

FTSE/XINHUA CHINA 25 INDEX REVIEW - INTERNATIONAL
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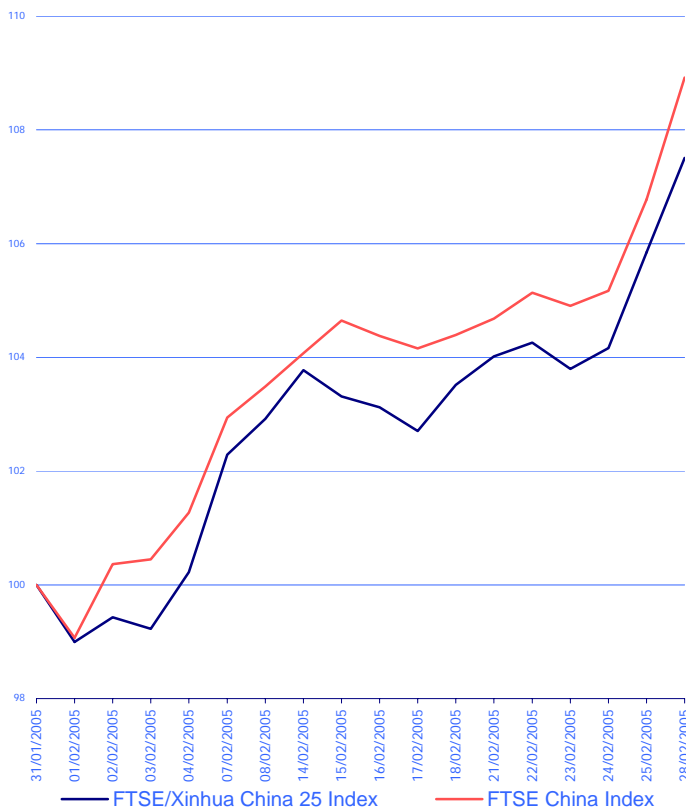
(Market performance data provided by FTSE Research)

Index Commentary

China's consumer prices rose in January at their slowest pace in more than a year, easing pressure on the central bank to raise interest rates. The tradable FTSE/Xinhua China 25 Index gained 7.50%, reaching its highest closing value in a year on 28 February.

Constituent Commentary

Aluminium Corp of China was the best performing constituent from the FTSE/Xinhua China 25, up 22.81% after Aluminium prices rose to a 10-year high in London on forecasts of a production deficit and a weakening of the dollar. Second best performer was Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical, with China's largest ethylene maker gaining 19.30% and finishing at its highest closing price since April 2004. The only losing constituent was China Resources Enterprise, down 2.63%.

Overall Market Performance (HKD) (Capital Return, from 31.01.2005 to 28.02.2005)


5 Highest Weighted Constituents	Local Code	% wgt
China Mobile (Red Chip)	0941	9.63
Petrochina (H)	0857	9.53
BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) (Red Chip)	2388	7.55
CNOOC (Red Chip)	0883	7.06
China Telecom (H)	0728	5.86

5 Highest Performers	Local Code	% Growth
Aluminum Corp of China (H)	2600	22.81
Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical (H)	0338	19.30
China Shipping Development (H)	1138	17.42
China Petroleum & Chemical (H)	0386	15.32
Petrochina (H)	0857	13.87

5 Lowest Performers	Local Code	% Growth
China Resources Enterprise (Red Chip)	0291	-2.63
Ping An Insurance (H)	2318	1.16
Zhejiang Expressway (H)	0576	1.80
China Telecom (H)	0728	2.59
China Netcom (Red Chip)	0906	3.11

Aggregate Price Earnings Ratio	16.28 *
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*Source: Nomura International; Data as of 28.02.2005

FTSE/Xinhua China 25 Index is a real-time tradable index, covering H shares, Red Chips and B shares. The Index is designed for use by the international investment community as a basis for derivatives trading both on-exchange and over-the-counter (OTC), and index tracking funds (including ETFs).

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