

China / HK Market Weekly

China stocks gained as PBOC slashed LPR

Last week (16-20 May), US equities continued to pull back but EM rebounded as USD retreated. China / HK stock markets gained as the PBOC cut benchmark lending rates. Fundamentals and sentiments in HK showed some signs of improvement, as EPS estimates of the HSI seemed stabilizing, while short-sell ratio and volatility index declined. Looking ahead to this week, the focus is still on Q1 earnings and guidance of internet giants (e.g. Alibaba, Baidu, Kuaishou, NetEase). Chinese property stocks may outperform on policy support (nationwide cut in mortgage rates and LPR cut) and sequential improvement in sales and construction.

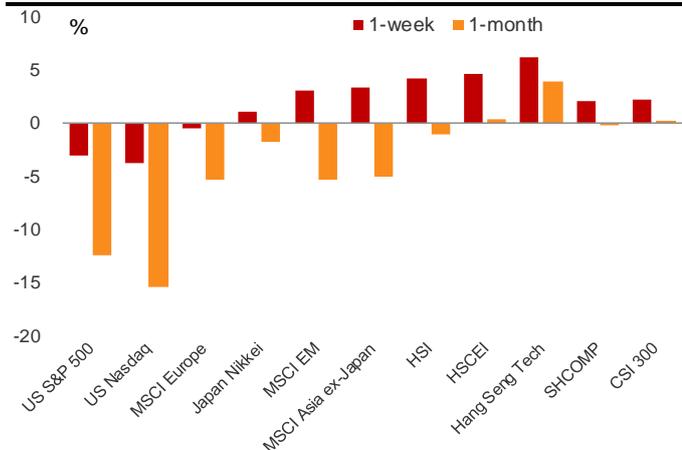
- **Market recap:** The HSI / CSI300 gained 4.2% / 2.3% last week as PBOC cut 5-year LPR by 15bps, exceeding investor expectation. Hang Seng TECH Index surged by 6.3% as market sentiment improved, despite some disappointing Q1 results and guidance. Every major sector in HK gained, led by Materials & Industrials, which also led gains in A-shares (Fig. 3 & 4).
- **Fund flows:** Global fund flows to EM and China mildly improved as global markets had priced in two hikes of 50bps by the Fed in the next two months and China was more proactive in policy easing. US equity mutual funds saw more net outflows. KWEB, the largest China Internet ETF, recorded the strongest inflows since mid-Mar (Fig. 9). US 10-year yield fell by 14bps, dropping to below China's yield for the first time in four weeks (Fig. 11).
- **Stock Connect flows:** Northbound had the strongest one-day inflows over the past six months. Southbound inflows decreased WoW but remained strong compared to previous weeks (Fig. 12-13).
- **Sentiment:** "Fear Index" VHSI retreated for the first time in seven weeks (Fig. 20). Short sell % on HK mainboard dropped to lowest level since late-Mar (5-day average 18.2%). Short sell % in most sectors, except Materials, fell.
- **Earnings:** FY22E EPS consensus of the HSI seemed stabilising, down by only 0.08% last week. Those of HSTECH / CSI 300 were revised down by 3.8% / 0.12% (Fig. 39-41). In HK, Industrials & Telecom enjoyed upward revision by ~1%. In A-shares market, Industrials & Real Estate enjoyed upward revision (Fig. 42-43).
- **Sector views:** We see upside in Chinese property stocks on policy support (nationwide cut in mortgage rates and LPR cut) and sequential improvement in sales and construction (see our [sector report - "Now is the time to buy"](#)). Consumer stocks may also outperform as the lockdown in Shanghai eases and investors might expect more supportive policies.

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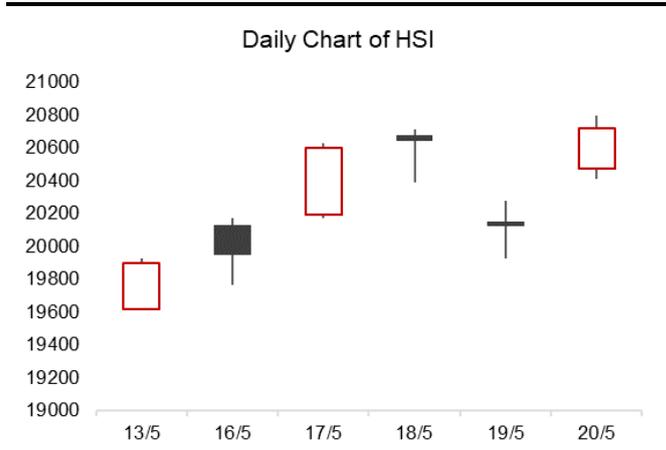
Market Recap

Figure 1: Weekly global markets returns: US correction continued; EM gained as USD retreated



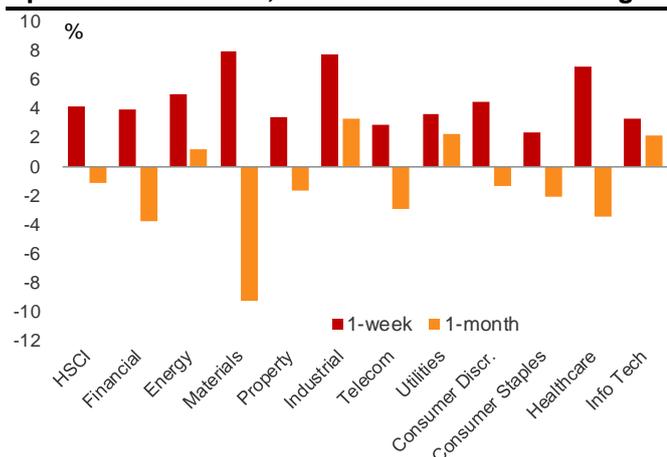
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Figure 2: HSI reclaimed 20,000 on China's pro-growth policies



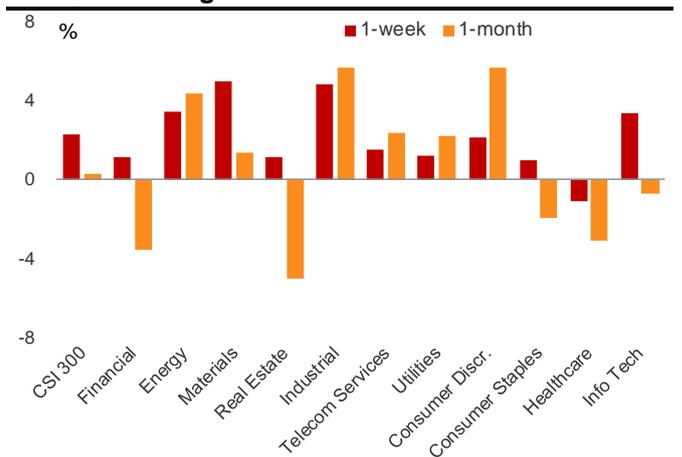
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Figure 3: Hang Seng Composite Index sectors: up across the board; Materials & Industrials surged



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

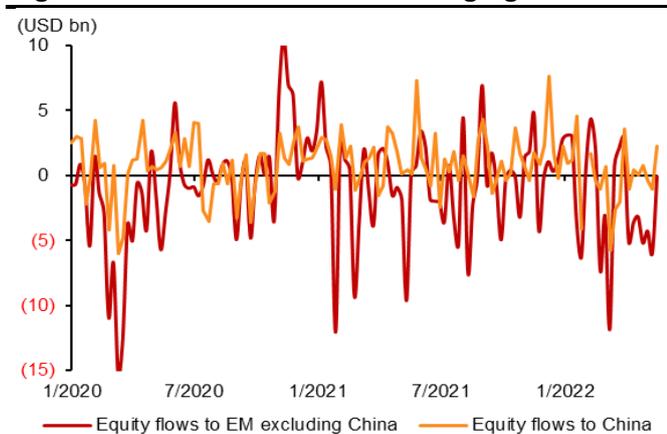
Figure 4: CSI 300 Index sectors: Materials & Industrials led gains



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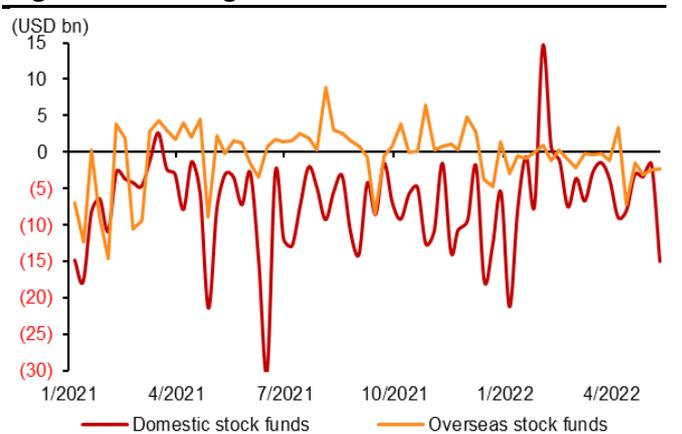
Fund Flows

Figure 5: Global Fund Flow to Emerging Market



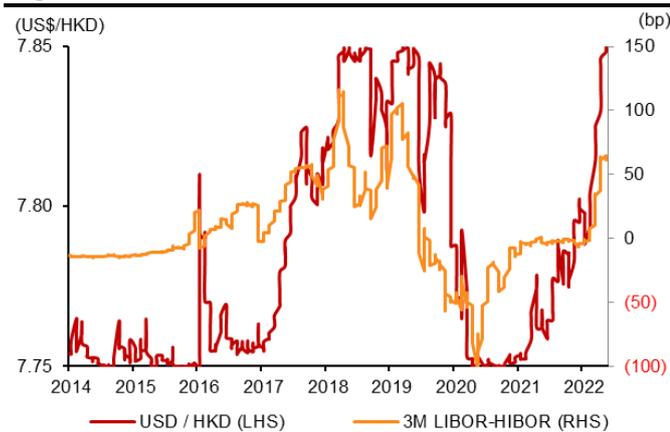
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Figure 6: US Long-term Mutual Fund Flow



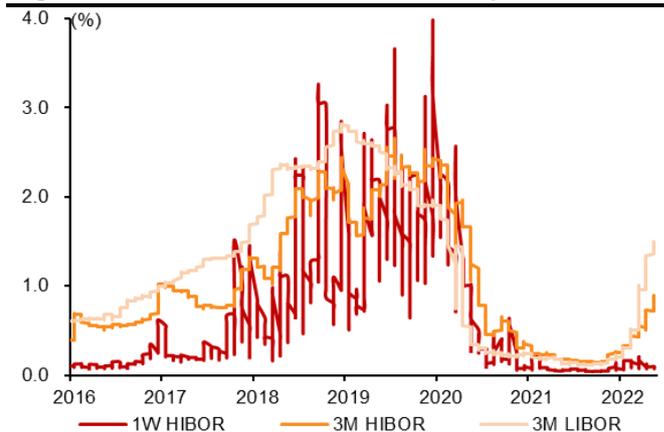
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Figure 7: USD & HKD Interest Rates



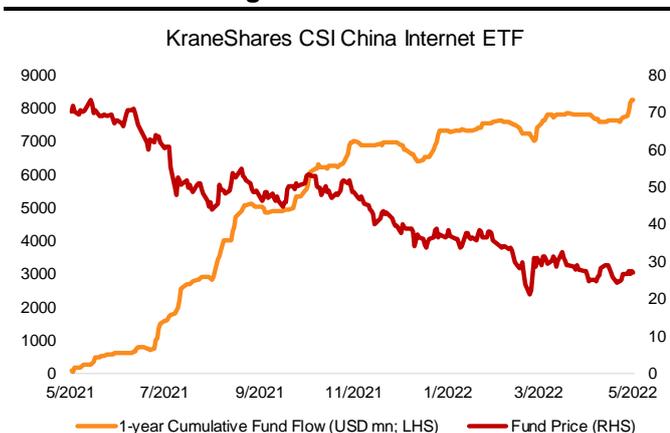
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Figure 8: USD/HKD Rates & Interest Spreads



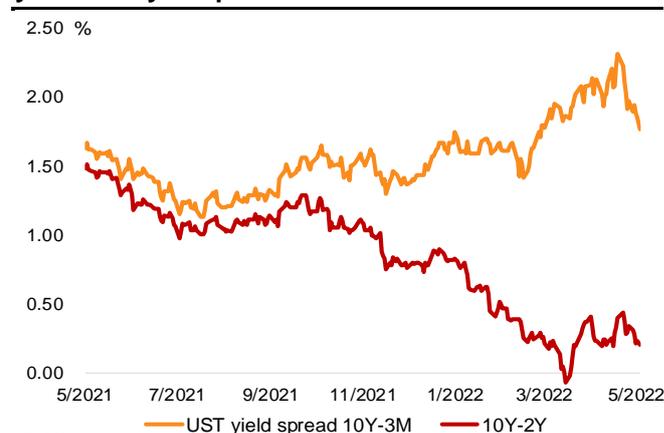
Source: Wind, CMBIGM

Figure 9: KWEB, the largest China Internet ETF, recorded the strongest inflows since mid-Mar



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Figure 10: UST yield curve flattened as 10-year yield fell by 14bps



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

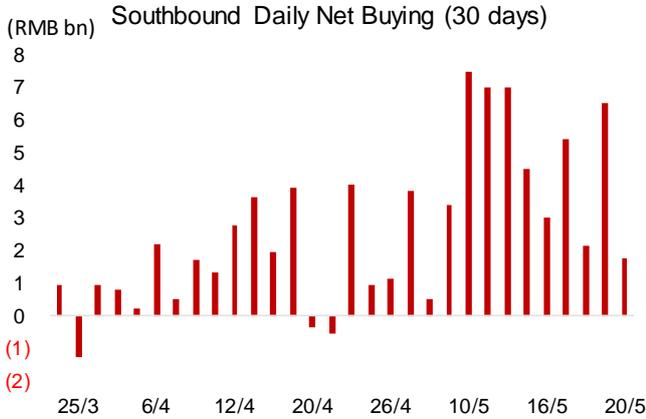
Figure 11: US-China 10-year yield spread dropped to negative China's yield stayed flat



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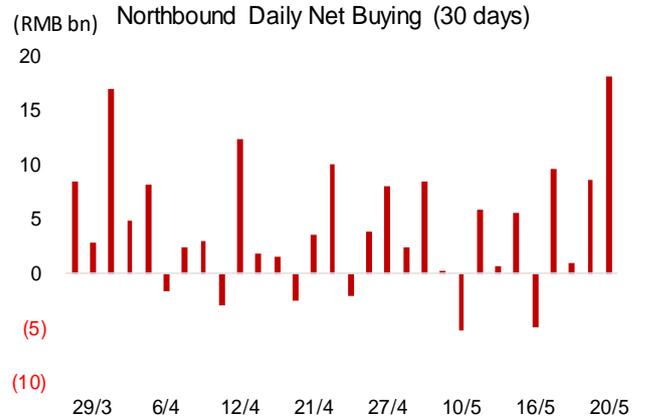
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Figure 12: Southbound inflows decreased WoW but still stronger than previous weeks



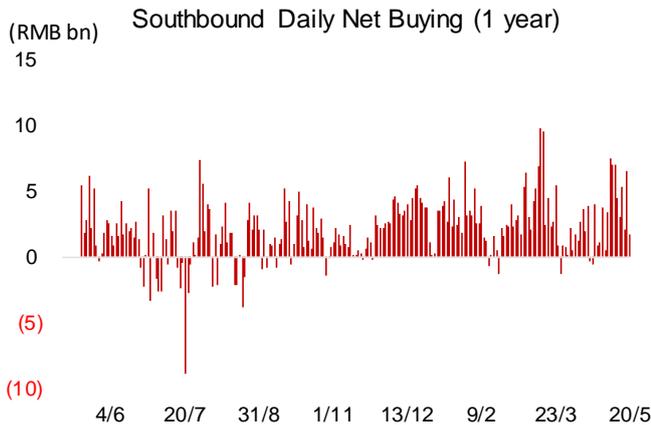
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Figure 13: Northbound had the strongest one-day inflows over the past six months



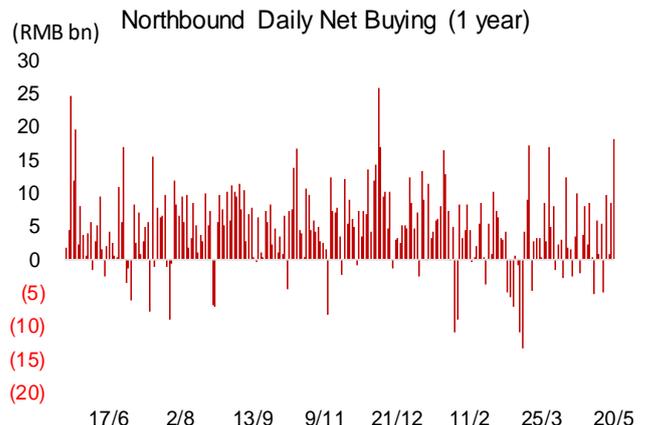
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Figure 14: Southbound net buying rebounded



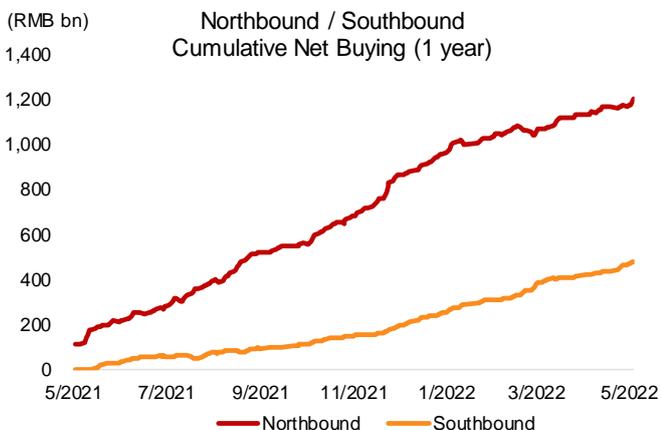
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Figure 15: Northbound flows somewhat stabilised



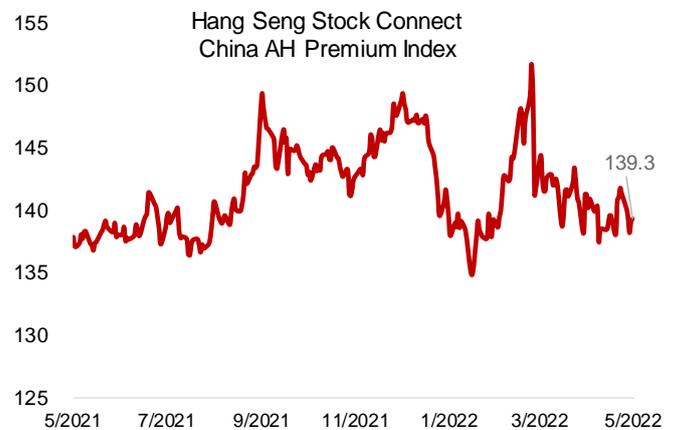
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Figure 16: Southbound inflows speeded up since early 2022, while Northbound inflows slowed down



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Figure 17: AH premium narrowed by 2.0 ppt last week but still above 10-year average by ~10 ppt



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Figure 18: Southbound weekly Top 10 active stocks

(HKD mn, cumulative)		Turnover	Net Buying
Tencent	700 HK	27,291	1,401
Meituan	3690 HK	14,817	2,709
ANTA Sports	2020 HK	1,021	-452
China Mobile	941 HK	3,981	804
China Shenhua Energy	1088 HK	407	-43
Wuxi Biologics	2269 HK	1,579	633
SMIC	981 HK	1,641	-64
Xiaomi	1810 HK	1,783	-172
CCB	939 HK	517	-257
CNOOC	883 HK	5,516	2,445

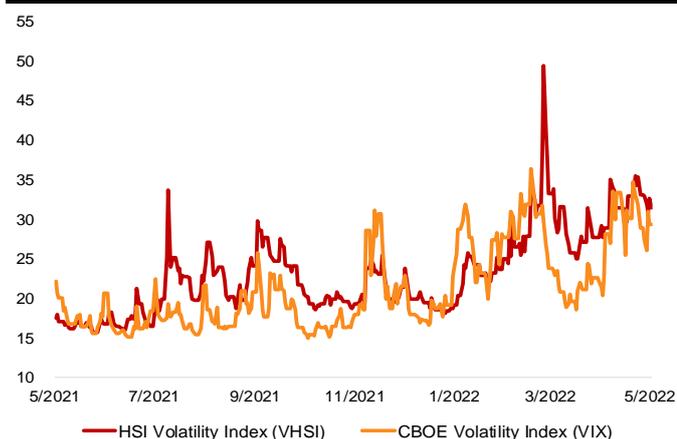
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Figure 19: Northbound (SH) Top 10 active stocks

(RMB mn, cumulative)		Turnover	Net Buying
Kweichow Moutai	600519 CH	8,734	629
China Merchants Bank	600036 CH	5,270	1,765
LONGi Green Energy	601012 CH	5,106	802
Tongwei	600438 CH	2,071	439
China Yangtze Power	600900 CH	2,014	906
Sany Heavy Industry	600031 CH	1,561	586
CTG Duty Free	601888 CH	1,791	302
Industrial Bank	601166 CH	2,132	784
COSCO SHIPPING	601919 CH	573	336
Ping An Insurance	601318 CH	1,336	141

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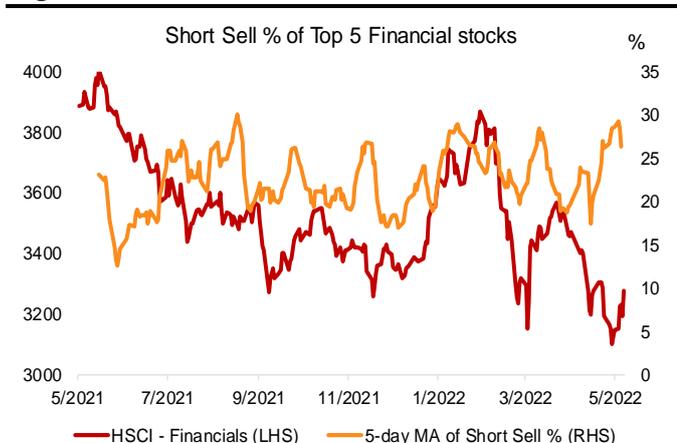
Sentiments

Figure 20: "Fear Index" VHSI retreated for the first time in seven weeks

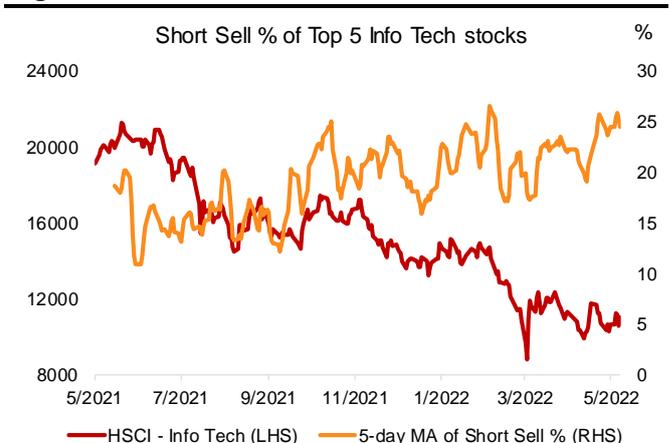
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Figure 21: Short sell % on HK mainboard (5-day average) dropped to the lowest level since late-Mar

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

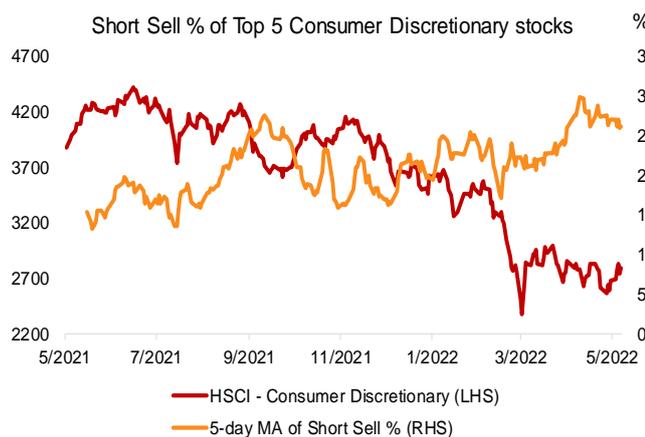
Figure 22: Short sell % in HK - Financials

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Figure 23: Short sell % in HK - Info Tech

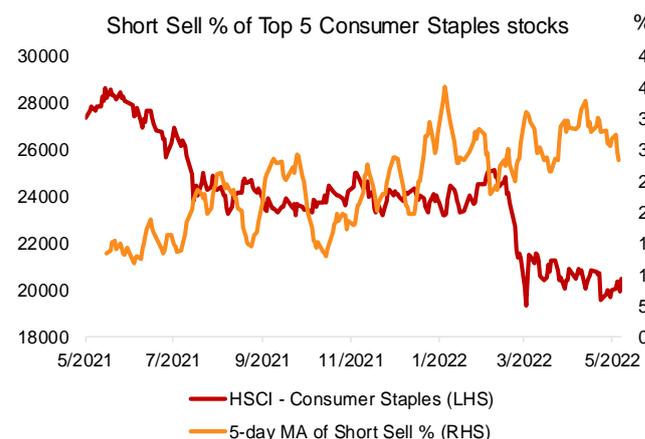
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Figure 24: Short sell % in HK – Consumer Discretion.



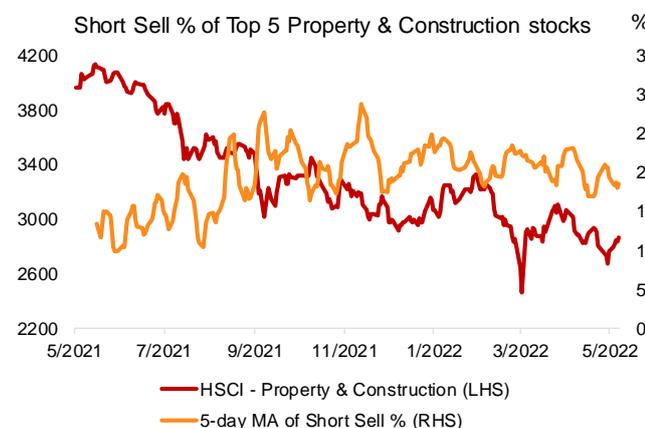
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Figure 25: Short sell % in HK – Consumer Staples



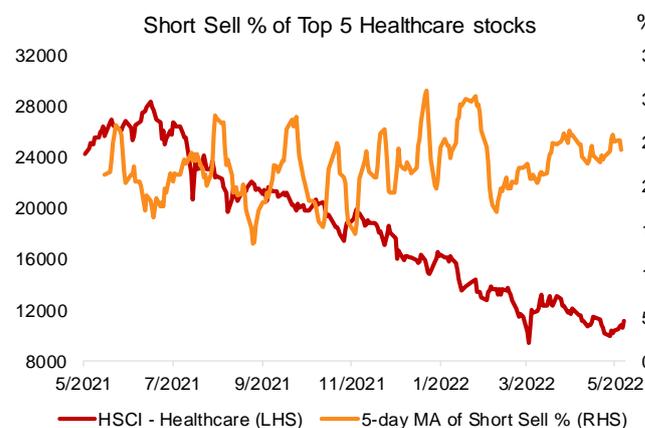
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Figure 26: Short sell % in HK - Property



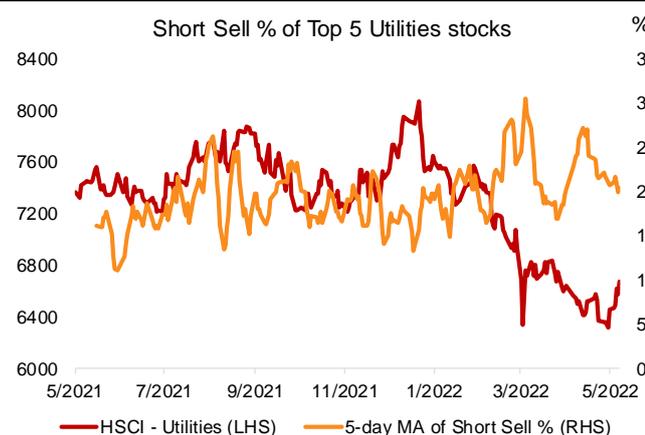
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Figure 27: Short sell % in HK – Healthcare



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Figure 28: Short sell % in HK – Utilities



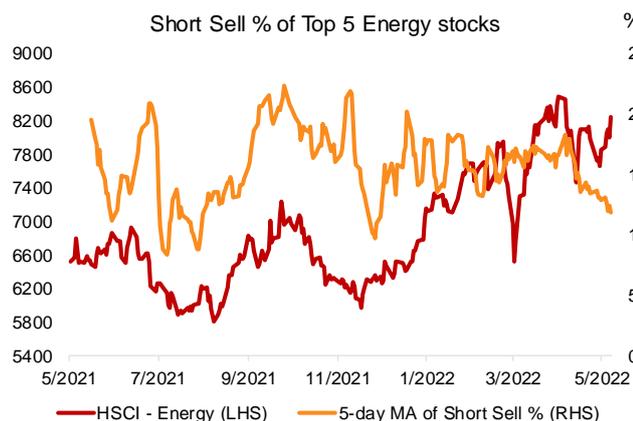
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Figure 29: Short sell % in HK – Industrials



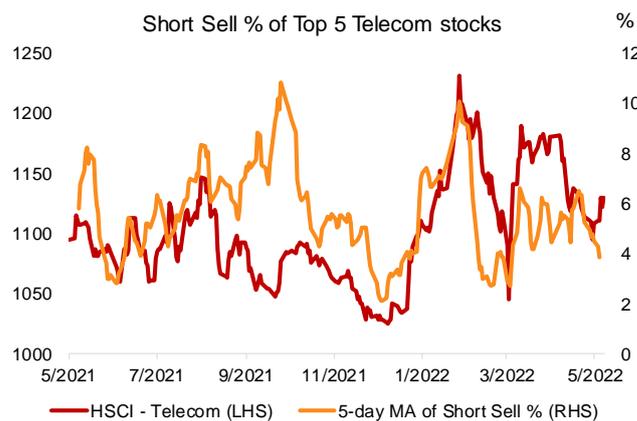
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Figure 30: Short sell % in HK – Energy



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Figure 31: Short sell % in HK – Telecom



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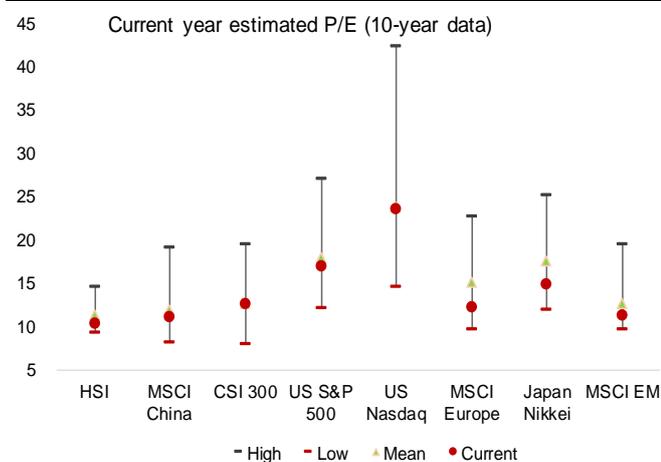
Figure 32: Short sell % in HK – Materials



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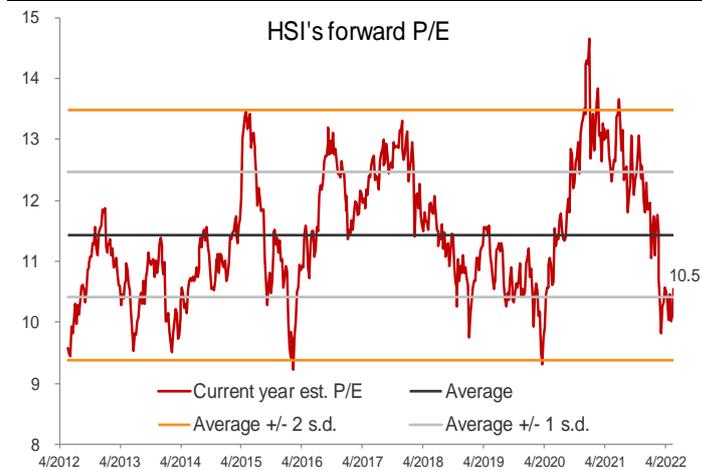
Earnings & Valuations

Figure 33: HSI' P/E close to low end, while other major markets' are near 10-year mean



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Figure 34: HSI' forward P/E at rebounded to 10.5X, near 1 s.d. below 10-year mean



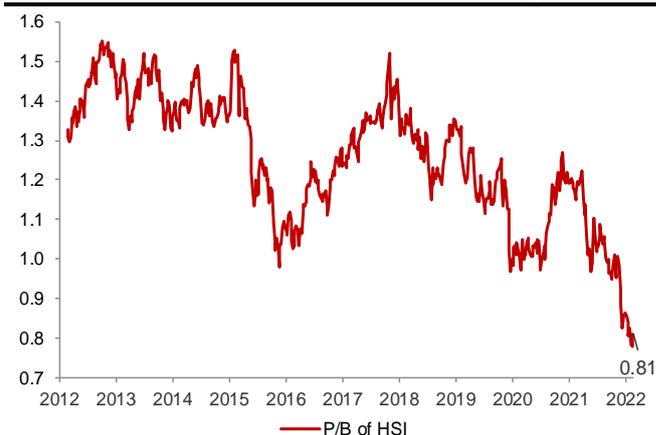
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Figure 35: CSI 300's P/E near 10-year mean



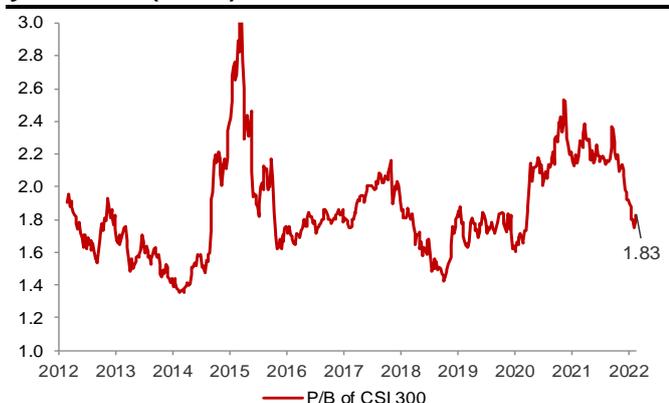
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Figure 36: HSI' P/B lower than crisis troughs



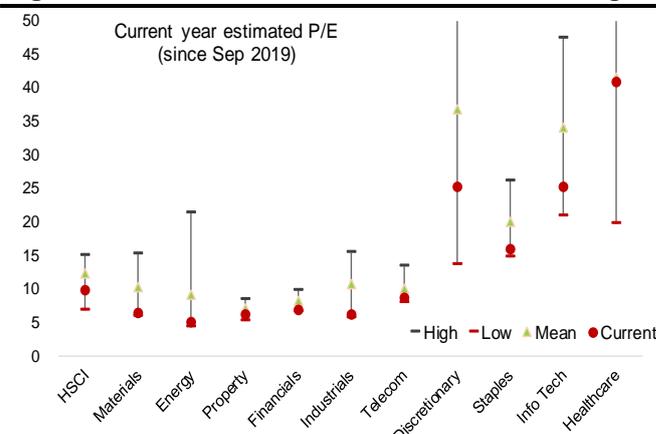
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Figure 37: CSI 300's P/B only slightly lower than 10-year mean (1.88X)



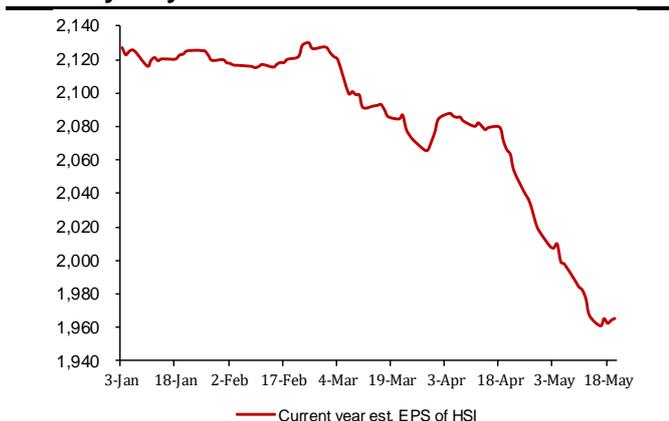
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Figure 38: Most HSCI sectors' P/E are near troughs



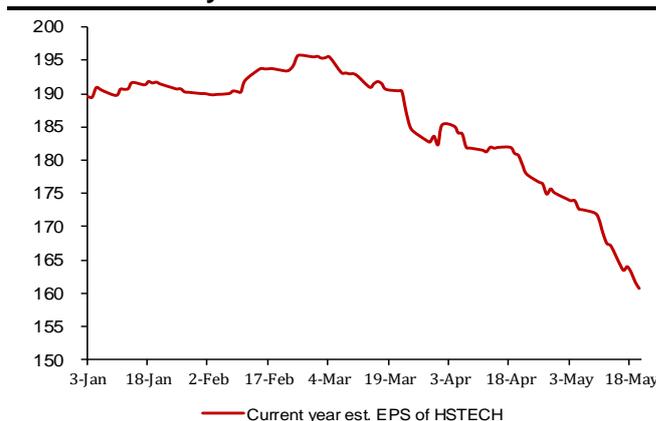
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Figure 39: EPS estimates of HSI seemed stabilising, down by only 0.08% last week



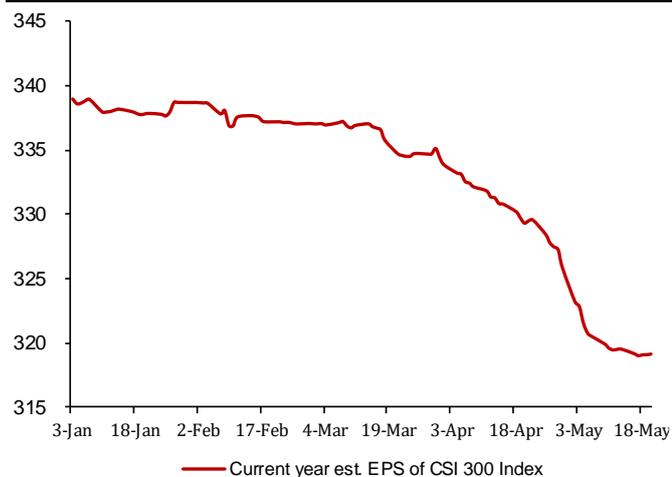
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Figure 40: EPS estimates of HSTECH Index were revised down by 1.2% last week



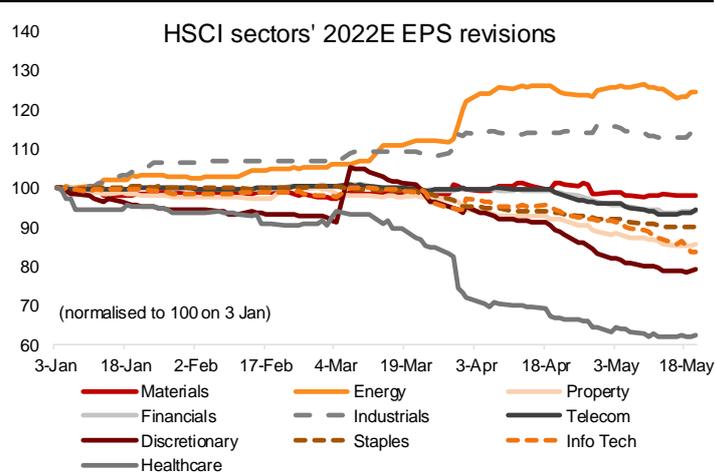
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Figure 41: EPS estimates of A-shares were revised down by 1.3% last week



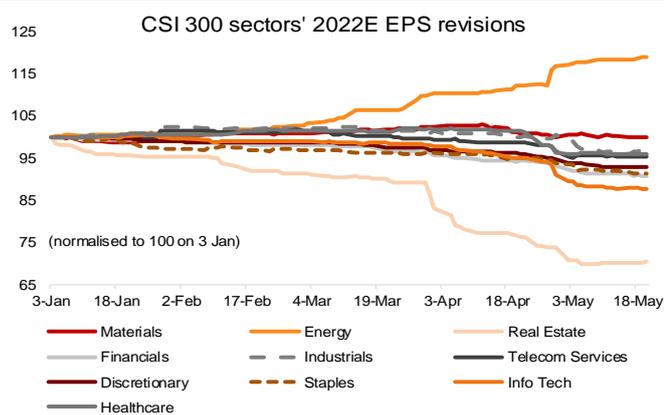
Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Figure 42: HK earnings revision: Commodities up, Healthcare & Consumer Discretionary down again



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Figure 43: A-shares earnings revision: Real Estate got slashed



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