

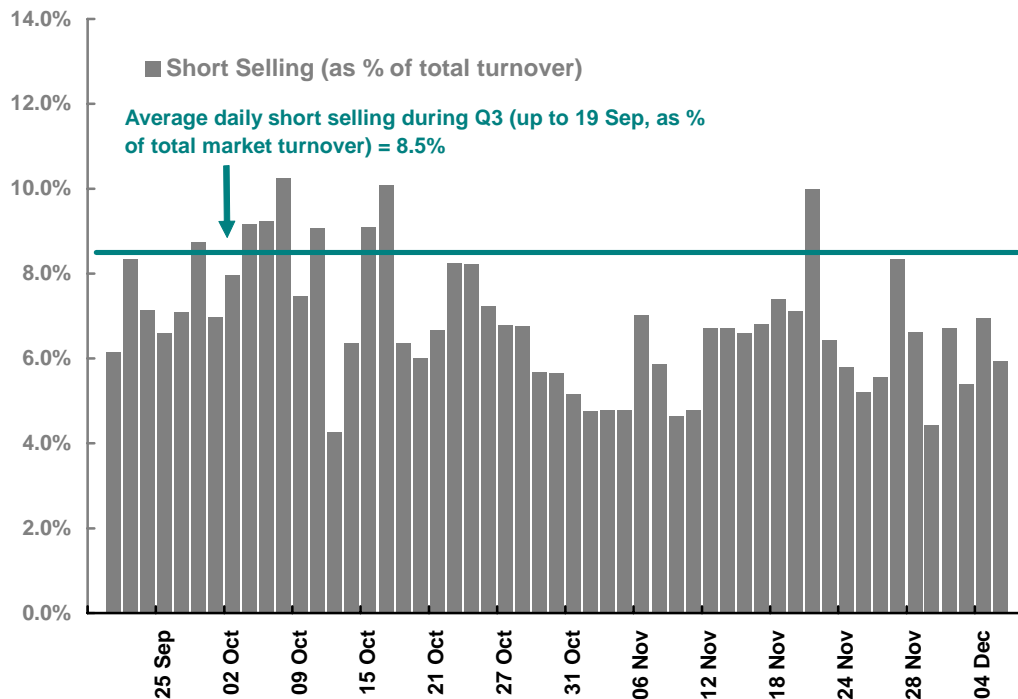
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Weekly update on Hong Kong's short-selling pattern (1 December to 5 December)

Local short-selling turnover last week was similar to levels recorded earlier in the third quarter and in the whole of the second quarter. During the week (1 December to 5 December), the average daily short-selling turnover was \$2.3 billion or 5.8% of the total market turnover, compared to:

- \$5.7 billion or 7.4% for the second quarter;
- \$5.4 billion or 8.5% for the third quarter up to 19 September; and
- \$3.9 billion or 6.9% for 22 September to 28 November.

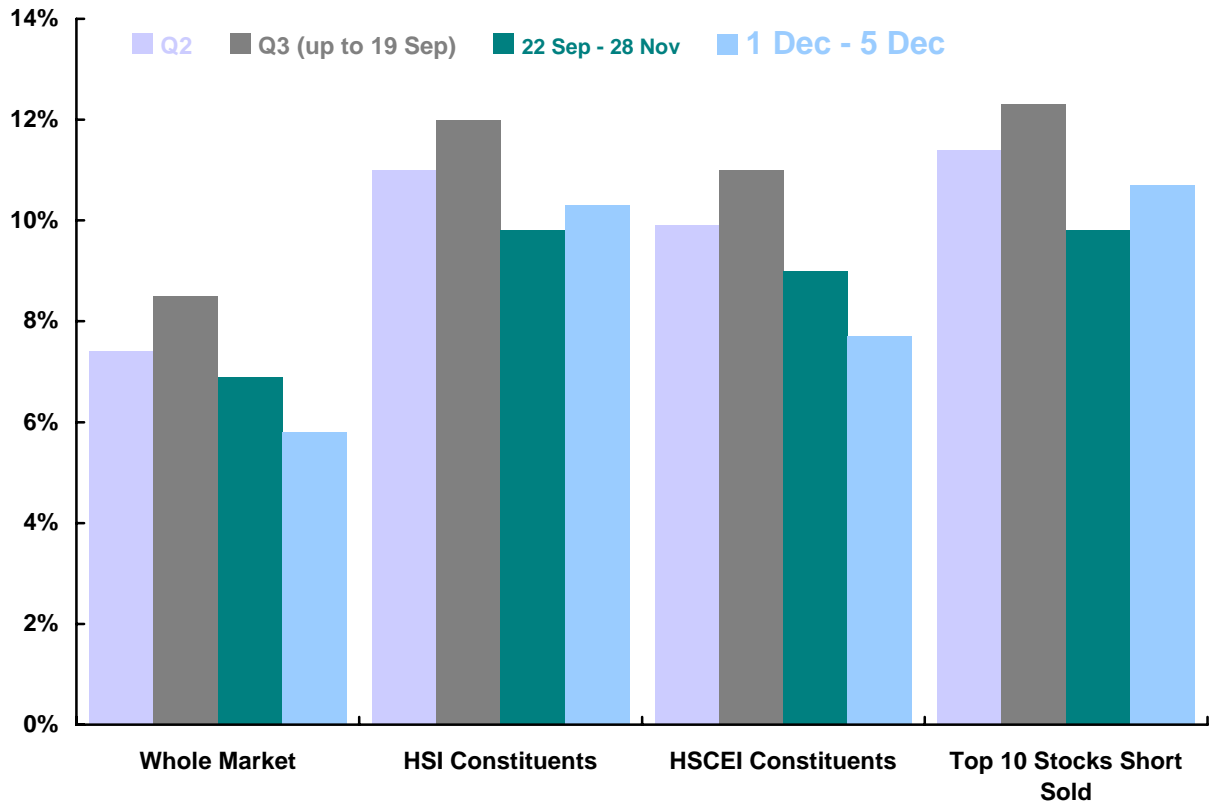
Recent short-selling turnover patterns for Hang Seng Index constituents, Hang Seng China Enterprises Index constituents and the top 10 short-sold stocks are also shown below.



Total Short Selling Turnover in Hong Kong (as percentage of total market turnover)

Source: SFC Research

Remark: Some major overseas markets have prohibited/restricted short selling since late September.



Short Selling Trading as % of Underlying Turnover

Source: SFC Research

Remarks:

- (a) Some major overseas markets have prohibited/restricted short selling since late September.
- (b) Figures for the whole market represent the share of short selling to total market turnover in Hong Kong.