China Macro Economy & Equity Market Outlook

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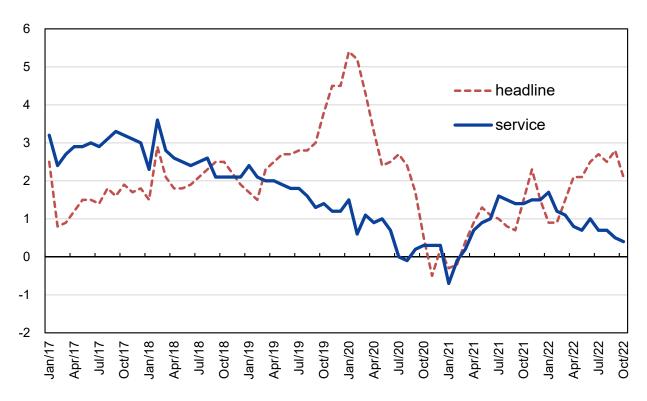
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Quarter's Highlight: China in Disinflationary Phase

- Globally Inflationary Pressure mounts.
- Interestingly, China is in <u>disinflationary</u> phase.

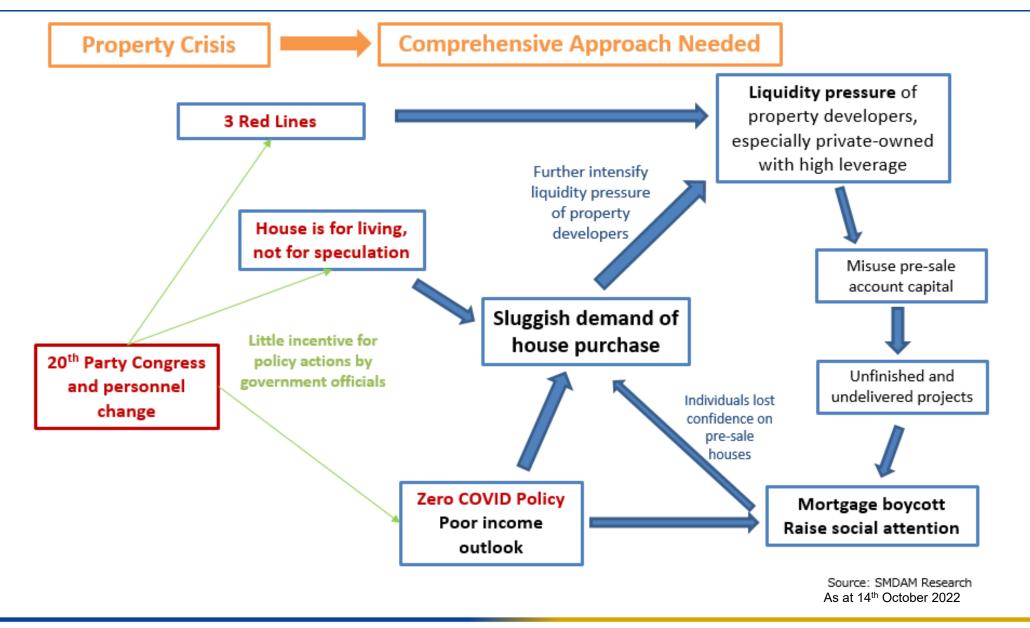


CHINA CPI (yoy % change)

Source: CEIC, SMDAM, data as of end of October 2022



Quarter's Highlight: Property Market Cycle





Outlook for China A-Share Equity Market (CSI300)

- (A) Weak domestic demand with strict COVID control and (B) Lackluster property market dampened CSI300.
- Near term upside is to be capped, but our base case assumes gradual recovery in 12 month timeframe.

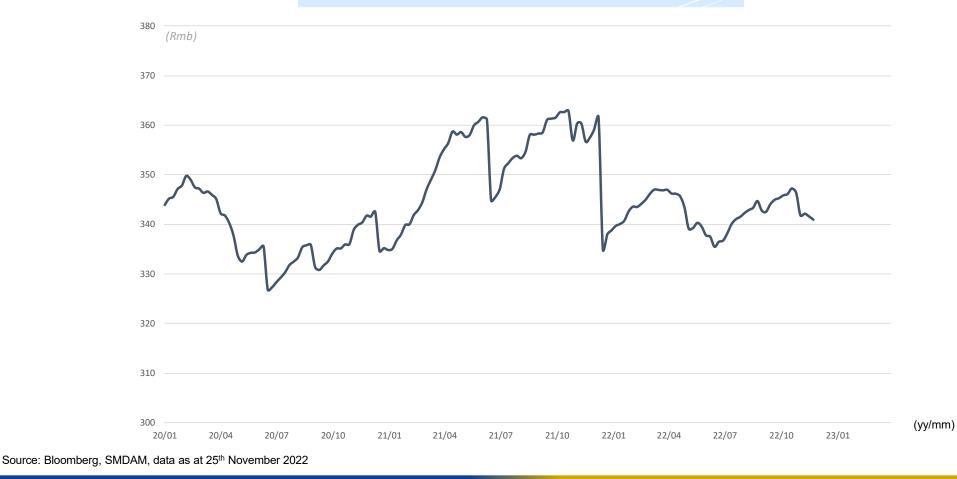


Source: Bloomberg, SMDAM, data as at 25th November 2022



12 month forward EPS forecast for CSI300

- Chinese Corporate Earnings has remained under pressure YTD.
- Due partly to low base and gradual adjustment on COVID policy, higher growth is still estimated for next year.



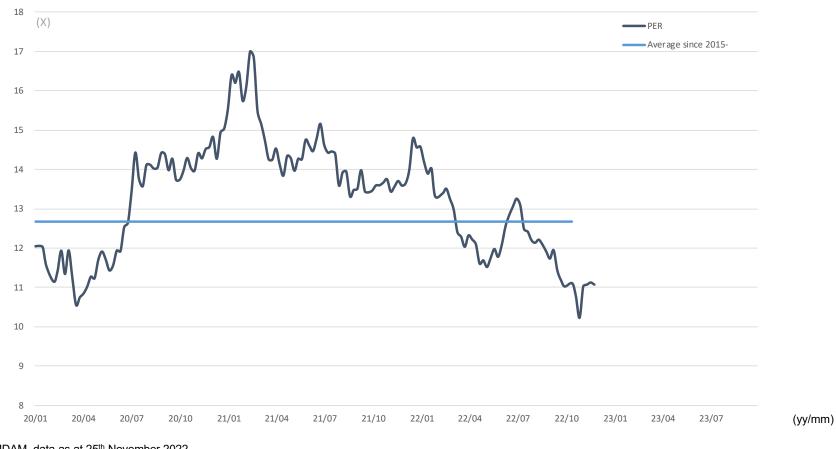
12 Month Forward EPS for CSI300



Earnings multiples* for CSI300

* Price-to-earnings ratio based on 12 month forward EPS

Valuation's full recovery toward historical average should await relaxation of COVID policy and property market recovery, but we consider today's discount has more or less priced in negative news and weak economic outlook.



Price-to-earnings ratio for CSI300

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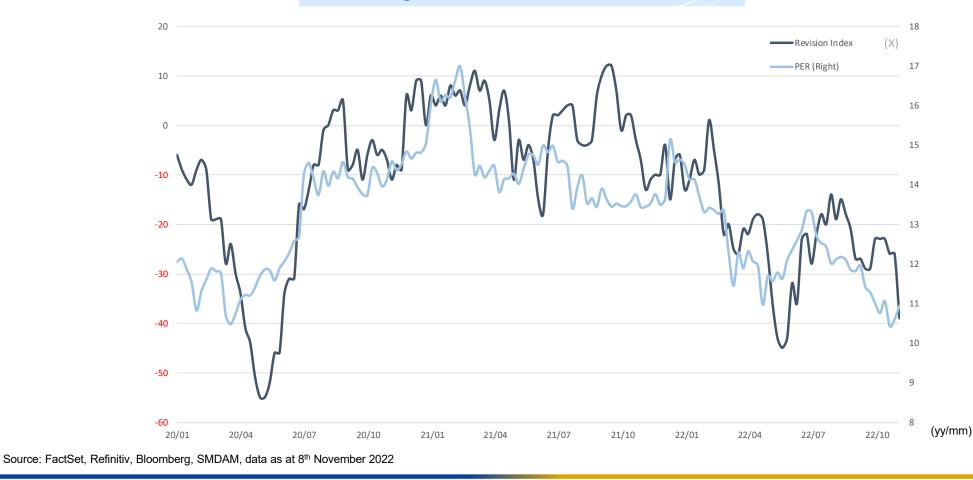


Earnings revision index* for CSI300

Earnings Revision remains one of the important factors for valuation.

* (Number of upward revisions – downward revisions) / Number of revisions with earnings forecast

Stabilization of Revision index should be the key for gradual recovery of multiples.

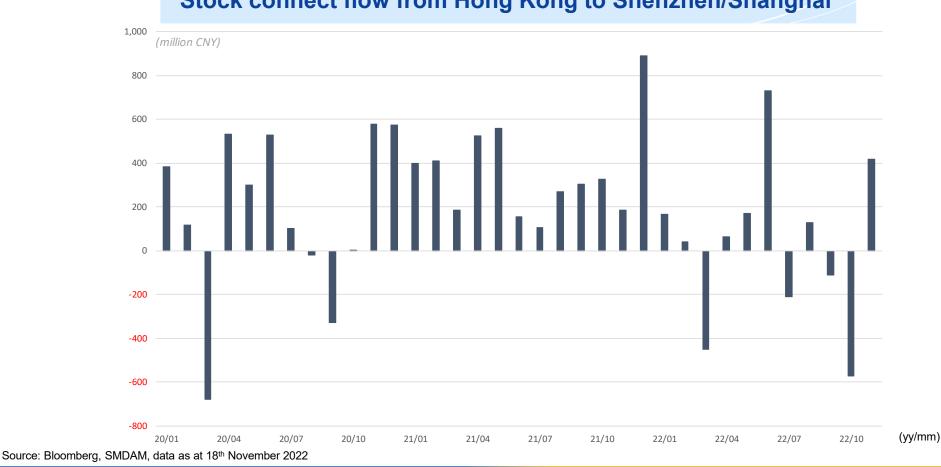


Earnings Revision Index for CSI300



Supply and demand balance (Stock Connect Flow)

- Stock Connect flow in recent months saw outflow from Mainland China Market.
- Market sentiment has turned negative partly due to Hawkish U.S FRB's stance on top of concerns on Chinese economy.







Monitoring Point: COVID POLICY

Sporadic COVID containment policy undermines consumer and business sentiment.

China COVID situation since September

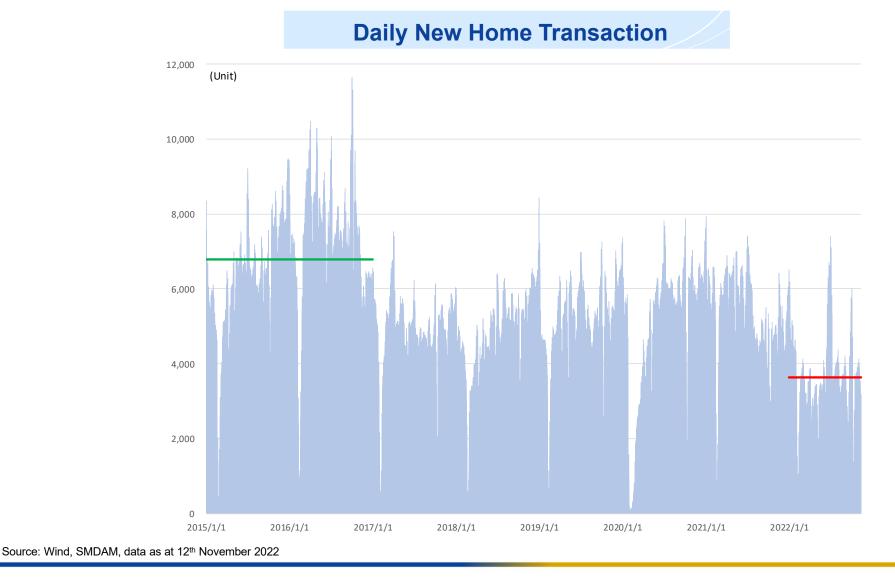
September		
Shenzhen	Huaqiangbei (Largest wholesale electronics market in the world) in Shenzhen closes for 4 days.	
Chengdu	Chengdu Lockdown	
	National Health Commission encouraged people not to leave their cities during National Day Holiday	
Beijing	Annouced control on the influx from other region into Beijing	
Guiyang, Guizhou	City Lockdown	
Tianjin	Lockdown in some specific area	
ctober		
Hohhot, Inner Mongolia	City Lockdown	
Sanya, Hainan	Mobility Control	
Shanghai	Shanghai imposes new testing requirements for people arriving in the city	
Beijing	Beijing imposes stricter testing requirements for new arrivals	
Henan	Zhengzhou (12.7 million population). Foxconn factory producing iPhone under lockdown.	
lovember		
Shanghai	Shanghai Disneyland suddenly closed	
Liaoning	Airport of Dandong closed	
Guangzhou	Guangzhou International Motor show was extended	
Guangzhou	Lockdown in Haizhu (1.82 million population)	
Beijing	Beijing Marathon was held	
Chongqing	Yubei District (2.2 million population), Liangjiang New Area (2.7 million Population) put into lockdown	
	New 20 Measures to ease situation annouced by National Health Commission	
	Peoples Daily emphasizes sticking to Dynamic Zero Covid	
	Covid Confirmed cases touches 23K (17th November)	

Source: Media reports, SMDAM, as at 18th November 2022



Monitoring Point: Property Market

Once buyer's sentiment recovers, investor sentiment toward Mainland Equity market should be boosted.





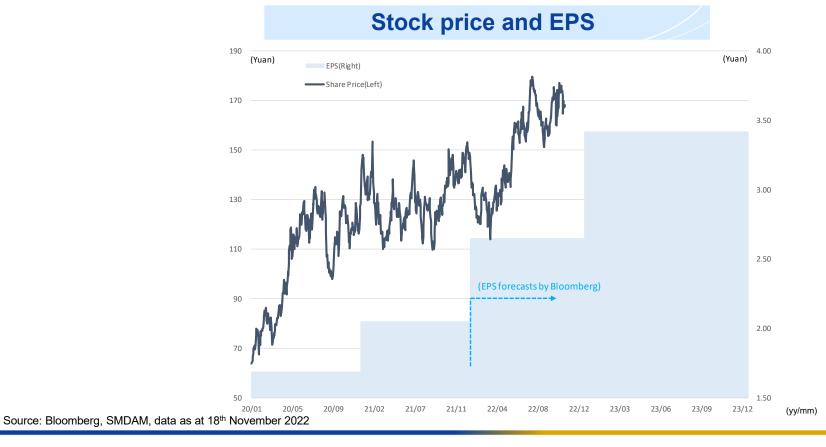
Investment Theme: Stock:

Thematic Trend

Chinese Youth:

Digital Savvy

- Spending Polarization:
- Proya Cosmetics:
- Trend for saving on daily necessities / requirements
- Famous Domestic Cosmetic Brand with strong Online Channel presence



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