

**Fundamentals:**

Hong Kong stocks advanced for the third straight day on Wednesday, propelling the benchmark index to its highest close in five months, as investors bet that corporate earnings recovery will drive valuations with a host of company results due to be unveiled this month.

The Hang Seng Index rose 2.2 per cent to 17,201.27 to close at its highest since November 28. The Hang Seng Tech Index jumped 3.6 per cent and the Shanghai Composite Index added 0.8 per cent.

Ping An Insurance advanced 4.2 per cent to HK\$34.40, and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearings (HKEX), the operator of the city's bourse, added 3.6 per cent to HK\$239, after their first quarter earnings beat consensus estimates.

"Investor positioning is very, very light and expectations on earnings is quite conservative," said Tai Hui, a strategist at JPMorgan Asset Management in Hong Kong. "I do think that China earnings can do OK this year. So, the bar to do well is quite low. That's where people are looking into China."

A host of Hang Seng Index companies are expected to post first-quarter results through the end of May and earnings are expected to be the key drivers in the weeks ahead. UBS Group raised its weightage on both Chinese and Hong Kong stocks to overweight from neutral in its model portfolio this week, citing corporate earnings strength and Beijing's policy support. Meanwhile, Goldman Sachs sees a potential 40 per cent upside in Chinese stocks after the State Council issued guidelines on capital market reforms this month.

Investors focused on Ping An's 21 per cent increase in the new business value, shrugging off a slight decrease in first-quarter profit.

"Life insurance business beat our estimates in terms of both profit and new business value," said Nomura analysts after the earnings announcement in a note. The Japanese brokerage, which said first-quarter profit for Ping An was 4 per cent above its estimate, raised its price target for the stock to HK\$54.41, implying an upside of almost 60 per cent from the current level.

Elsewhere, SenseTime Group, which makes chips for artificial intelligence (AI), rose as much as 36 per cent after releasing the latest version of its SenseNova generative AI model. The stocks surged 31 per cent to HK\$0.80 before trading in its shares was suspended pending an exchange statement on possible inside information.

"In terms of linguistic and creative capabilities, the creative writing, reasoning, and summary abilities of SenseNova 5.0 have significantly improved," the company said in a statement.

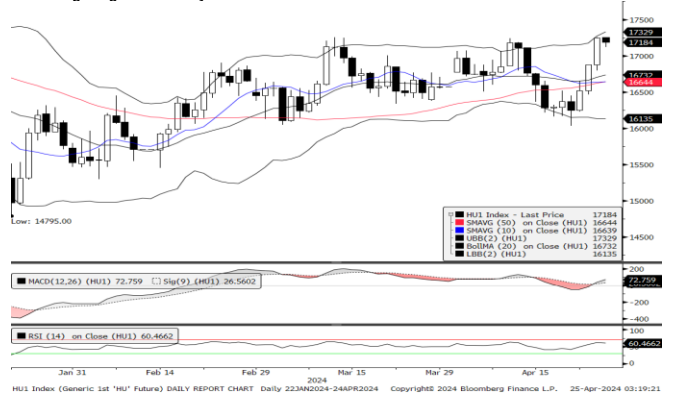
Elsewhere, Tianqi Lithium, a producer of the metal used for batteries powering electric vehicles, slumped 19 per cent to HK\$28.50 after warning it could post a loss of as much as 4.3 billion yuan (US\$593.4 million) in the first three months of the year.

Mobvoi, which makes speech recognition devices, declined 3.2 per cent from its IPO price to HK\$3.68 on its trading debut in Hong Kong.

Other major Asian markets mostly rose. Japan's Nikkei 225 climbed 2.4 per cent, while South Korea's Kospi advanced 2 per cent, while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 was little changed.

(Source: South China Morning Post)

**Mini Hang Seng Futures Daily Chart**



**Mini Hang Seng China Enterprise Futures Daily Chart**



Contracts	Chg	Sett	High	Low
H. SENG FUT APR 24	373	17250	17256	16796
H. SENG FUT MAY 24	381	17175	17181	16721
H. SENG FUT JUN 24	386	17107	17100	16673
H. SENG FUT SEP 24	384	16973	16973	16576
MINI H. SENG FUT APR 24	373	17250	17255	16796
MINI H. SENG FUT MAY 24	381	17175	17180	16720
MINI H. SENG FUT JUN 24	386	17107	17107	16652
MINI H. SENG FUT SEP 24	384	16973	16975	16530
HSCEI FUT APR 24	145	6116	6120	5938
HSCEI FUT MAY 24	147	6121	6125	5931
HSCEI FUT JUN 24	147	6086	6085	5924
HSCEI FUT SEP 24	151	6017	6007	5848
MINI HSCEI FUT APR 24	145	6116	6120	5937
MINI HSCEI FUT MAY 24	147	6121	6124	5945
MINI HSCEI FUT JUN 24	147	6086	6084	5917
MINI HSCEI FUT SEP 24	151	6017	6017	5837

Major HSI Constituent Stocks	Close	Change	High	Low
*Alia Group Ltd	50.45	1.7	50.7	49.3
**Tencent Holdings Ltd	344.2	11.8	345	335.4
**HSBC Holdings PLC	64.7	0.45	64.9	64.5
**China Construction Bank Corp	4.93	0.02	4.95	4.87
**Ping An Insurance Group	34.4	1.4	34.55	33.1
**Meituan	113.6	5	113.6	108.2
*Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd	239	8.2	239.8	230.6
**Alibaba Group Holdings Ltd	72.5	2.7	73	70.75
**Xiaomi Corp	16.66	0.48	16.68	16.42
**ICBC	4.14	0.02	4.15	4.09

Major HSCEI Constituent Stocks	Close	Change	High	Low
*Wuxi Biologics Cayman Inc	12.9	-0.08	13.12	12.6
**China Mobile Ltd	70.45	0.9	70.55	69.4
**Bank of China Ltd	3.46	0.02	3.47	3.41
*Techtronic Industries Co Ltd	106.7	1.7	106.9	105
*CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd	37.8	0.8	37.85	36.85
*Link REIT	33.85	0.9	33.95	32.65
*CLP Holding Ltd	62.15	0.65	62.3	61.05
**Geely Automobile Holdings Ltd	9.1	0.19	9.15	8.96
**CNOOC Ltd	18.72	0.3	18.8	18.54
**ANTA Sports Products Ltd	89.35	2.1	89.65	88.2

Global Equity Indices	Close	Change	High	Low
Hang Seng	17201.27	372.34	17217.9	16934.65
HSCEI	6100.22	145.6	6106.04	5989.33
Shanghai Comp Index	3044.82	22.844	3045.64	3019.124
Nikkei 225	38460.1	907.92	38460.1	37857.47
KOSPI	2675.75	52.73	2677.85	2662.84
S&P/ASX200	7683	-0.507	7724	7679.7
DJIA	38438.2	-65.46	38552.8	38310.55
S&P 500	5061.07	-9.48	5089.48	5047.02
NASDAQ	15696.3	-0.38	15839	15634.44
DAX	18088.7	-48.95	18226.3	18060.26
CAC	8091.86	-0.17	8146.96	8078.77
FTSE100	8040.38	-4.43	8092.2	8031.79

**Technical Analysis**

*Mini Hang Seng*

1st Resistance:	17509	2nd Resistance:	17768
1st Support:	16991	2nd Support:	16733
MACD:	36.766		
MACD DIFF:	21.808		
RSI:	62.0978		

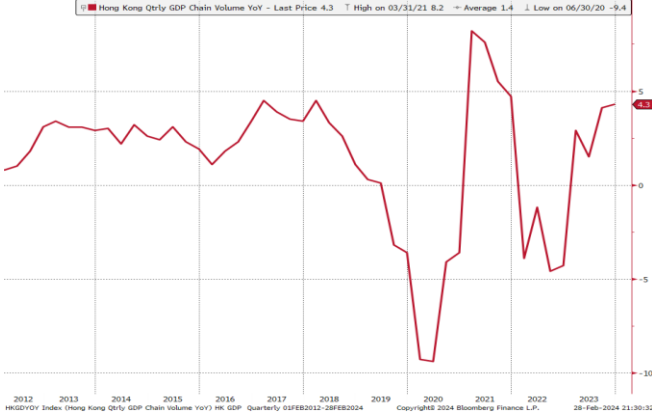
*Mini Hang Seng China Enterprise*

1st Resistance:	6208	2nd Resistance:	6299
1st Support:	6024	2nd Support:	5933
MACD:	39.837		
MACD DIFF:	7.743		
RSI:	64.5721		

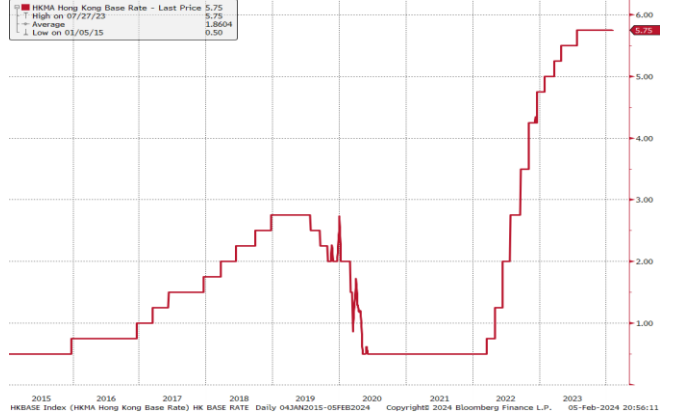
Hong Kong Economic Releases	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised	
04/03/2024 16:30	Retail Sales Volume YoY	Feb	--	0.50%	-1.20%	--
04/03/2024 16:30	Retail Sales Value YoY	Feb	4.80%	1.90%	0.90%	--
04/05/2024 08:30	S&P Global Hong Kong PMI	Mar	--	50.9	49.7	--
04/09/2024 16:30	Foreign Reserves	Mar	--	\$423.6b	\$425.1b	\$425.2b
04/18/2024 16:30	Unemployment Rate SA	Mar	2.90%	3.00%	2.90%	--
04/23/2024 16:30	CPI Composite YoY	Mar	2.10%	2.00%	2.10%	--
04/25/2024 16:30	Exports YoY	Mar	--	--	-0.80%	--
04/25/2024 16:30	Imports YoY	Mar	--	--	-1.80%	--
04/25/2024 16:30	Trade Balance HKD	Mar	--	--	-41.7b	--

China Economic Releases	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised	
04/16/2024 10:00	GDP YoY	1Q	4.80%	5.30%	5.20%	--
04/16/2024 10:00	GDP SA QoQ	1Q	1.50%	1.60%	1.00%	1.20%
04/16/2024 10:00	GDP YTD YoY	1Q	4.80%	5.30%	5.20%	--
04/16/2024 10:00	Retail Sales YoY	Mar	4.80%	3.10%	--	--
04/16/2024 10:00	Retail Sales YTD YoY	Mar	5.40%	4.70%	5.50%	--
04/16/2024 10:00	Surveyed Jobless Rate	Mar	5.20%	5.20%	5.30%	--
04/16/2024 04/18	FDI YTD YoY CNY	Mar	--	-26.10%	-19.90%	--
04/30/2024 09:30	Composite PMI	Apr	--	--	52.7	--
04/30/2024 09:30	Manufacturing PMI	Apr	--	--	50.8	--
04/30/2024 09:30	Non-manufacturing PMI	Apr	--	--	53	--
04/30/2024 09:45	Caixin China PMI Mfg	Apr	--	--	51.1	--

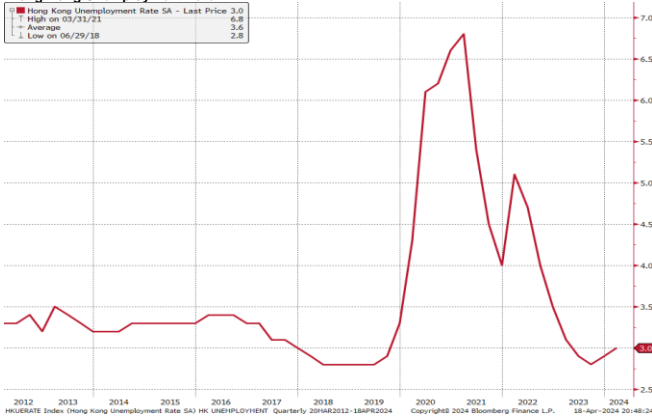
### Hong Kong GDP Y on Y



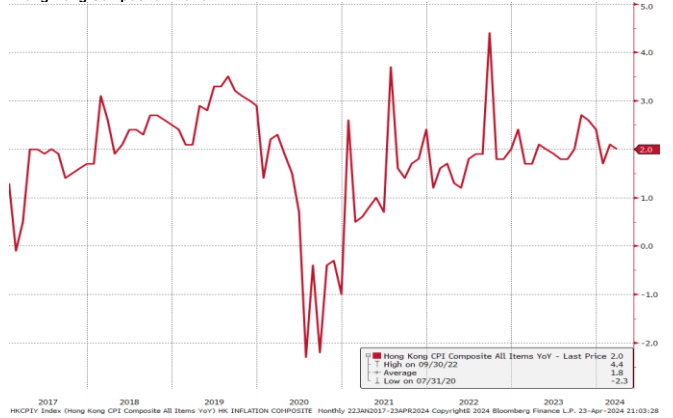
### Hong Kong Base Interest Rate



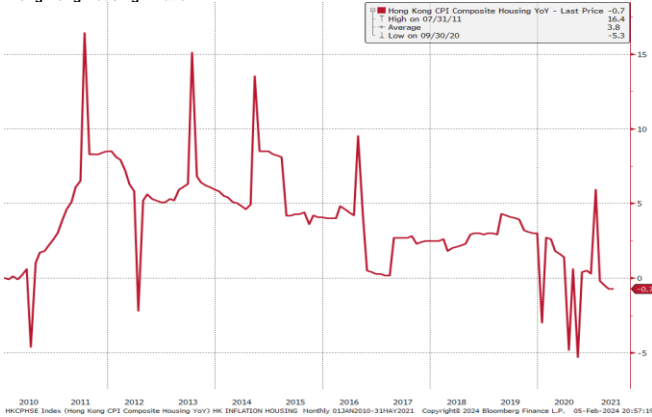
### Hong Kong Unemployment Rate



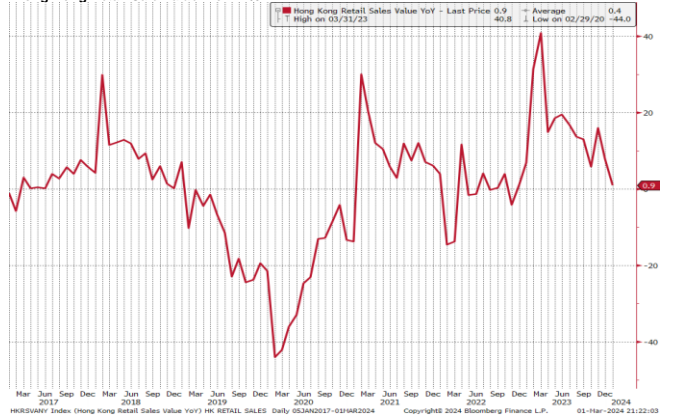
### Hong Kong Composite Inflation



### Hong Kong Housing Inflation



### Hong Kong Retail Sale Value Y on Y %



(Source: Bloomberg)

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