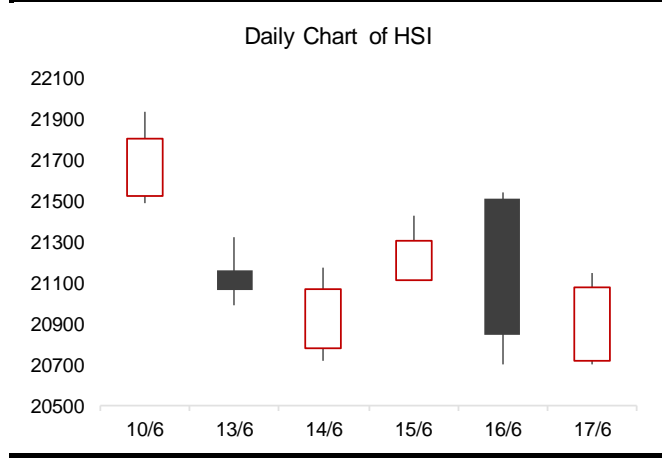
Market Recap

Figure 1: Weekly global markets returns: generally negative but China/HK outperformed



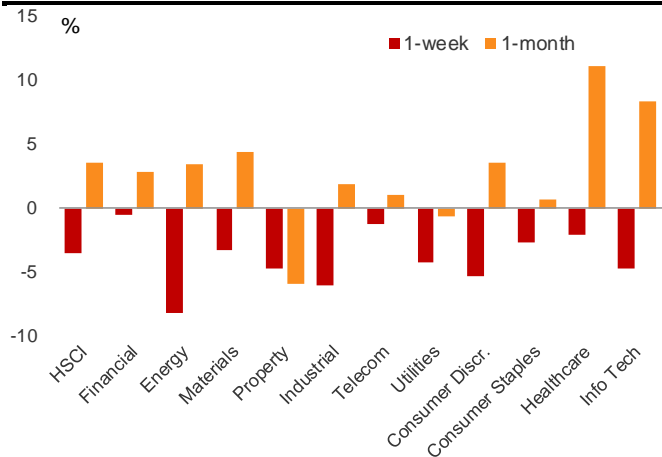
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Figure 2: HSI fell on Fed rate hike, and ranged bound between 20700-21500



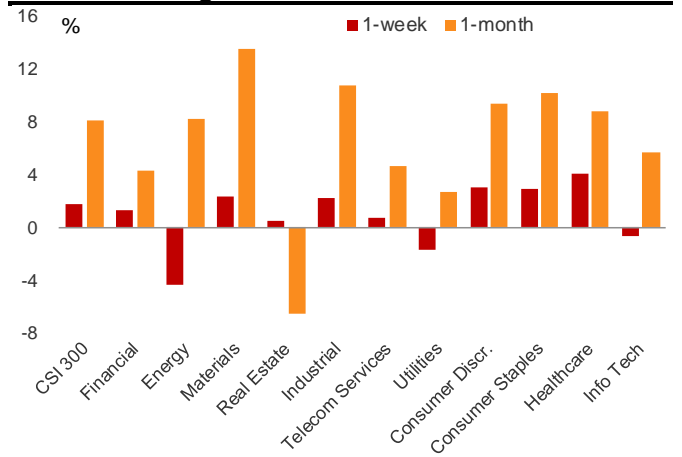
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Figure 3: Hang Seng Composite Index sectors: down across the board



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Figure 4: CSI 300 Index sectors: Healthcare & Consumer led gains



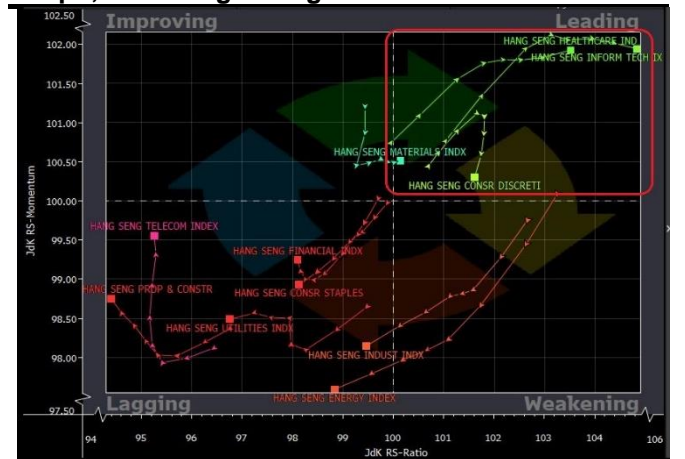
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Figure 5: IT, Healthcare & Consumer Discretionary moved to “Improving” zone in weekly Relative Rotation Graph, indicating improved momentum



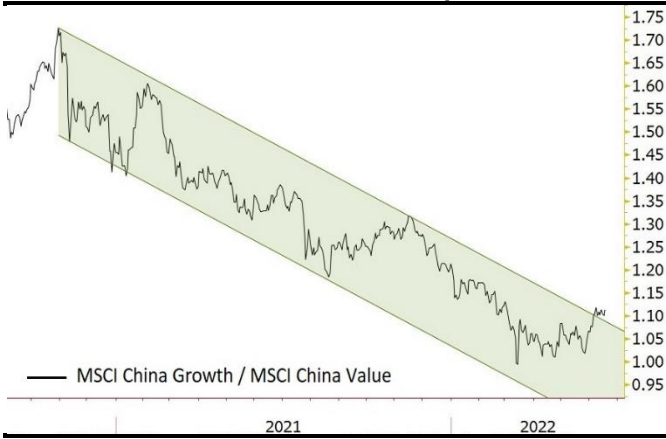
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Figure 6: IT, Healthcare & Consumer Discretionary moved to “Leading” zone in daily Relative Rotation Graph, indicating strong short-term momentum



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Figure 7: China Growth stocks outperformed Value in recent weeks, on the verge of breaking a downtrend on the chart of relative performance



Fund Flows

Figure 8: Global Fund Flow to Emerging Market

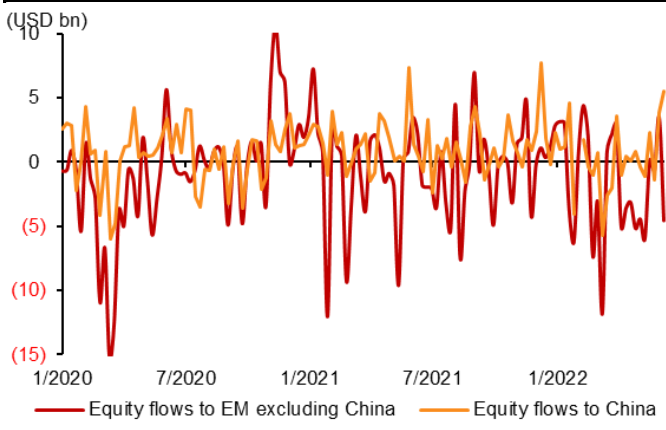


Figure 9: US Long-term Mutual Fund Flow

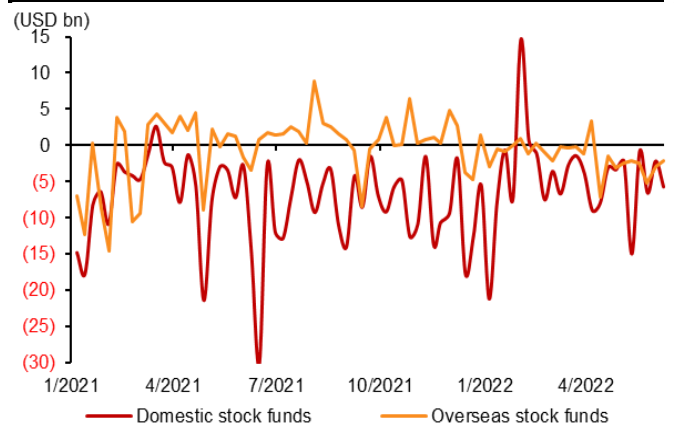


Figure 10: USD & HKD Interest Rates

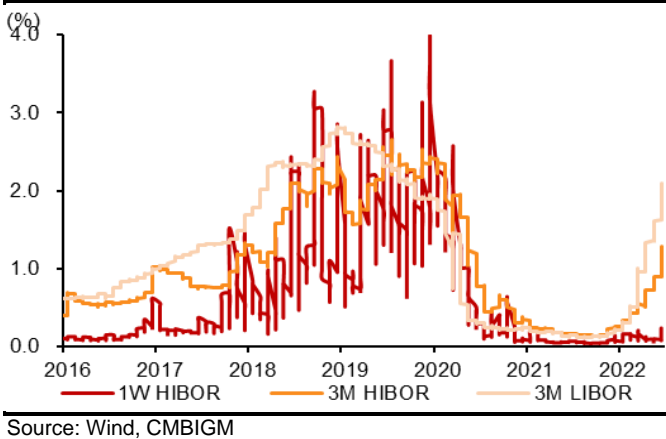


Figure 11: USD/HKD Rates & Interest Spreads

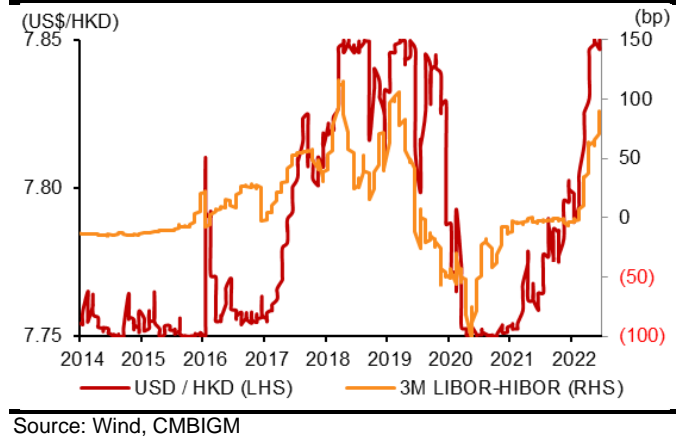
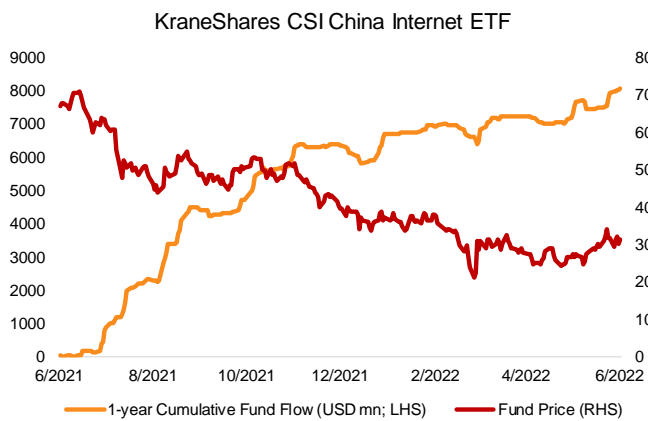
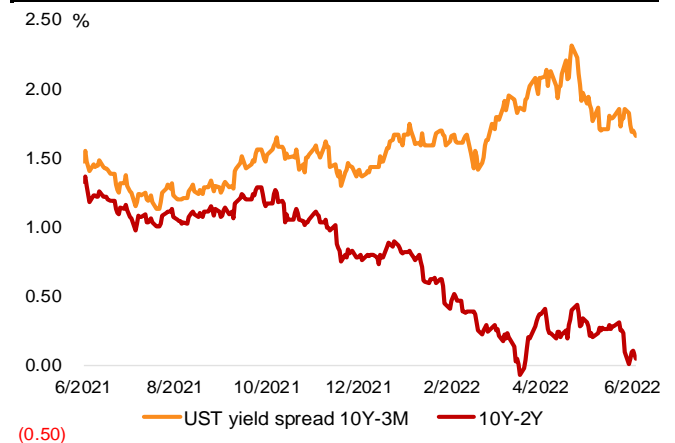


Figure 12: KWEB, the largest China Internet ETF, recorded inflows for three weeks in a row



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Figure 13: UST yield curve flattened as short yields jumped on Fed rate hike bets



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Figure 14: US-China 10-year yield spread widened further as China's yield stayed flat



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

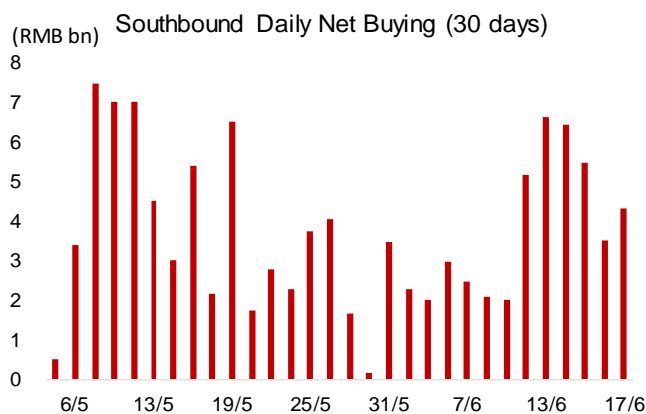
Figure 15: Implied Fed funds rate in Dec 2022 surged to 3.57%



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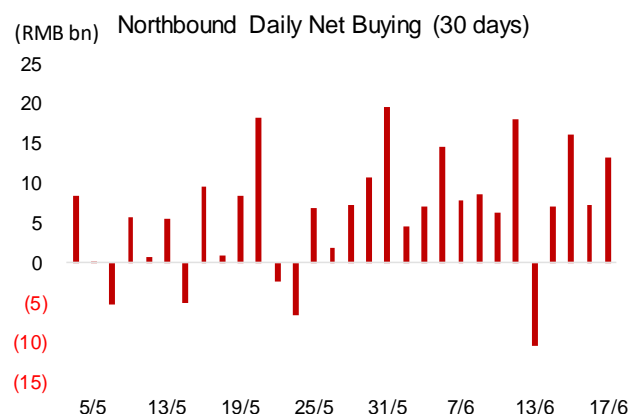
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Figure 16: Southbound inflows increased WoW



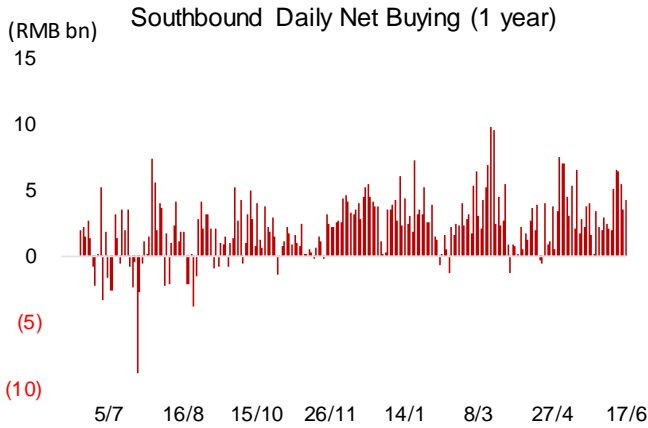
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Figure 17: Northbound inflows stayed high



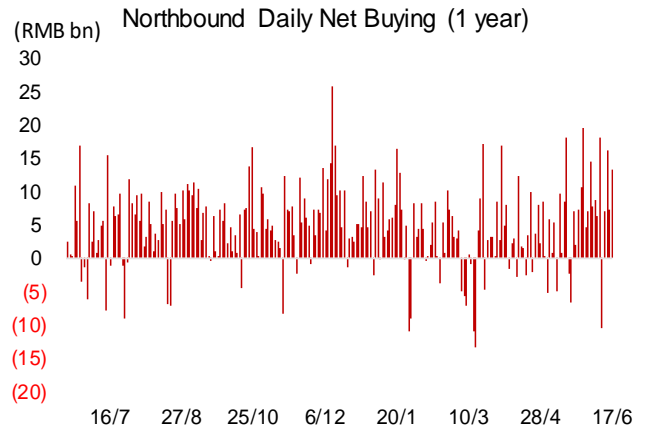
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Figure 18: Southbound net buying moderated vs. Q1



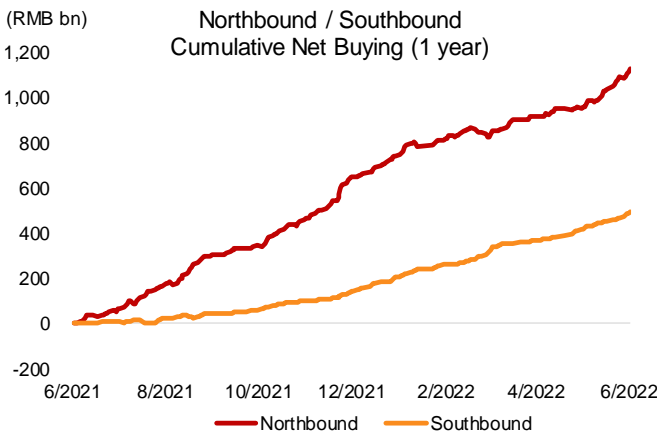
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Figure 19: Northbound flows increased recently



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Figure 20: Southbound inflows speeded up since early 2022, while Northbound inflows slowed down



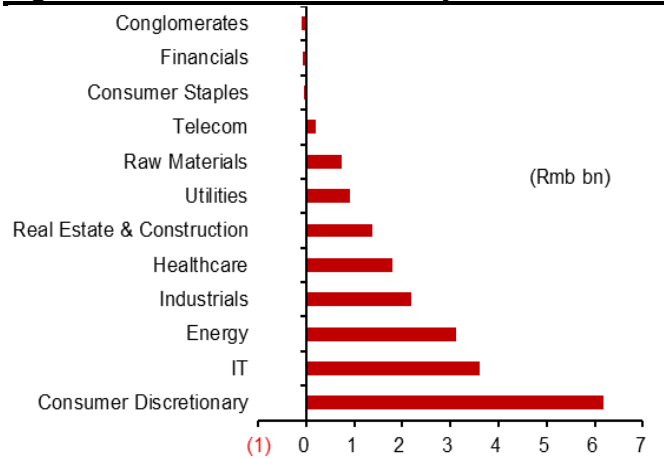
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Figure 21: AH premium widened to the highest since mid-Mar



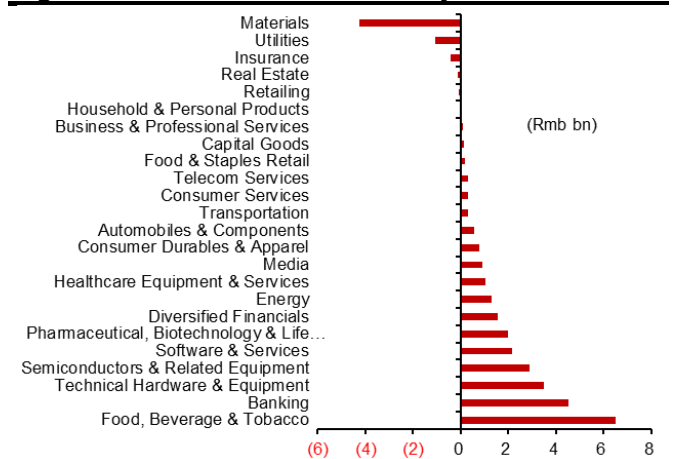
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Figure 22: Southbound net flows by sector last week



Source: Wind, CMBIGM

Figure 23: Northbound net flows by sector last week



Source: Wind, CMBIGM

Figure 24: Southbound weekly Top 10 active stocks

(HKD mn, cumulative)		Turnover	Net Buying
Tencent	700 HK	13,060	996
Meituan	3690 HK	13,933	1,706
CNOOC	883 HK	7,133	2,053
Kuaishou	1024 HK	6,596	833
GCL Technology	3800 HK	2,473	963
China Construction Bank	939 HK	377	-246
Sunny Optical	2382 HK	648	-240
Geely Automobile	175 HK	270	185
China Shenhua Energy	1088 HK	1,052	-84
Xiaomi	1810 HK	1,293	323

Source: Wind, CMBIGM

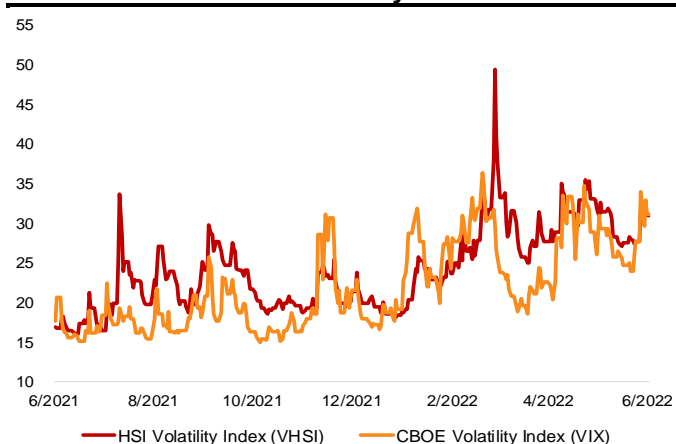
Figure 25: Northbound (SH) Top 10 active stocks

(RMB mn, cumulative)		Turnover	Net Buying
Kweichow Moutai	600519 CH	8,026	-456
Inner Mongolia Yili	600887 CH	4,544	2,260
LONGi Green Energy	601012 CH	5,230	7
China Merchants Bank	600036 CH	4,669	521
Ping An Insurance Group	601318 CH	4,331	-282
Industrial Bank	601166 CH	2,408	-309
TBEA	600089 CH	4,117	1,404
CITIC Securities	600030 CH	2,306	-101
Tongwei	600438 CH	3,206	597
Shaanxi Coal Industry	601225 CH	660	323

Source: Wind, CMBIGM

Sentiments

Figure 26: "Fear Indexes" VHSI & VIX rose to 31.1 as a hawkish Fed caused volatility



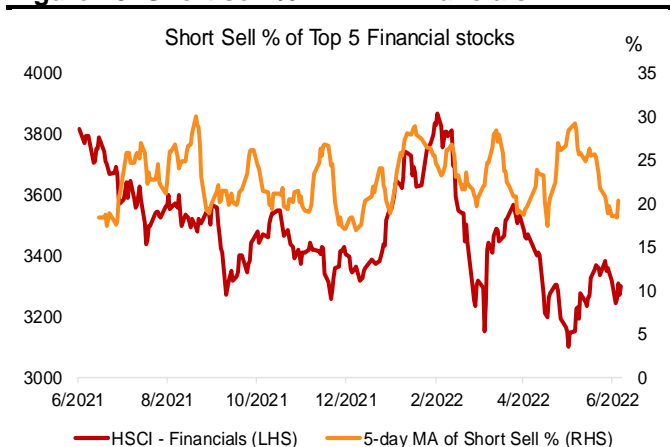
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Figure 27: Short sell % on HK mainboard rebounded to above 17%



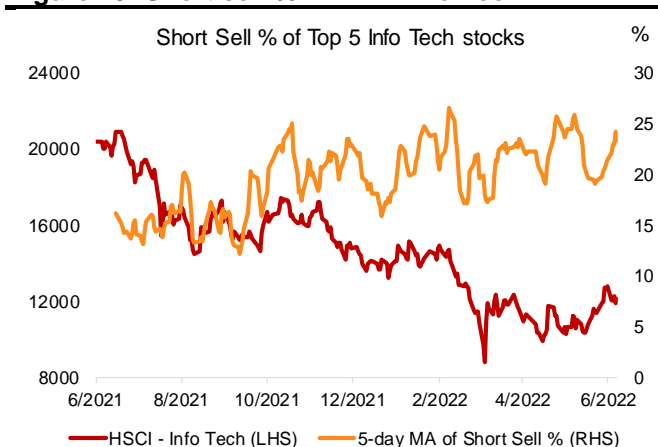
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Figure 28: Short sell % in HK - Financials



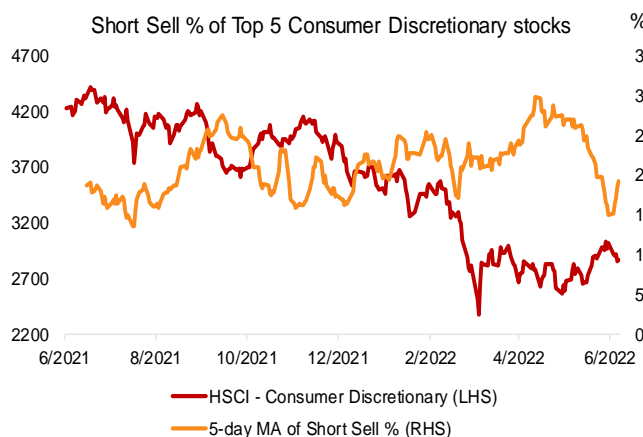
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Figure 29: Short sell % in HK - Info Tech



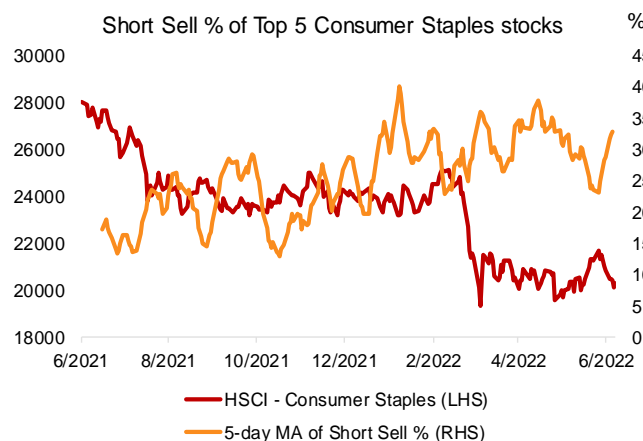
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Figure 30: Short sell % in HK – Consumer Discretion



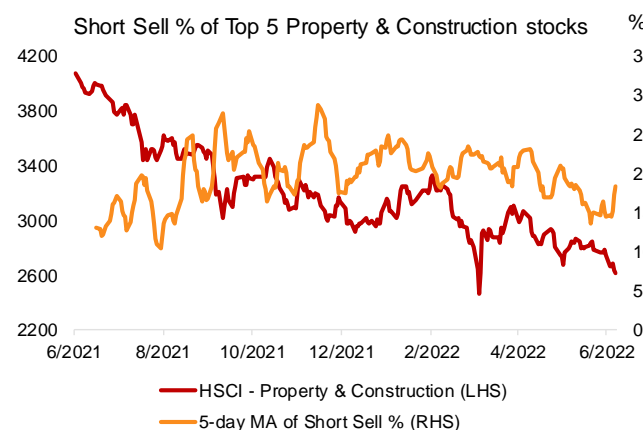
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Figure 31: Short sell % in HK – Consumer Staples



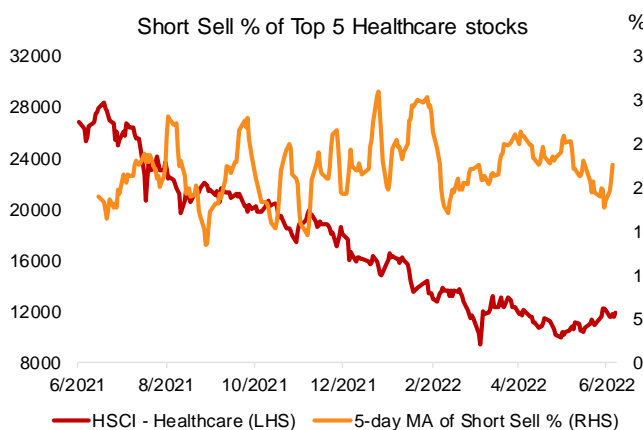
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Figure 32: Short sell % in HK - Property



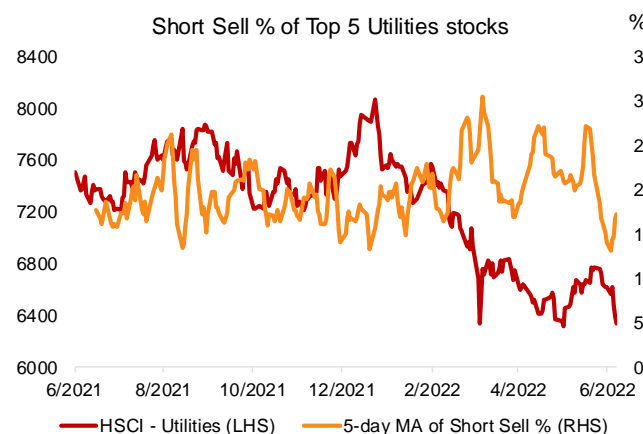
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Figure 33: Short sell % in HK – Healthcare



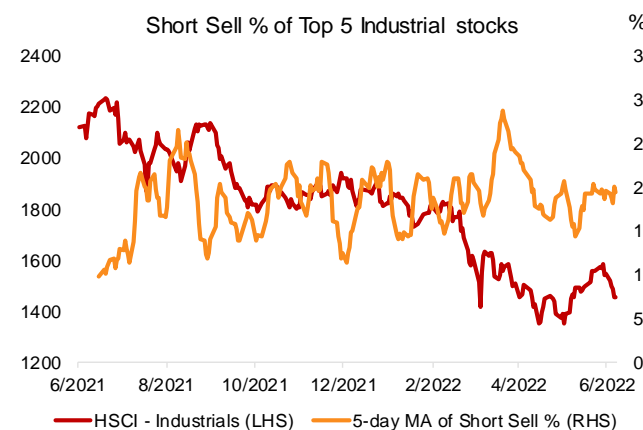
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Figure 34: Short sell % in HK – Utilities



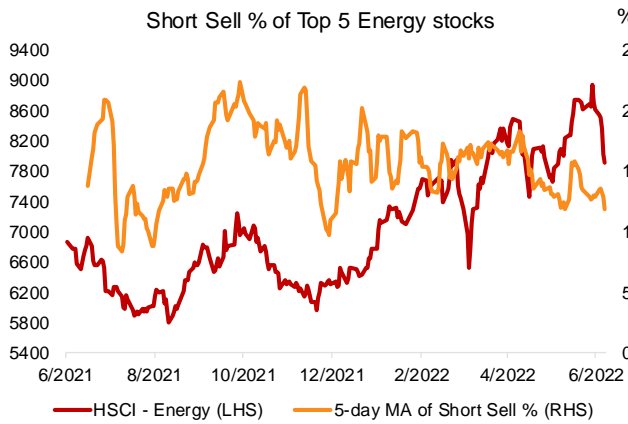
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Figure 35: Short sell % in HK – Industrials



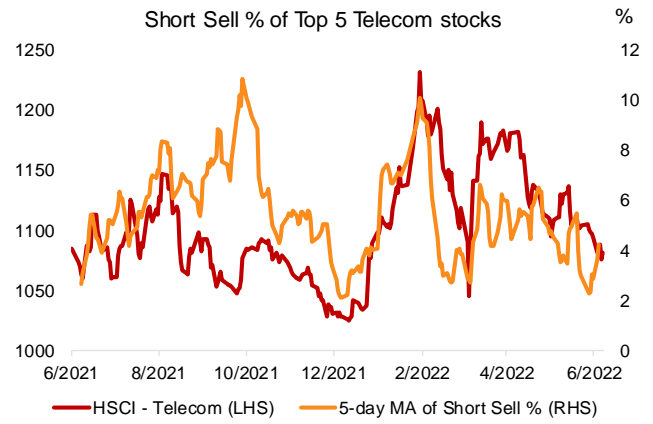
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Figure 36: Short sell % in HK – Energy



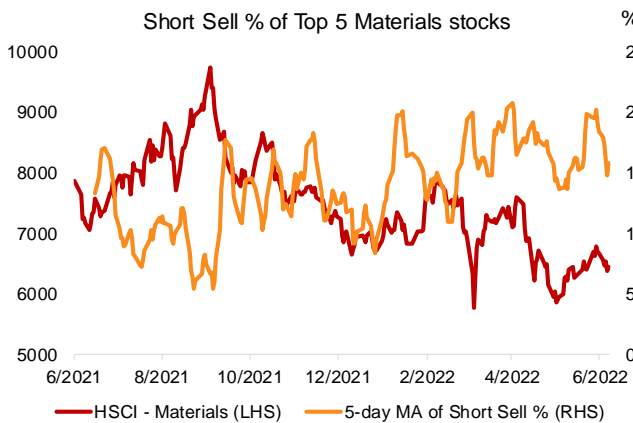
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Figure 37: Short sell % in HK – Telecom



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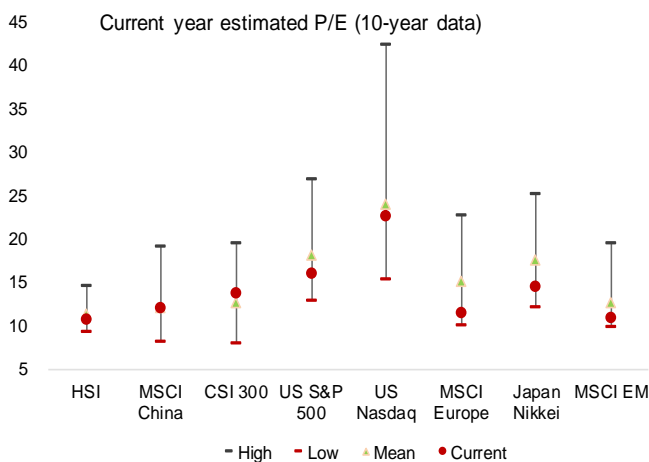
Figure 38: Short sell % in HK – Materials



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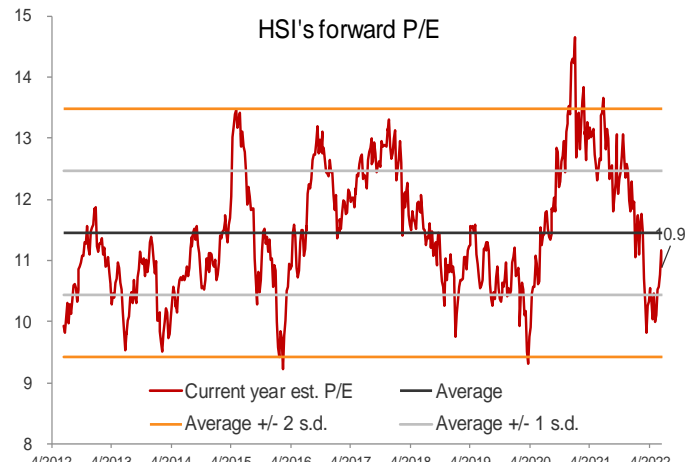
Earnings & Valuations

Figure 39: Forward P/E of the US/Europe/Japan dropped to below 10-yr mean after recent weakness



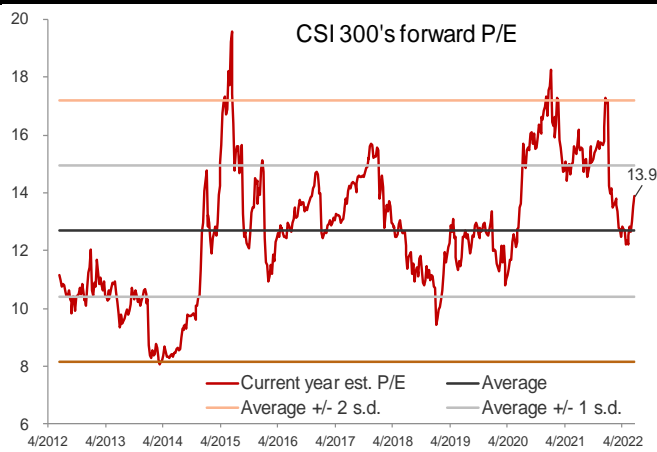
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Figure 40: HSI' forward P/E approaching 10-yr mean, after earnings cuts and re-rating



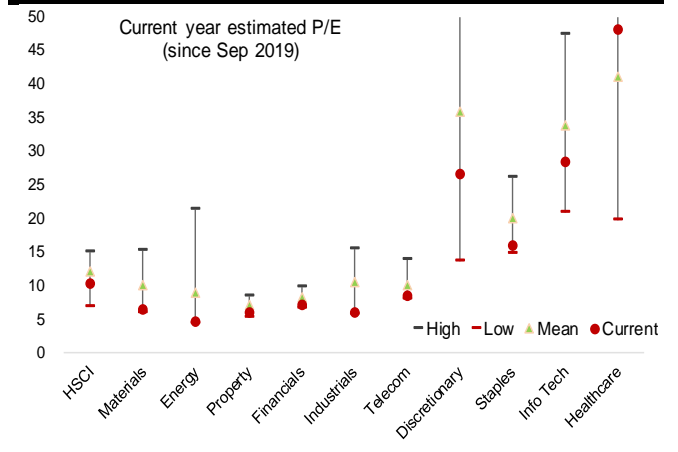
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Figure 41: CSI 300's P/E returned to above 10-yr mean



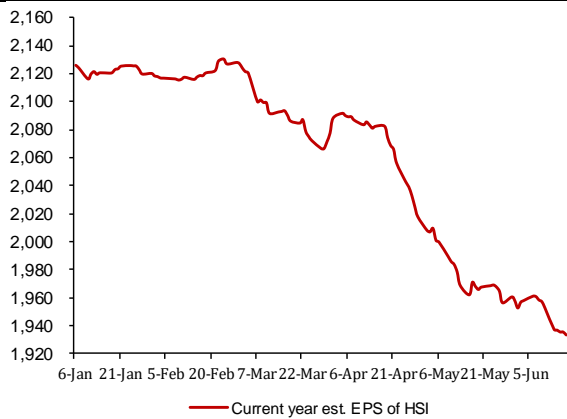
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Figure 42: Many HSCI sectors' P/E are still near troughs



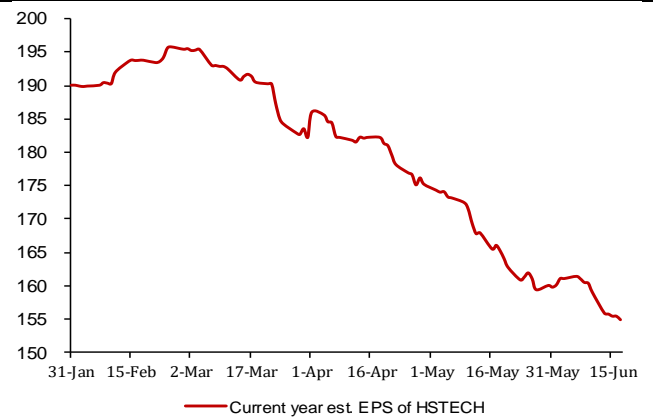
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Figure 43: EPS estimates of HSI were revised down by 1.0% last week



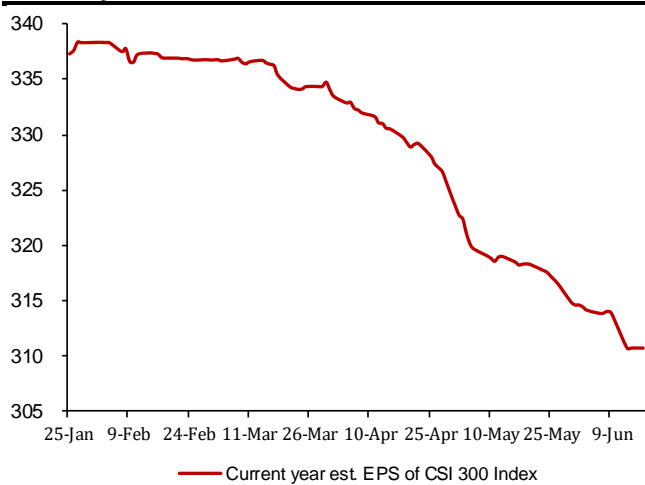
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Figure 44: EPS estimates of HSTECH Index were revised down by 2.6% last week



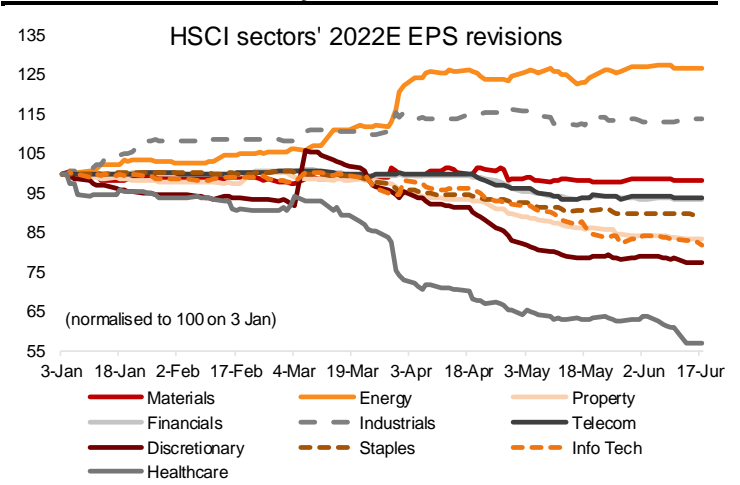
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Figure 45: EPS estimates of A-shares were revised down by 0.8% last week



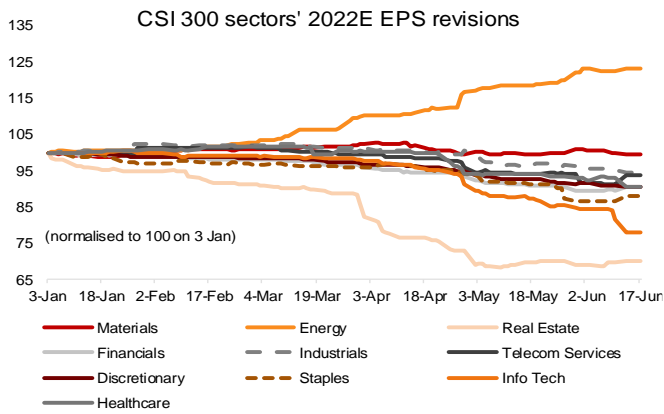
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Figure 46: HK earnings revision: IT, Healthcare & Consumer Discretionary down



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Figure 47: A-shares earnings revision: Financials & Staples up, IT & Healthcare down



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