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Dear Clients, Partners, and Friends,

The results for the South Ocean Management composite and Hong Kong Partner's L.P. before management fees, were as follows:

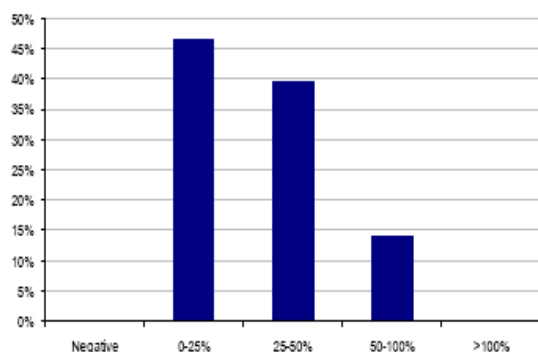
	<u>Jan 2009</u>
South Ocean Composite *	-0.59 %
Hong Kong Partners *	-0.72 %
Hang Seng Index **	-8.00 %
BNP Peregrine Greater China Index	- 9.38 %
MSCI HK Small Cap Index	-2.71 %

In mid-January, China tightened lending and investors fled the markets. Our portfolios of small/mid-capitalized holdings of Hong Kong-listed companies operating in China declined slightly for the month.

We visited 27 companies in January (many new names to South Ocean) to become familiarized and updated. These businesses ranged from manufacturing to media, distribution to solar. Overall, company executives cited a strong rebound during the second half last year, but had witnessed little improvement yet from the US or Europe. Tellingly, most managers had optimistic outlooks, in stark contrast to this time last year.

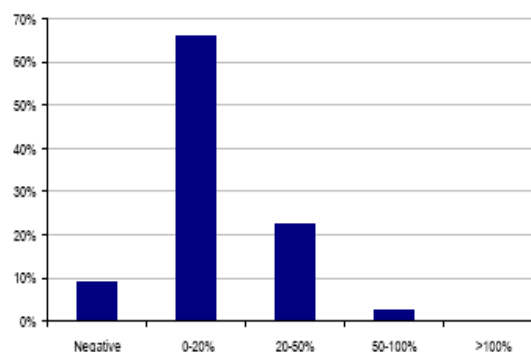
Our analysis was further confirmed by a recent UBS survey on expectations by Chinese companies; 40% of Chinese corporates in the survey expect sales growth in 2010 will be + 25% to + 50% and 91% of them estimated gross margins would be higher as well.

Chart 1: Survey results--YoY sales growth in 2010



Source: UBS

Chart 2: Survey results—Margin expansion in 2010



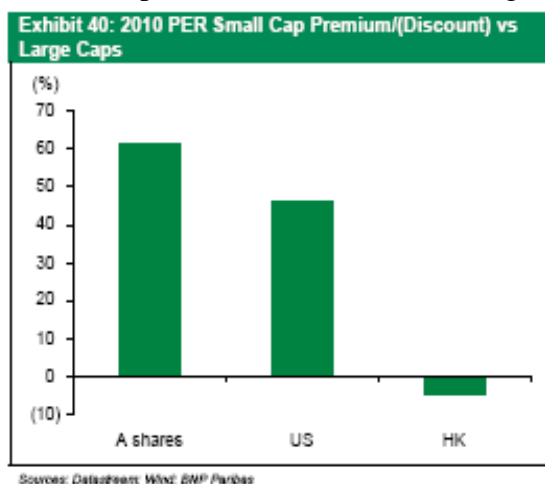
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In a recent Credit Suisse China consumer report, chief economist, Dong Tao, expects China's consumer market to rise from just under US\$2 trillion in 2009 to US\$16 trillion in 2020. Further, he expects the share of global consumption to rise from 5.2 % in 2009 to 23.1 % in 2020, overtaking the US as the largest consumer market in the world.

CS also noted car ownership in China increased from 12% in 2004 to 28% in 2009 as GDP/capita reached US\$2,000. Similarly, in 1970, when Japan's GDP/capita reached US\$2,000, the car ownership ratio was 21%. *However, by 1975, the ratio in Japan had already increased to 44% and by 1980 it was 60%. Therefore, it is entirely possible for the car ownership ratio to surpass 50% in urban China by around 2015.* There are 351 million households in China today.

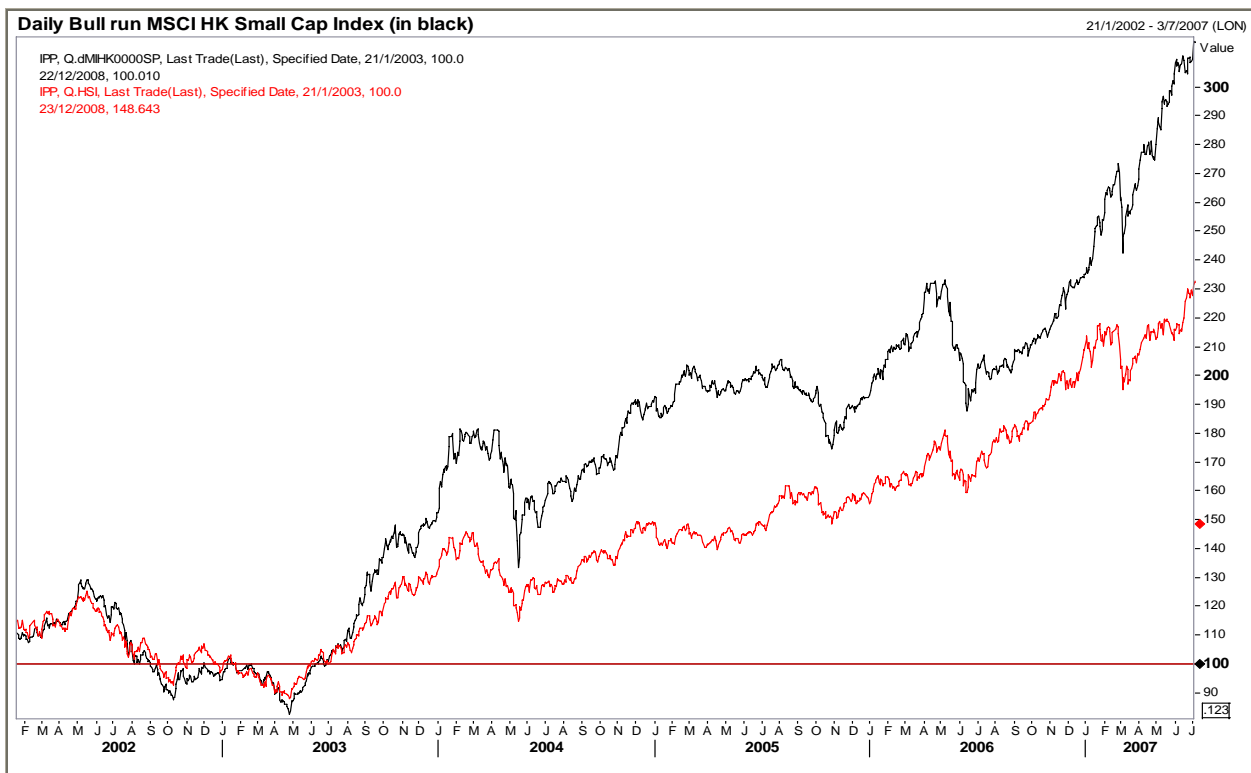
This dynamic economic outlook is beneficial to Hong Kong-listed companies. Unquestionably, as cross-border money flows between Hong Kong and China burgeon; small/mid cap shares in Hong Kong will be the equity class that out-performs.

For HK-listed small caps, there are several reasons to be optimistic. In the China A-share market, as a comparison, small caps trade at a premium to large caps on 2010 estimates. In the US, the premium is 46%, but in Hong Kong, small caps still trade at a notable discount.



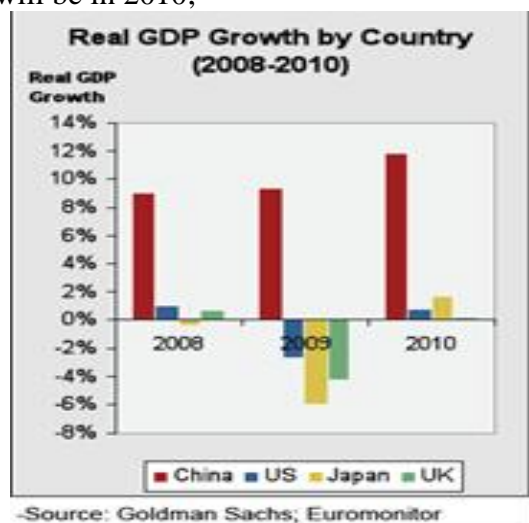
Second, due to the financial meltdown, many brokers stopped covering small caps, creating significant value opportunities. Overall, coverage per stock has fallen by 20% in Asia ex-Japan small cap universe, but by an even greater amount (-44%) in Hong Kong (according to CLSA).

Compared to large cap stocks, small caps outperformed in the last bull market phase in Hong Kong;



Smaller cap outperformance last year eliminated the significant valuation discount to large caps, yet we think most have the potential to outpace overall market earnings growth.

That is because China is managing the growth of its economy relatively well. As is evident in this latest GDP forecast for the world's 4 largest economies, China is where the growth will be in 2010;



We have kept a high level of cash in our portfolios since August last year and began adding selectively to our holdings the end of last month. Cash as a percent of total portfolio value is currently under 20%.

We are most grateful that our friends, partners and clients have been supportive through a very rough period, investing alongside us in our fast growing enterprises in China. We

hope we can give you a clear perspective on these exciting events, or at least how we see them from here.

Sincerely,

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HouseKeeping: to all our Limited Partners, Deloitte is working on the K-1 tax forms for 2009 for our Delaware limited partnership fund, Hong Kong Partners LP. We hope to have these available by mid March. If there's urgency, please contact myself or Joyce Yip at [joyce@south-ocean.com](mailto:joyce@south-ocean.com) for assistance.



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