

Weekly Wrap of STI

The STI ended 0.50% or 15.87 points higher on Friday to close at 3,162.05 as investors were buoyed by hopes that the US could delay its plan to hit Mexico with tariffs and US Federal Reserves indicating they could lower interest rates in the near future.

The STI slipped when trading began as global trade tension showed no signs of slowing with US moves against Mexico and India, as well as China's retaliation against American measures. The local market managed to catch some reprieve as a combination of investors moving to defensive plays and hopes that US Federal Reserves would lower interest rates allowed the local market to get off a positive but cautious start to June. Following a mid-week break, Singapore stocks continued its recovery on Thursday tracking Wall Street's gain amid solid data on the US services sector. As the week closed, the STI posted its first weekly gain in over five weeks as investors continued to take positives from central bank's indication that it would pull the trigger on rate cuts despite the ongoing trade tensions and growth worries.

Year to date, the STI index is up by 3.0%.

Week Ahead: 10 June – 14 June 2019

Economic Calendar: UK GDP (10 Jun), UK Industrial Production (10 Jun), UK Labour Market Report (11 Jun), US PPI-FD (11 Jun), CN CPI (12 Jun), EU ECB President Draghi Speaks (12 Jun), US CPI (12 Jun), US EIA Petroleum Status Report (12 Jun), AU Labour Force Survey (13 Jun), CH SNB Monetary Policy Assessment (13 Jun), EU Industrial Production (13 Jun), US Jobless Claims (13 Jun), CN Fixed Asset Investment (14 Jun), US Retail Sales (14 Jun), US Industrial Production (14 Jun)

Company Results: -

Companies News

1. Clearbridge expanded its primary healthcare presence in Hong Kong

Catalist-listed integrated healthcare company Clearbridge Health Limited ("Clearbridge") expanded its primary healthcare presence in Hong Kong with a new and larger clinic in Causeway Bay to serve more domestic patients and medical tourists. The 1,500 square feet new clinic, which is almost twice the size of the previous clinic, can accommodate more visiting physicians and specialists (such as obstetrician, gynaecologist and gastroenterology) and provide a wider range of medical and health screening services. There is also a dedicated space to hold educational health talks and events for medical tourist agents and patients to have better understanding of other medical services and solutions offered by the Group in Asia.

2. HC Surgical to set up new endoscopy centre

Catalist-listed HC Surgical Specialists Limited ("HC Surgical") announced that it has, together with Medistar Services Pte. Ltd. ("Medistar"), incorporated a subsidiary in Singapore known as HC (Ming) Pte. Ltd. ("HC (Ming)") for the provision of medical services. Medistar, which operates a general practitioner clinic (The Ming Clinic) at Camden Medical Centre, is a 25% associated company of HC Surgical. HC Surgical and Medistar will hold 80% and 20% of the total issued share capital in HC Ming respectively. HC Ming will set up an endoscopy centre within The Ming Clinic. This brings the Group's network of endoscopy centres to 10 and further enhances HC Surgical's presence in central Singapore.

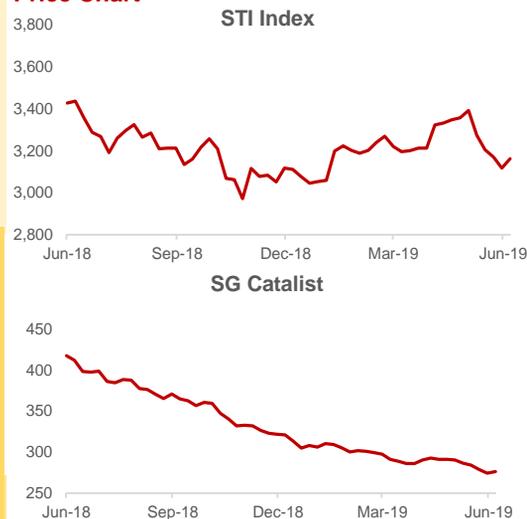
3. Accrelist to accelerate its growth in AI solutions

Catalist-listed Accrelist Ltd. ("Accrelist") has changed its name of its wholly-owned subsidiary to Accrelist A.I. Tech Pte. Ltd. to reflect the Group's growing ambitions beyond mobile payment solutions following its earlier entry into smart retail technology solutions enabled by Artificial Intelligence ("AI") and facial recognition technology. The Group aims to deliver smart solutions through AI solutions and Facial Recognition Verification Services in line with Singapore's Smart Nation initiative. Accrelist's continued focus on AI solutions and facial recognition verification services are in line with the Group's strategic plans to unlock new opportunities in new business segments and build long-term value for shareholders.

Market Snapshot

Symbol	Price	Change	1D % Change	5D % Change	YTD % Change
STI	3162.1	▲15.9	▲0.5%	▲0.6%	▲3.0%
SG Mid Cap	740.4	▲0.3	▲0.0%	▲1.4%	▲8.1%
SG Catalist	276.3	▲1.0	▲0.3%	▲0.2%	▼10.7%
SG Small Cap	342.6	▲1.0	▲0.3%	▲1.0%	▲4.5%

Price Chart



IPO News

TrickleStar priced IPO at S\$0.26 a share

TrickleStar, a company which designs and sells energy-saving power strips in the US, has registered for its listing on the Catalist board of the Singapore Exchange and priced its IPO at S\$0.26 a piece. Through the placement of 15 million new shares, the IPO will raise a net proceed of S\$2.4 million. Of the S\$2.4 million raised, S\$0.4 million will be used to scale and establish new sales channel, S\$1.0 million will be used to product development and acquisitions and remaining S\$1.0 million will be used for general working capital. At S\$0.26 a share, TrickleStar will have a market cap of S\$21.3 million, which is about 8 times of its net profit of US\$2 million recorded in 2018. TrickleStar announced a 24.4% increase in revenue for 2018 at US\$12.8 million. The increase was due to higher customer order for power strips which was driven by ratepayer-funded energy efficiency programmes in the US.

Capital Market News

SGX to target Southeast Asia unicorns

Singapore Exchange ("SGX") is looking to add products to its derivatives business and offer Southeast Asian unicorns a platform to list share and bonds, in a multi-asset strategy aimed at sustaining growth. This comes as the bourse is overshadowed by Chinese-led multi-billion-dollar fundraising at Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing and strong competition from other bourses such as Thailand. Average daily securities turnover at SGX was US\$791 million in May compared to the US\$1.8 billion recorded for the Thai exchange, and US\$12.4 billion for HKEX. In recent years, SGX has improved its market liquidity, strengthened its regulatory framework and introduced a dual-class share system with an eye on potential IPOs from Southeast Asian startups with billion-dollar valuations such as ride-hailing firms Grab and Go-Jek and Tokopedia.