

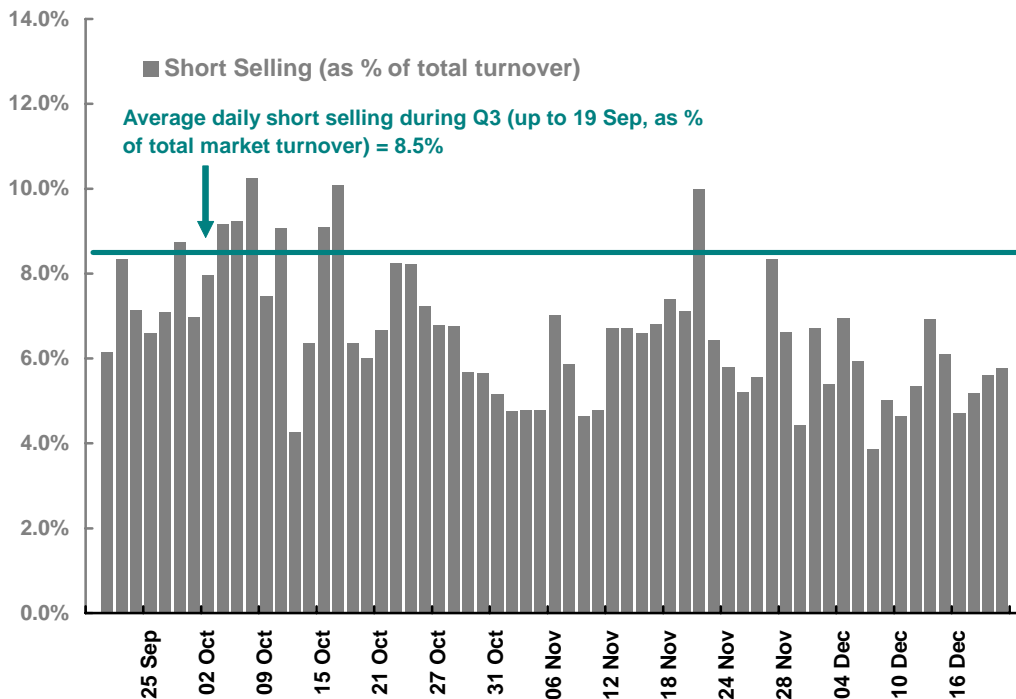
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Weekly update on Hong Kong's short-selling pattern (15 December to 19 December)

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 (15 December to 19 December), the average daily short-selling turnover was \$2.7 billion or 5.5% 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
- \$3.7 billion or 6.7% for 22 September to 12 December.

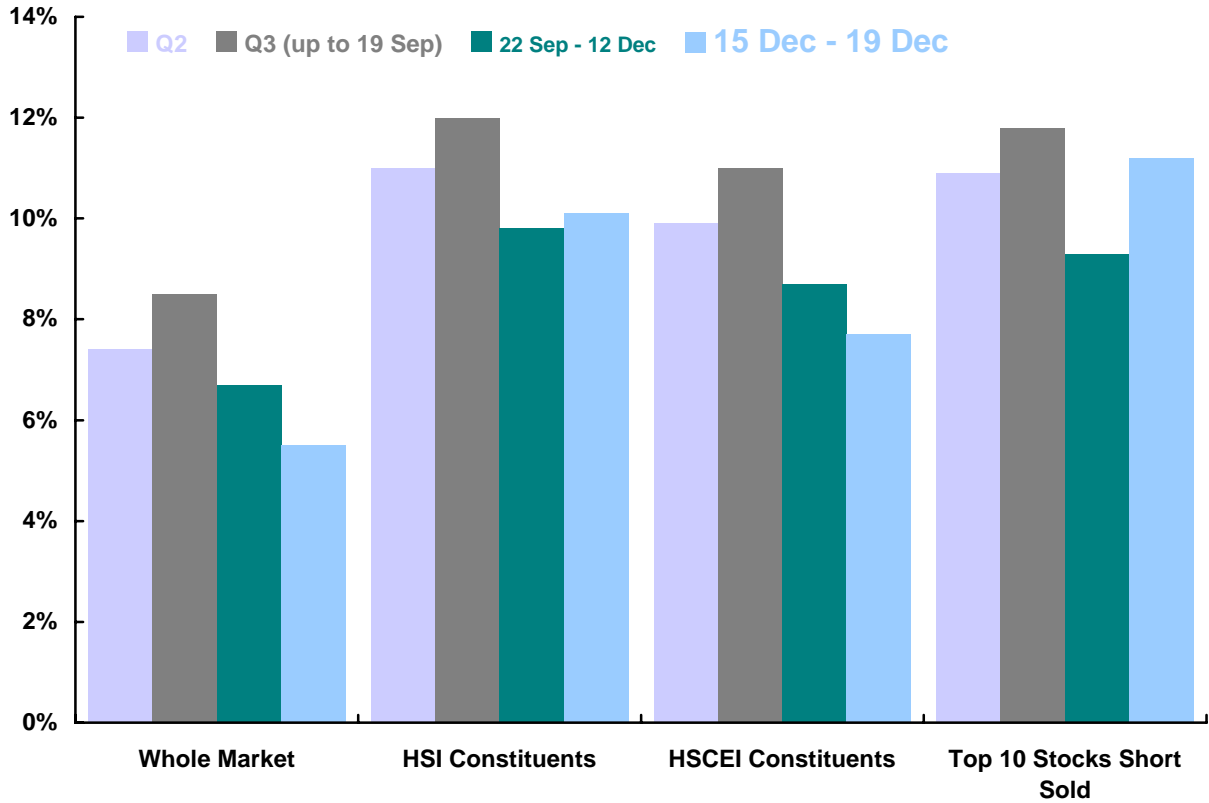
Recent short-selling turnover patterns for Hang Seng Index constituents, Hang Seng China Enterprises Index constituents and the top 10 short-sold stocks are also shown below.



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.