

Breakfast News -

Friday, 4 Jul 2008

Indices (Closed as at 03 Jul 08)

Indices	Close	Chge	% Chge
FTSE-STI	2,880.45	-25.78	-0.9
KLSE	1,145.68	-21.13	-1.8
Hang Seng	21,242.78	-461.67	-2.1
Nikkei	13,265.40	-20.97	-0.2
DJIA	11,288.54	73.03	0.7
Nasdaq	2,245.38	-6.08	-0.3

New Listings

Company	Offer Price	Debut Day
Healthway Medical Corporation Ltd	S\$0.36	04/07

IPO Launches

Company	Offer Price	Offer Closes
Heng Long International Ltd	S\$0.34	07/07

Results announcements

Company	Date of Release
CapitaMall Trust	1H08 17/07
Mapletree Logistics Trust	1H08 21/07
Qian Hu Corporation Ltd	1H08 21/07
Cambridge Industrial Trust	1H08 29/07

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Market Commentary

Singapore market – Remain cautious

- Singapore:** Fear over escalating oil prices continued to dampen market sentiments. With European Central Bank expected to increase rate by 25 basis points to 4.25% and falling US oil inventory, light sweet crude oil broke the US\$145 a barrel during Asia trade after settled at its fourth record close on the US trade in five day at US\$143.57 a barrel. This had caused regional markets to continue their downward trend. Nikkei fell for its eleventh consecutive day, Hang Seng, its second day and STI its sixth consecutive day. STI closed 25.78 points or 0.9% lower at 2,880.45. Turnover remained moderate with 1.15 billion shares worth S\$1.46 billion done. This showed that most investors are still waiting at the sideline pending clear sign. Transport sector was hit harder with NOL and SIA among the top losing STI component stocks. NOL dropped S\$0.24 or 7.4% to close at S\$3.01 while SIA fell S\$0.38 or 2.7% to close at S\$13.92.
- Wall Street:** The US market closed mixed during the last trading day of the week. Market was down shortly after the opening bell in reaction to escalating crude oil prices and the 25 basis points hike in the interest rate by European Central Bank (ECB). As the US dollar remained relatively stable after the ECB hike and crude oil prices stabilising after reaching an intra-day high of US\$145.85 a barrel, US market started to recover. The June employment numbers released yesterday were within expectation. Unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.5%. The Dow was up 73.03 points or 0.7% to 11,288.54 while the tech-heavy Nasdaq dropped slightly by 6.08 points or 0.3% to 2,245.38. For the week, the Dow was downed 58.01 points or 0.5%. Light sweet crude oil settled on the NYMEX at US\$145.29 a barrel, its fifth record close in 6 days.
- Outlook:** Investors are likely to remain cautious during the coming long weekend for the US market and volatile oil market. Crude prices have dominated market sentiment since the US\$10.75 surge on 6 June 2008 to US\$138.54 per barrel, and caused the STI to drop below the 3,100 level since 9 June 2008. Continuous surge in crude prices to surpass the US\$144 per barrel yesterday has trimmed the STI to drop below the 2,900 level. While a firmer US market may calm market sentiments slightly, any upward movement in crude prices will put more pressure on the market.

Company Highlights

BBR Holdings Ltd - Secured S\$26.4m contract for addition and alteration works for a school in Tampines

- BBR Holdings (S) Ltd ("BBR"), which started in 1993 as a specialist engineering group, currently has three core business activities, namely, General Construction, Specialist Engineering and Property Development, secured a S\$26.4m contract from the Ministry of Education ("MOE").
- The deal, inked through BBR's wholly-owned subsidiary Singa Development Pte Ltd (Singa), is for addition and alteration works to the existing Jun Yuan Primary School located at Tampines Street 91.

- The scope of works for this school project includes the construction of 3 new blocks, repairing of the existing wall structure, painting works, retrofitting of new windows, retiling of floors and general improvement to the existing buildings and surrounding area. Work for this project has started and is expected to be completed by October 2009.
- The Group's order book currently stands at \$506m spread across projects secured in Singapore, Malaysia and Sri Lanka.

Sihuan Pharmaceutical Holdings Group Ltd. – Awarded R&D grant

- Sihuan Pharmaceutical Holdings Group Ltd announced that wholly owned Beijing Sihuan Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd has won yet another R&D grant, worth RMB 2.6m, from the Beijing Municipal Science and Technology Commission, to conduct clinical research on a CV drug named piperphentonamine hydrochloride (PPTA).
- PPTA is classified as a Category 1 drug and is the first of its kind to be developed in the PRC for use in strengthening and protecting the heart. This is Beijing Sihuan's second research project to receive an R&D grant from the Commission.
- In 2006 and 2007, it clinched a combined R&D grant of RMB 1.5m from the Commission to carry out pre-clinical research on a coronary heart disease treatment drug called G20.

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