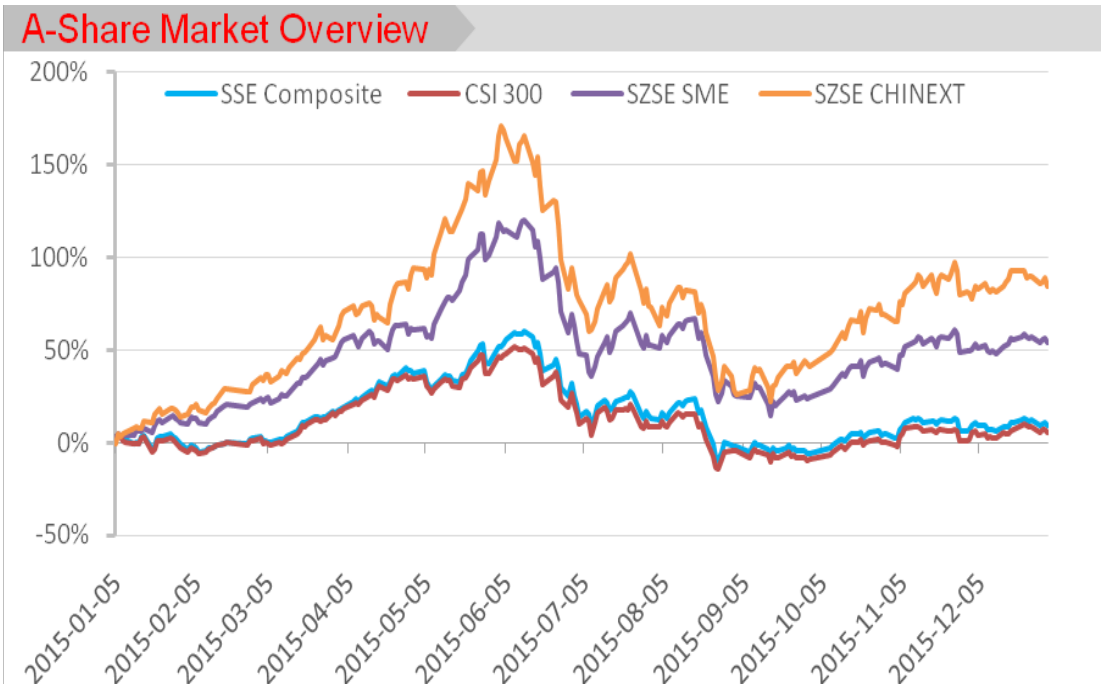
2015 Annual CSI&SSE A-Share Index Review

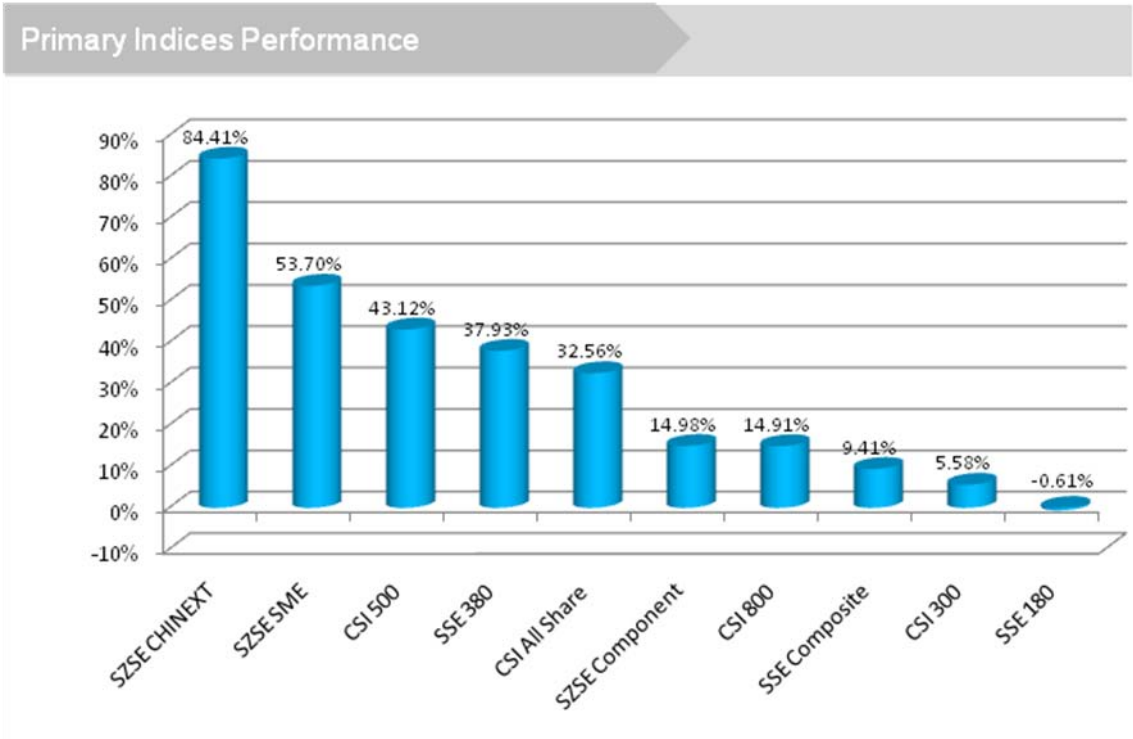
A-Share Market Review

China's A-share market experienced high fluctuation during 2015. At the beginning of the year the market started out bullish, as the reform policies and incremental capital meets the social expectation in the second quarter, the market surged rapidly after a short shock stage. During this period, SZSE SME and CHNEXT surged by 119.67% and 170.58% respectively. However, the market reached its peak during mid June. Implementation of the deleveraging process trigged the panic in the market and caused market to crash. Government rolled out several emergency bailout measures to retrieve the situation, under the effort of various financial participants, the market gradually restored its confidences and slowly rebound. The trend of market indices also shifts into normality. The annual growth rate of SSE Composite, CSI 300 and SZSE CHINEXT are 9.41%, 5.58%, 84.41% respectively.



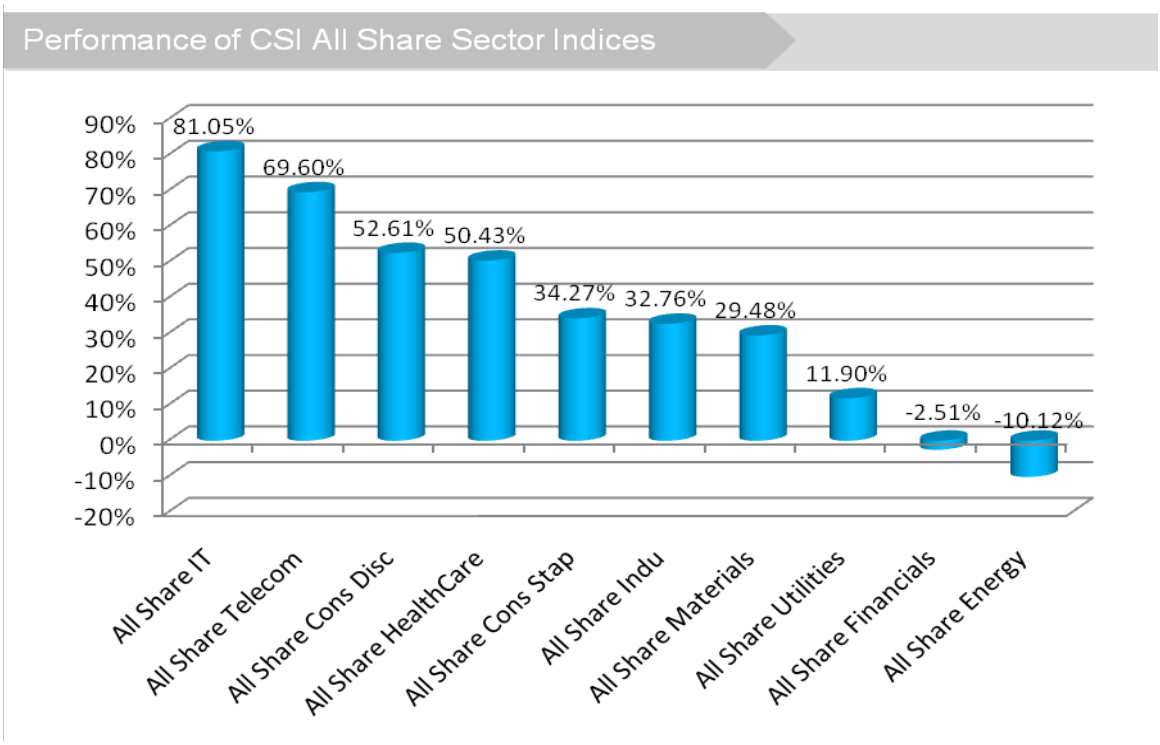
Performance of Primary Indices

In 2015, small cap indices outperformed large blue chip indices. SZSE CHINEXT ranked the top with an 84.41% increase.



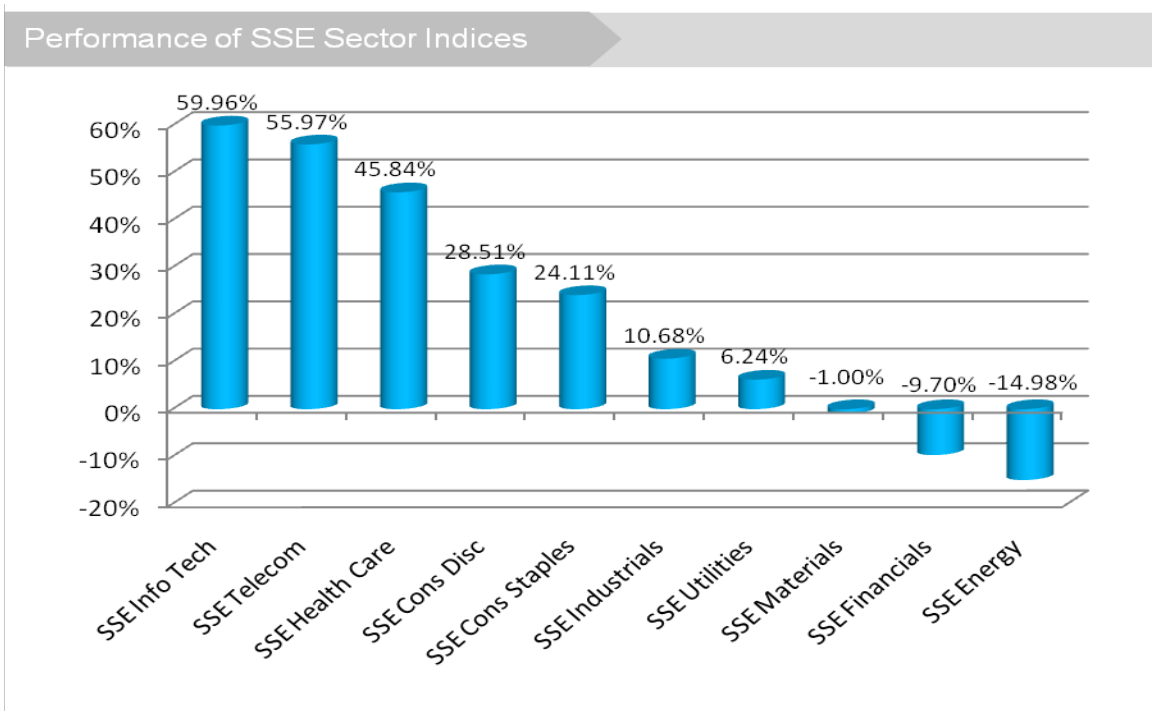
Performance of CSI Sector Indices

In 2015, the sector indices show significant differentiation. IT, telecom, consumer discretionary and healthcare sectors have increase by more than 50%. CSI All-Share IT sector index has the highest growth rate of 81.05%. Financials and energy sectors have the weakest trends. The annual growth rates are -2.51% and -10.12% respectively.



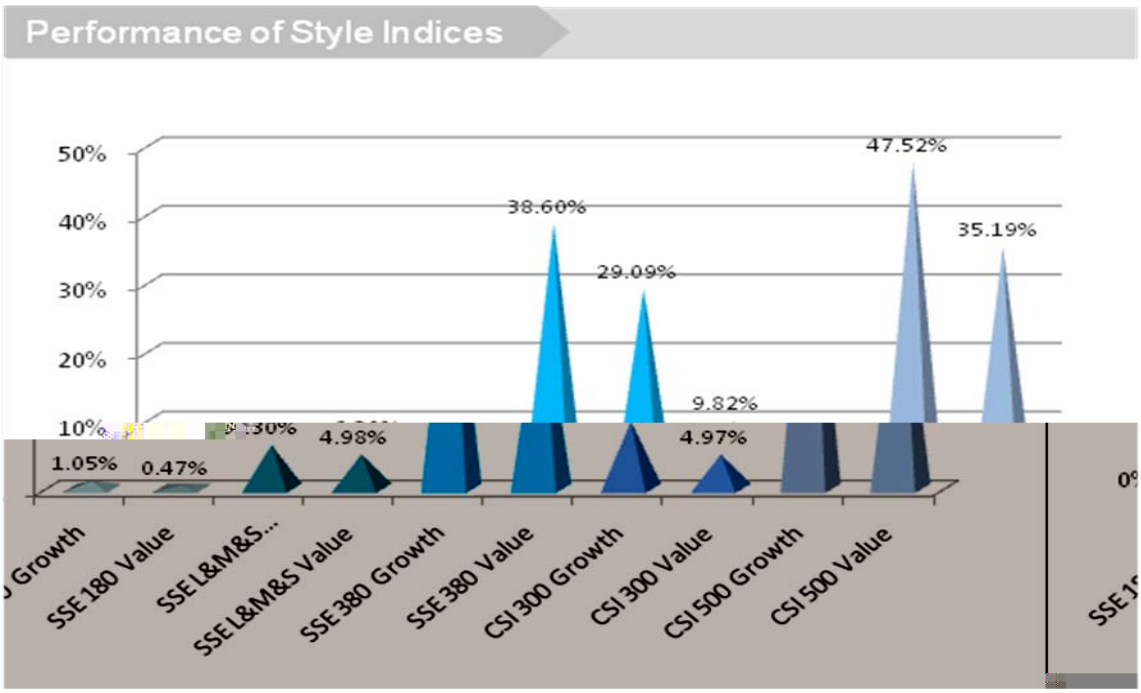
Performance of SSE Sector Indices

Among SSE index series, SSE Info Tech Sector Index has the highest growth rate of 59.96%. On the other hand, SSE Energy Sector Index decreases by -14.98%.



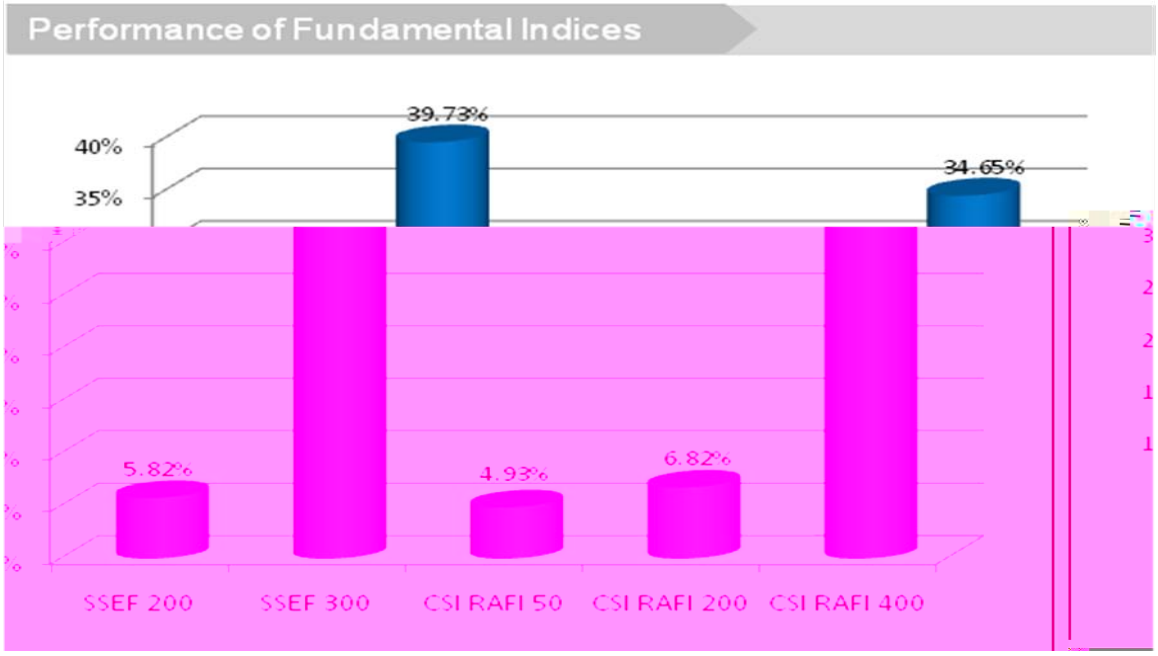
Performance of Style Indices

In 2015, all 6 the growth-style indices performed better than value-styles indices, out of which the small cap style indices performed better than large blue chip style indices.



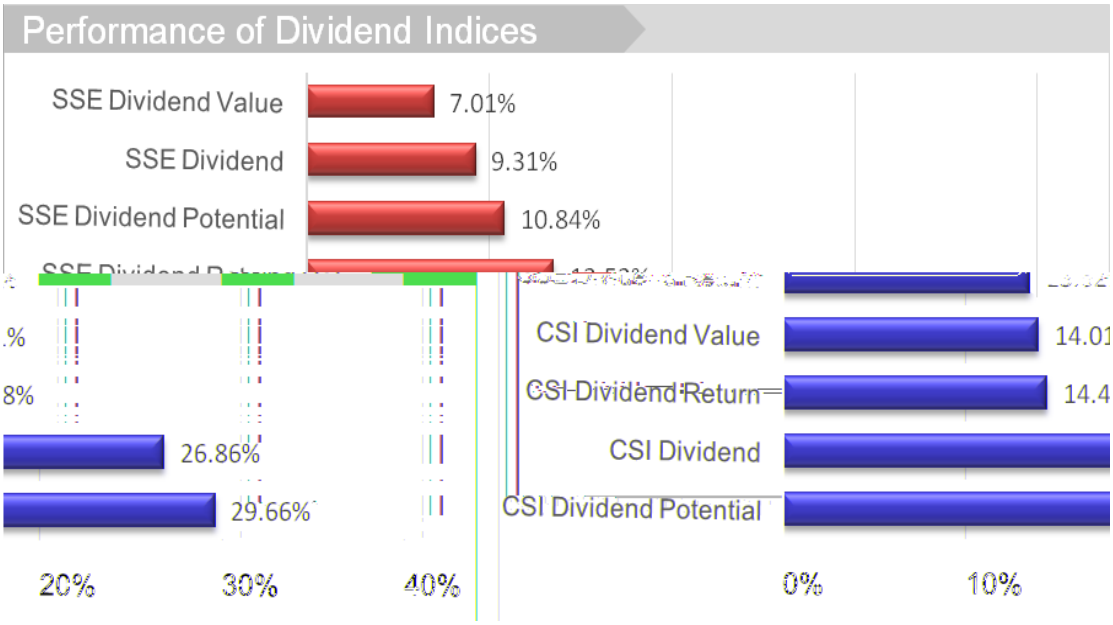
Performance of Fundamental Indices

In 2015, the fundamental indices with small cap stocks as constituents such as SSE F300, CSI RAFI 400 have better growth performance rate. Especially SSE F300 indices, the growth rate reaches a peak of 39.73%.



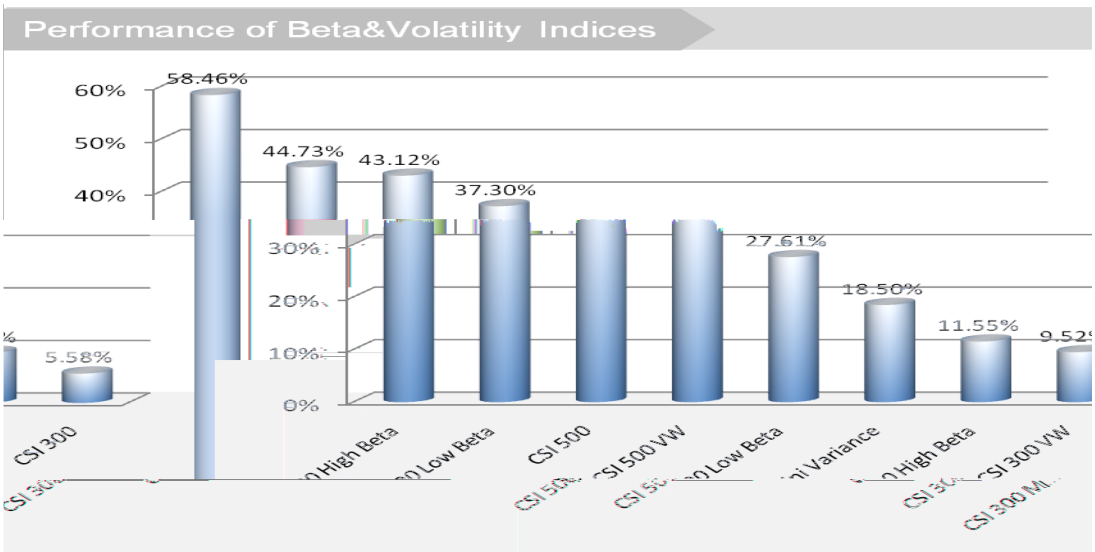
Performance of Dividend Indices

During 2015, CSI Dividend Index series have higher growth rates than that of SSE series. But, Only the SSE Dividend Return index and SSE Dividend potential index slightly outperform the benchmark index.



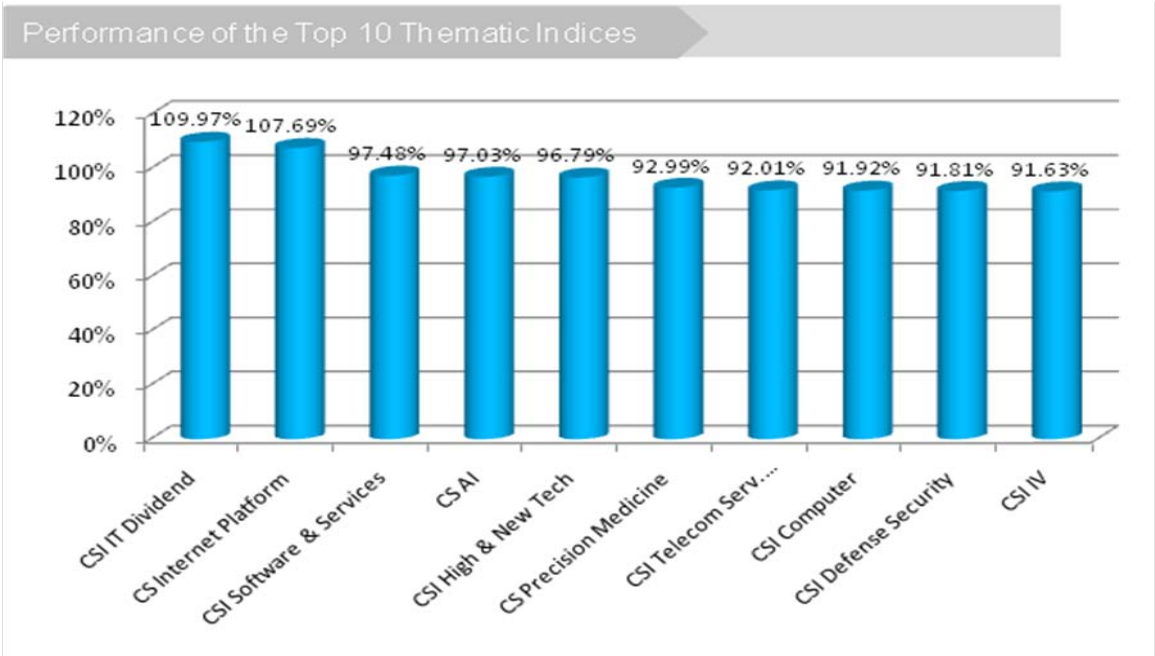
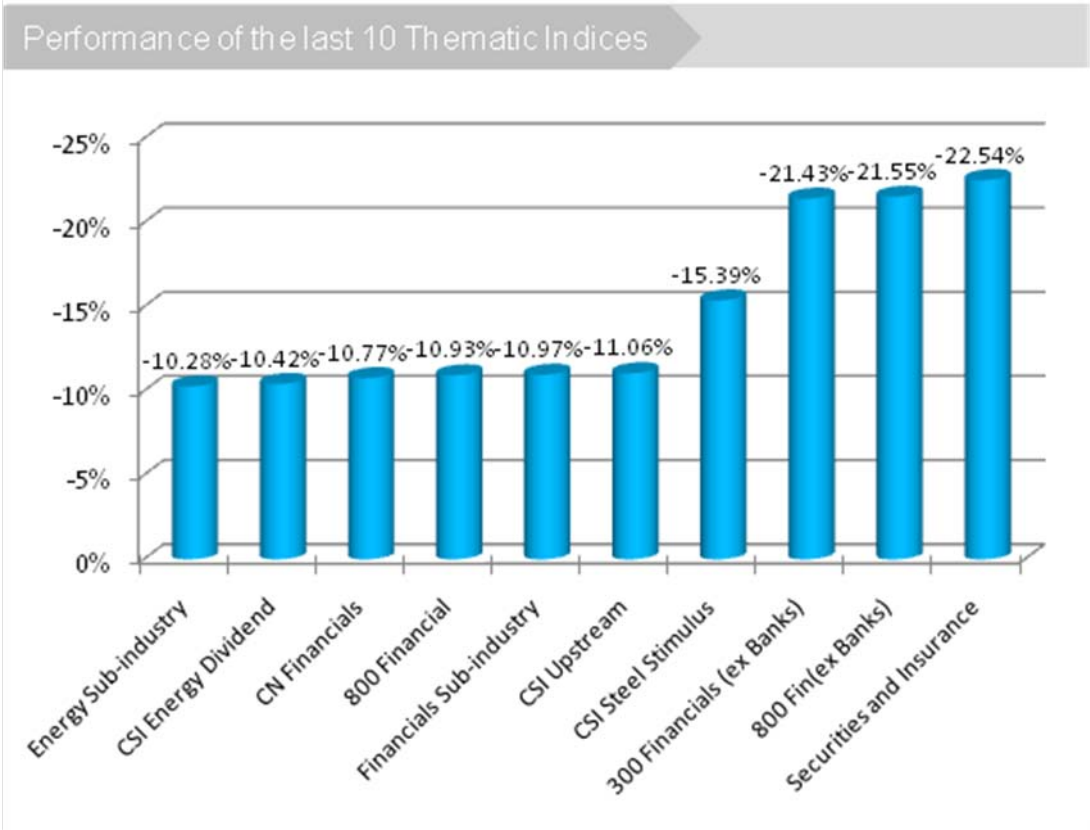
Performance of Beta and Volatility indices

Influenced by the high volatility of the market in 2015, the return of CSI500 High & Low Beta Index return has distinct features. However, CSI 300 Low Beta Index's growth rate is higher than CSI 300 and CSI 500 High Beta Indices. CSI 300 (Low) Volatility Index's annual performance exceeds its mother index, while CSI 500 (Low) Volatility Index's did not.



Performance of Thematic indices

In 2015, IT sector has the most excellent performance, and is represented by the growth rate of subsectors featured with Internet Plus and Big Data. Notably, CSI IT Dividend and CSI Internet Platform Indices have the relative highest growth rates of 109.97% and 107.69% respectively.



Yet, there still are many sector & thematic indices falls behind of the market benchmark, most of these indices concentrated in financials (excluding banks) and energy sectors.