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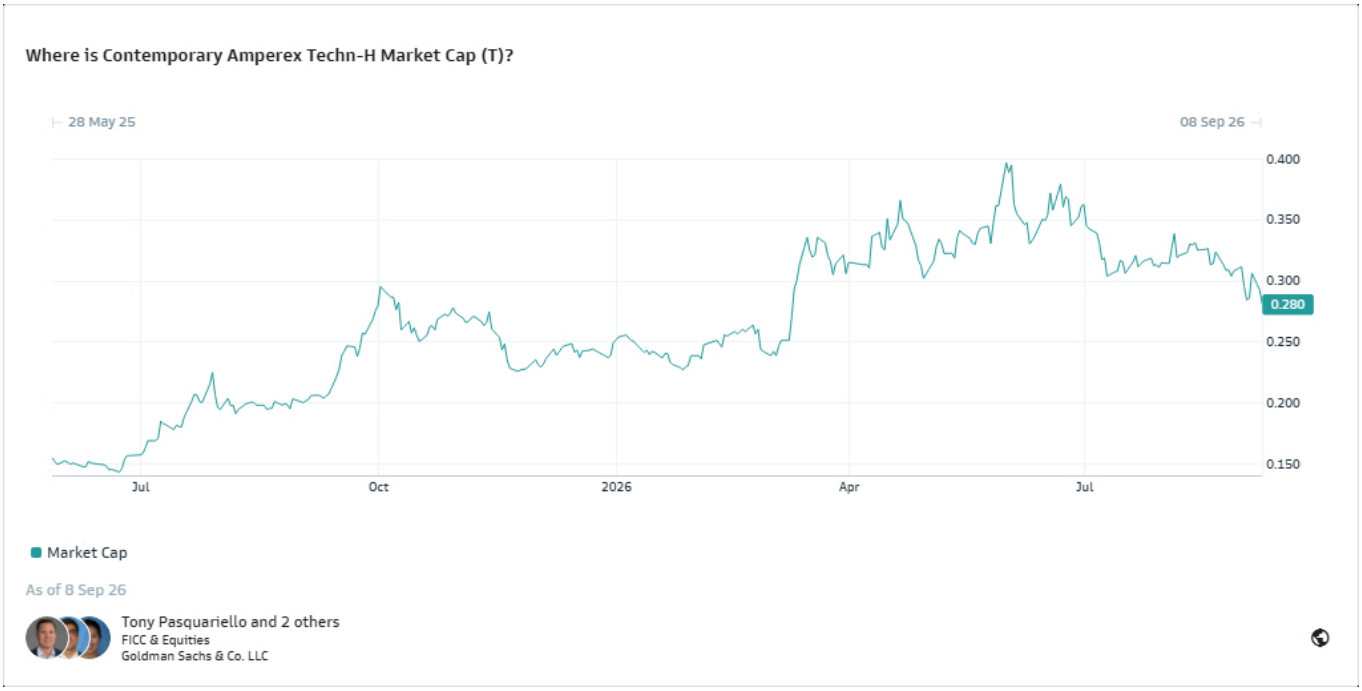


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WHAT DROVE MARKETS?

Asia equities closed broadly lower today as Brent crude approached the triple-digit mark, stoking inflation fears and keeping risk appetite in check ahead of key macro events later in the week. Japan led regional declines as a stronger yen, extending its rally to the highest level since February, weighed on exporters, while Australia suffered its worst session in three months with financials and technology the primary drags. Hong Kong edged lower, with HSBC and Lenovo the notable laggards, though mainland buying via Stock Connect provided a partial cushion; Shanghai outperformed on the back of energy names and broad industrial strength. Korea reversed an early gain of meaningful magnitude as rising oil prices resurfaced inflation concerns, with profit-taking and pension rebalancing capping upside despite a substantial corporate buyback tailwind. Sentiment across the region was tilted defensively, with energy and select value names holding up while growth and rate-sensitive sectors bore the brunt of the selling.

CHART WE'RE WATCHING



Source: Factset Basic Fundamentals Metrics AF, Refinitiv, as of 8th Sept 2026. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

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Australia: S&P/ASX -1.00% underperformed regional peers, pressured by weakness in technology hardware names after reports Intel may raise CPU prices by a further 10% from October. Domestic sentiment also remained cautious following comments from RBA Assistant Governor Sarah Hunter, who reiterated that inflation remains the central bank's top priority and signalled further rate hikes could still be required, reinforcing the higher-for-longer rates narrative and weighing on rate-sensitive sectors. The housing downturn remained in focus, with expectations for a deeper correction in national house prices. Offsetting some of the domestic headwinds, commodity-linked stocks were supported by strength in copper, which reached a record high, and firmer oil prices as Brent crude approached US$100/bbl. Separately, the government released draft digital regulation proposals that would allow users to opt out of social media algorithms, creating a potential new regulatory overhang for major technology platforms.

Taiwan: TAIEX -0.47% had a choppy trading session mainly led by TSMC+0.4% but still managed to close above 47k points level, while other large caps traded muted. Overall a quiet day without clear direction for momentum sectors, but sentiment was still risk on. ODMs and PCBs names underperformed due to CPU price hike news. Non-Tech went two ways, though Financials outperformed and perhaps hinting some early profit-taking.

Korea: KOSPI -0.58% surged as much as +2.5% intraday, but gave back all of its gains to close -58bps. Foreigners and local instos still ended as net buyers (+ Other Corporates also net buyers +$1.3bn), while retail investors extended their 4-day net-selling streak. FII and local insto inflow today were focused in Tech (+$486mn/+$323mn), while their net-selling was jointly concentrated in Transportation Equipment (-$51mn/-$84mn). Nuclear (i.e. DOOSAN ENERBILITY(034020) +1.8%) and Construction (KRXCST +3.7%) names extended gains on ongoing optimism around news that S.Korea and the US are including a plan to build 8 large nuclear reactors in the US as part of the investment package, while SEC(005930) -0.2% and SK HYNIX(000660) +0.6% eventually closed near unch after their AM-rally. Our pad ended as better Buyers, with bids focused in AI supply chain, although flows were light.

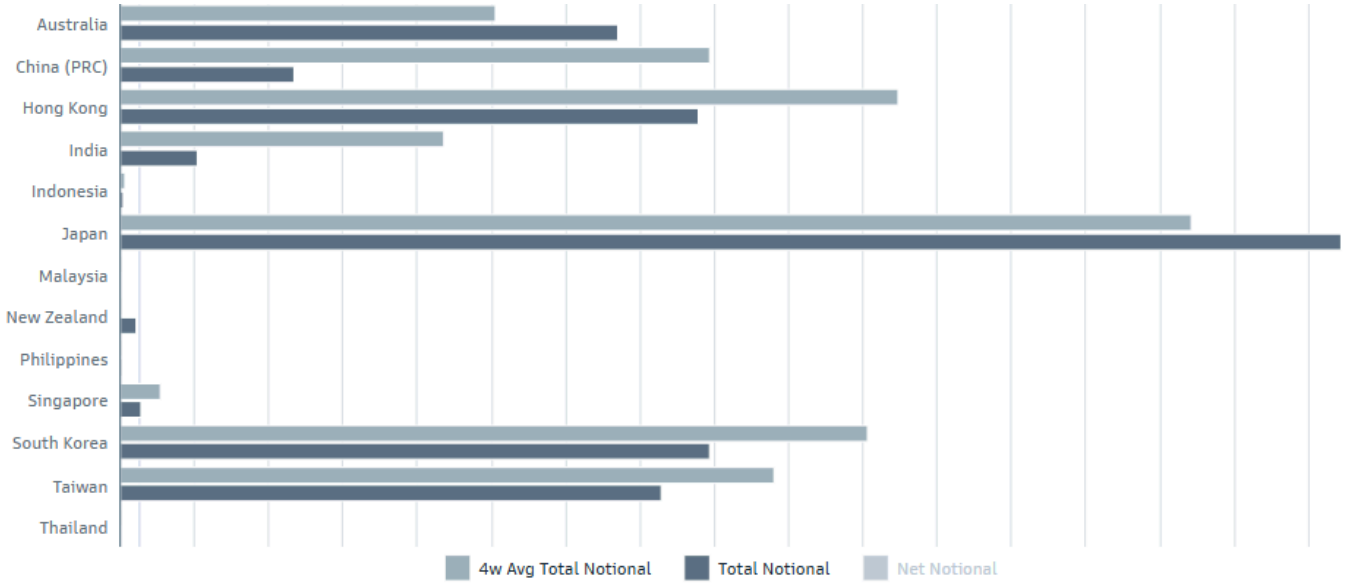
Japan: NKY -0.09%. Japanese equities suffered their worst session in several weeks as a sharply stronger yen, extending its rally to the highest level since February and briefly breaking through the key level, squeezed export-oriented sectors across the board. Automakers bore the heaviest losses, with Toyota the single largest drag on the Topix, as carmakers risk falling short of earnings forecasts built on weaker yen assumptions. Inbound consumption plays were also hard hit, with watchmakers Seiko and Citizen each posting their steepest declines since August 2024 on concerns over a drop in tourist spending and watch exports. Broader electric appliances and machinery names followed suit, with the Topix closing at its lowest level in nearly three weeks. Defensives and domestic-oriented names offered pockets of resilience — Nitori, SoftBank and select food and construction stocks bucked the trend — while a five-year JGB auction drew muted demand ahead of the Bank of Japan's upcoming policy meeting, adding to the cautious tone.

China: CSI300 -0.36%. Mixed performance across China A-shares with High Div again outperforming. On sector level, the Battery weakness is within the most inquired move. Headlines wise, the Li Auto's decision to use in-house made battery has led to the weakness of CATL. Additionally, Chemicals made another move higher to reflect the potential fundamental change on supply and demand. CRO and China Pharma names also edged higher, as a defensive play in China given AI names moved lower after an only one day rebound. EV names overall see moderate selling pressure, headline wise, the weekly NEV orders were +16% wow and -26% YoY driven by model launches. Li Auto / BYD / NIO showed the strongest growth at +136%/+27%/+10% wow, mainly driven by new/facelift models launches (e.g. Li Auto's MEGA facelift and BYD's Sealion 08 EV/DM on Sep 2). Industry wise, NEV retail/wholesale penetration reached 66%/64% in Aug compared to 64%/65% in Jul.

Hong Kong: HSI -0.38% equities closed modestly lower, with HSTECH -1.6% bearing the brunt of the selling as a report of further Intel CPU price hikes hammered Lenovo (the index's worst performer) while SMIC, Hua Hong and Sunny Optical also retreated sharply on broader tech caution. HSBC weighed on the financials side, and Xiaomi's launch of a new EV lineup revived competition concerns, dragging BYD Electronic and other auto-adjacent names lower. On the other side of the ledger, rising oil prices near the triple-digit mark lifted CNOOC, PetroChina and Sinopec meaningfully, while CMOC surged on metals momentum and Sino Biopharmaceutical outperformed on rotation into healthcare. Mainland investors provided a notable cushion, buying a net several billion Hong Kong dollars of local shares via Stock Connect for a second consecutive session, and China's bourses separately signalled plans to broaden the connect program to include more tech names and REITs, a structural positive for the market.
ASEAN: JCI +1.03% continued its strength into the PM, supported by the broader technology-led rally across Asia and strength in copper-related stocks following record-high copper prices. Banks are mostly higher with BBCA +1.1%, BBRI +0.3%, BMRI +0.2%, while BBNI -0.7% lower. Energy names are higher as oil and coal price continue to climb : BUMI +2.7%, ENRG +4.7%, MEDC +3.7%, AKRA +4.4%, UNTR +1.3%. Conglomerates are led by IMPC +5.1% which have rallied for 3-days now, DSSA +1.7%, INKP +2.7%. **SET +0.04%** was largely unchanged as investors awaited clearer catalysts and upcoming global central bank policy decisions.
India: Nifty -0.53%. Nifty in red again as the index slips 0.5% on the day, falling to a near three-month low around the 23650 level as rising oil prices (Brent crossed $98/bbl) weigh on the market. The index has started the week on a weak note and might end in red for a fifth consecutive week. The sluggishness is predominantly led by the largecaps as the broader market indices outperform - Midcap index +0.2%, Smallcap index unchanged. Market activity is also largely centered around SMIDs with no Nifty stock appearing in the top 10 traded list so far. Amongst the sectors, Pharma and FMCG are leading in gains while Banks and Financials are the biggest drag today with bond yields on the rise again - 10-year gsec close to 7%.

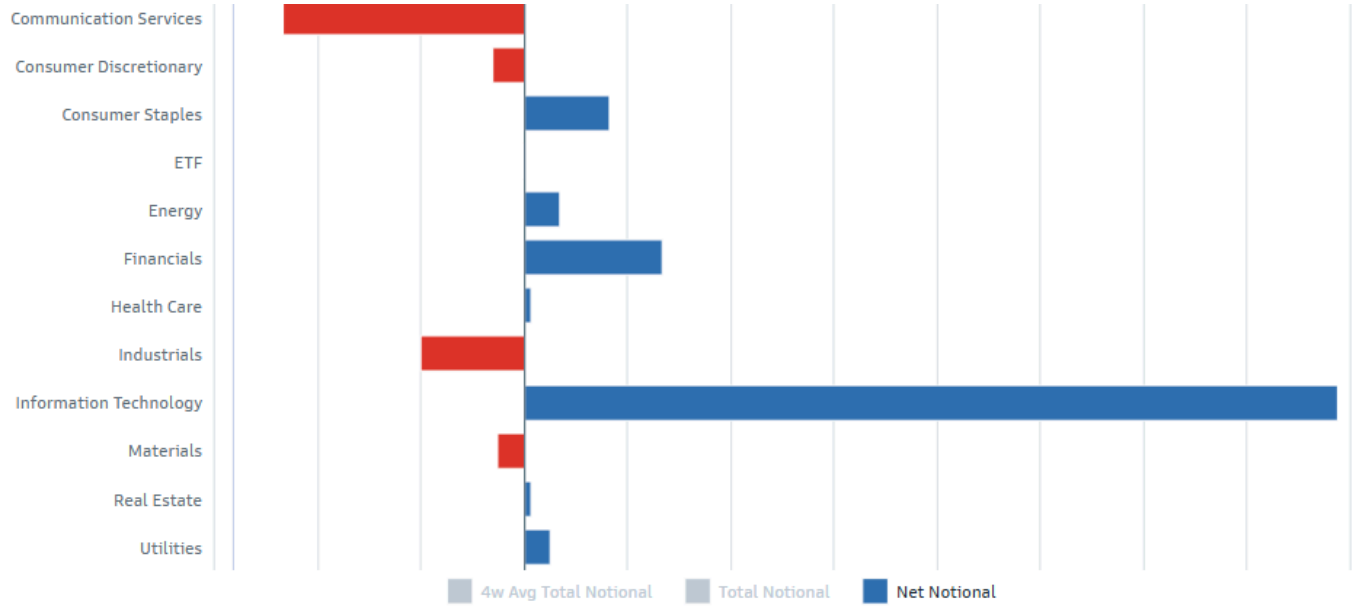
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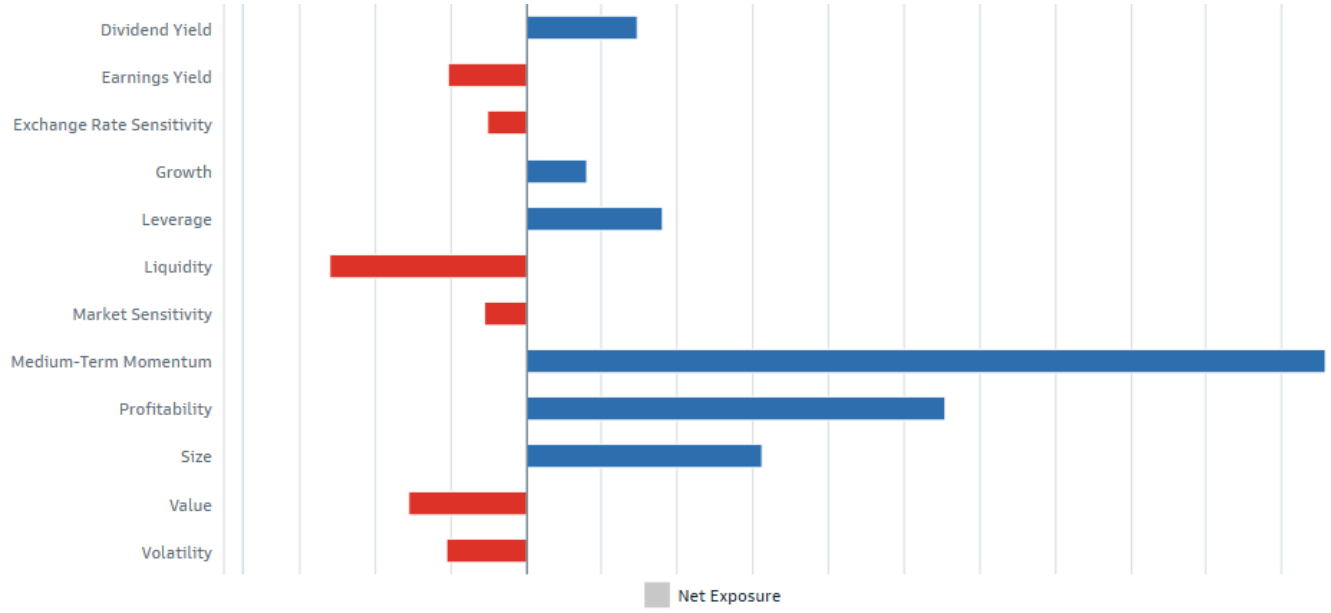
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