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May Factory Output Plunges By 23.2%

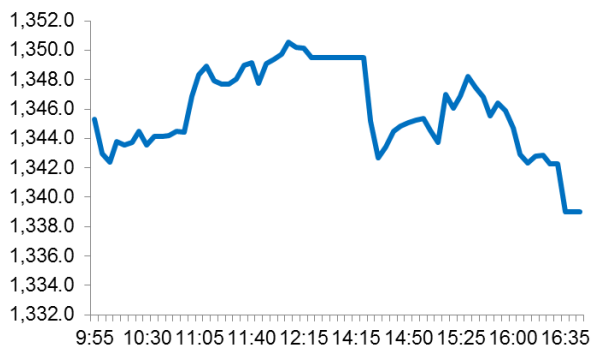
- Thailand's Manufacturing Production Index fell 23.2% YoY in May – a further deterioration from -18.2% in April – dragged down by the lower production of cars, petroleum, and air conditioners, mainly due to COVID-19 and the unprecedented lockdown measures to contain the virus.
- Capacity utilisation saw a slight increase to 52.8% compared to 51.3% in April, but remains well below the 5-year average of 66.8%.
- We maintain our view that factory output will shrink 5.5% YoY this year, marking a further deterioration from 2019's 3.7% contraction, although the easing of global lockdowns in June should provide some upside.

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Chart 1: SET intra-day graph



	Index	Chg	Chg (%)	YTD (%)
Thailand (SET)	1339.03	9.27	0.70%	-15.2%
Thailand (SET50)	885.15	6.51	0.74%	-17.2%
Thailand (SET100)	1959.01	14.64	0.75%	-16.4%
USA (Dow Jones)	25812.88	217.08	0.85%	-9.6%
USA (S&P500)	3100.29	47.05	1.54%	-4.0%
USA (Nasdaq)	10058.77	184.62	1.87%	12.1%
UK (FTSE)	6169.74	-56.03	-0.90%	-18.2%
Singapore (FSSTI)	2589.91	15.81	0.61%	-19.6%
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	24427.19	125.91	0.52%	-13.3%
Japan (Nikkei)	22288.14	293.10	1.33%	-5.8%
Malaysia (KLCI)	1500.97	6.54	0.44%	-5.5%
China (SHANGHAI SE)	2984.67	23.16	0.78%	-2.1%
Indonesia (JCI)	4905.39	3.57	0.07%	-22.1%

Foreign Exchange Rates / Oil Market			
USD	Closed	Chg	Chg (%)
Baht (Onshore)	30.91	0.00	0.01
Yen	108.07	0.14	-0.13
Euro	1.12	0.00	-0.04
Oil Price (USD/barrel)			
Brent	40.89	-0.28	-0.68
Nymex-Crude Light	39.64	0.37	0.94

Note: *As at 30 Jun 2020 closing

Table 1: Key market indices (1 Jul 2020)

SET	2018	2019	2020F	2021F	
PE (x)	16.25	18.02	20.48	16.10	
P/BV (x)	1.74	1.71	1.50	1.43	
Yield (%)	3.35	3.26	2.78	3.06	
SET Value by investor Type: Daily					
		Sell (THBm)	Net (THBm)		
Institution	10,125.99	6,614.56	3,511.43		
Proprietary	5,451.85	5,464.45	-12.60		
Foreign	19,122.51	20,296.20	-1,173.69		
Retail	23,889.09	26,214.24	-2,325.14		
SET Value by investor Type					
		MTD (THBm)	YTD (THBm)		
Institution		6,575.97	74,162.05		
Proprietary		3,056.97	527.46		
Foreign		-22,716.73	-216,645.84		
Retail		13,083.80	141,956.33		
SET50 Index Future					
	Long	Short	Net	MTD	YTD
Institution	34,165	27,174	6,991	11,413	378
Foreign	52,197	53,852	-1,655	-10,153	105,157
Local	67,871	73,207	-5,336	-1,260	-105,535
Foreign Fund Flows (USDm)					
		MTD	YTD	YoY	
Thailand	-38.0	-58.8	-737.1	-6799.8	-8265.8

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Top BUYs

	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
Advance Info Service (ADVANC TB)	220.00	18.92	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better profitability due to the TOT litigation settlement (for towers and 2G equipment) that could decrease its network opex by THB3.2bn pa Strong convergence services portfolio, with a low base of fixed broadband customers who should benefit from the shift in the industry's acquisition trends The scaling up of fixed broadband units that expect to turn a profit on EBITDA level this year
Berli Jucker (BJC TB)	49.00	24.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fully integrated consumer supply chain that may strongly benefit the purchase of necessities during the COVID-19 pandemic Expect favourable 1H20F results, to be driven by both total sales and efficient cost management of its Big C Supercenter and consumer products manufacturing, which have contributed as much as 75% to earnings Better packaging sales (18% of earnings) to be driven by massive runs of aluminium cans production for new local customers and exports to Vietnam post the customer transition period throughout 2019 Long-term synergy with its parent TCC Group's aggressive business expansion in Cambodia, Lao, Vietnam, and Myanmar
Charoen Pokphand Foods (CPF TB)	35.00	10.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The uptrend of its core business should be prolonged, given the tighter supply conditions due to the African Swine Fever outbreak in Asia, with relatively low feed costs that remain in place – although Charoen Pokphand Foods should benefit from lower policy rates and a weakening THB Upside from the acquisition of Tesco Thailand and Tesco Malaysia. While we expect the company to enhance its fresh products distribution channel by tapping into the hypermarket network, we think CPF could also ramp up its food services in Tesco's retail space, going forward Other positive synergies include cost savings on logistics network sharing, inventory turnover, and cross-selling between retail trading formats
Chularat Hospital (CHG TB)	2.80	13.82	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pure local play for a healthcare provider in Thailand that has limited exposure to the international segment (< 3%) Upward price adjustments from the Social Security Scheme (30% of revenue) will start to fully kick in this year The volume ramp-up of two new projects and expansion in its pipeline should bolster mid-term growth
PTT Exploration & Production (PTTEP TB)	108.00	17.71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTT Exploration & Production is a good proxy for crude oil price. We expect crude oil price to average USD45.00 in 4Q20 We expect OPEC+'s 7.7mbpd production restraint in 2H20 to have a positive impact on the global oil market. We expect delivery to recover, higher-cost producers to shut-in uneconomical wells, and the global inventory to drawdown 70% of PTTEP's earnings are from natural gas, which is sold to PTT via long-term take or pay contracts. The natural gas price is indirectly linked with crude oil with time lag of 1-6 months. The remaining portion of its products are liquids, which are sold at the market price of crude oil We expect PTTEP's sales volume to be boosted YOY as a result of its recent acquisitions (Murphy and Partex). We are also positive on its SK410B natural gas find in Malaysia, which may be fast-tracked into development
Thai Union Group (TU TB)	16.00	24.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THB depreciation and low inventory cost on hand should become its key catalyst this year Private labels should see a turnaround post sluggish original equipment manufacturers' orders in 2H19. This was due to customer speculation on low tuna price levels

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