

## Thailand Morning Cuppa

### Bulletin

STOCKS/SECTOR	NEWS	COMMENT	RATING
CH Karnchang (CK TB)	<p>Transport Minister Saksayam Chidchob has pledged to expedite the construction of new highways that will connect Bangkok with the southern provinces. The minister, yesterday, checked on the progress of the PM's directives on land transport in the Ratchaburi province. The roads pass through six provinces: Bangkok, Nakhon Pathom, Samut Sakhon, Samut Songkhram, Ratchaburi and Phetchaburi.</p> <p>Among the projects, to improve the southern highway network, is the construction of a six-lane elevated motorway on Rama II Road, with an investment of over THB30bn. The portion from Bang Khunthian to Ekkachai is expected to be completed in 2022, and the entire highway in 2024. The construction of a THB79bn 109km highway from Nakhon Pathom to the Cha-am district in Phetchaburi has been scheduled to begin this year, with completion expected in 2025. Another 36.8km highway worth THB2.65bn in the Phetchaburi province is slated to be ready by 2025.</p> <p>A project to construct a three-lane concrete parallel bridge, crossing the Mae Klong River in the Ratchaburi province, will have an environmental impact assessment in 2021. Construction will start in 2023, with completion expected in 2025. (<i>Bangkok Post</i>)</p>	<p>The development of the land transportation network should be a major focus for FY21, and the network to the Southern provinces is the most urgent in the pipeline, as it is currently less developed than Thailand's other regions.</p> <p>This overall construction is scheduled for completion in FY25. The highlight, for those bidding for contracts, is the Nakhonpathom-Cha Am motorway section, in a Public-Private-Partnership worth about THB79bn. Currently, land expropriation is ongoing in the Phetchaburi province.</p> <p>Once all pre-bidding processes are completed, we expect the bidding process to take place in FY21 – at the earliest. In our view, CH Karnchang has the biggest potential for this long-distance motorway project. If it wins the bid, this project will enhance its earnings visibility for FY22-24, and solve the issue of its low orderbook.</p>	BUY, TP: THB22.50

## Economic Research

### August Exports End 3-Month Double-Digit Decline

Economics View

- Thailand's exports were down 7.9% YoY in August, putting an end to the 3-month double-digit declines recorded since May. While this is the fourth consecutive month of decline, it is better than consensus estimates of -12.1% YoY, and vs July's -11.4% YoY contraction, supported by the easing of COVID-19 containment measures globally.
- Imports, however, remained in sharp contraction at -19.7% YoY, below consensus estimates of -19.3% YoY, indicating that the recovery ahead will be patchy.
- We expect real exports growth to contract by 18.3% YoY for 2020, as the recovery is likely to remain slow.

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### BoT Holds Rate Steady, Sees Stronger Fiscal Role Ahead

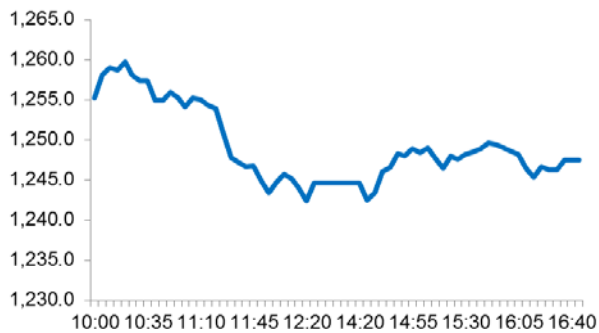
Economics View

- Bank of Thailand kept its policy rate unchanged at a record low of 0.5% yesterday to preserve its limited policy space. This allows fiscal policy to play a bigger role in driving the recovery ahead.
- The Monetary Policy Committee nudged up its GDP outlook slightly to -7.8% YoY this year from its previous 8.1% contraction, but cut growth in 2021 to 3.6% from 5% due to the slow recovery in foreign tourist arrivals.
- We expect the central bank to maintain its policy rate at 0.5% for the rest of 2020, as the current level already provides an extra accommodative monetary policy. Fiscal policy is likely to play a more crucial role in reviving the recovery, with the focus on jobs and economic restructuring.

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**Chart 1: SET intra-day graph**


	Index	Chg	Chg (%)	YTD (%)
<b>Thailand (SET)</b>	1247.46	-16.55	-1.31%	-21.0%
<b>Thailand (SET50)</b>	787.21	-15.09	-1.88%	-26.3%
<b>Thailand (SET100)</b>	1768.11	-30.98	-1.72%	-24.5%
<b>USA (Dow Jones)</b>	26815.44	52.31	0.20%	-6.0%
<b>USA (S&amp;P500)</b>	3246.59	9.67	0.30%	0.5%
<b>USA (Nasdaq)</b>	10672.27	39.28	0.37%	18.9%
<b>UK (FTSE)</b>	5822.78	-76.48	-1.30%	-22.8%
<b>Singapore (FSSTI)</b>	2450.82	-30.32	-1.22%	-24.0%
<b>Hong Kong (Hang Seng)</b>	23311.07	-431.44	-1.82%	-17.3%
<b>Japan (Nikkei)</b>	23211.34	-135.15	-0.58%	-1.9%
<b>Malaysia (KLCI)</b>	1500.80	4.32	0.29%	-5.5%
<b>China (SHANGHAI SE)</b>	3223.18	-56.53	-1.72%	5.7%
<b>Indonesia (JCI)</b>	4842.76	-75.20	-1.53%	-23.1%

**Foreign Exchange Rates / Oil Market**

USD	Closed	Chg	Chg (%)
Baht (Onshore)	31.55	-0.04	0.12
Yen	105.48	0.07	-0.07
Euro	1.17	0.00	-0.03
<b>Oil Price (USD/barrel)</b>			
Brent	41.19	0.09	0.22
Nymex-Crude Light	40.25	-0.06	-0.15

Note: \*As at 24 Sep 2020 closing

**Table 1: Key market indices (25 Sep 2020)**

SET	2018	2019	2020F	2021F
PE (x)	16.25	18.02	21.51	16.46
P/BV (x)	1.74	1.71	1.40	1.35
Yield (%)	3.35	3.26	2.71	3.10

SET Value by investor Type: Daily	Sell (THBm) Net (THBm)		
Institution	5,087.32	7,693.21	-2,605.89
Proprietary	6,587.61	6,917.64	-330.03
Foreign	20,360.52	21,643.40	-1,282.89
Retail	24,195.39	19,976.58	4,218.81

SET Value by investor Type	MTD (THBm)	YTD (THBm)
Institution	-13,475.62	67,571.18
Proprietary	2,039.67	2,024.31
Foreign	-15,601.25	-270,085.95
Retail	27,037.20	200,490.45

SET50 Index Future	Long	Short	Net	MTD	YTD
Institution	50,470	51,699	-1,229	-7,665	-7,421
Foreign	156,028	160,141	-4,113	-30,357	77,369
Local	129,413	124,071	5,342	38,022	-69,948

Foreign Fund Flows (USDm)	MTD	YTD	YoY		
Thailand	-40.6	-174.6	-498.3	-8508.1	-7491.6

Note: \*As at 24 Sep 2020 closing

**Top BUYs**

	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
<b>Advance Info Service (ADVANC TB)</b>	220.00	28.65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outlook should continue to recover with cost management on focus. While we expect the normalisation of prepaid segment demand, subs acquisition activities and easing competition to gradually drive topline to recovery in 2H20, we think a value-to-money strategy through a bundling package should continue to yield additional revenue to the group</li> <li>The toning down of capex guidance should ease investor concern over the imminent margins pressure. We expect the impact from the roll-out of 5G network to be limited, as it should be partially absorbed by network cost saving initiative, staggered payment profile, and tax incentive scheme</li> </ul>
<b>Bangkok Chain Hospital (BCH TB)</b>	17.50	19.86	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We still expect to see robust COVID-19 screening services demand throughout 2H20 on the continuous return of students studying abroad, migrant workers, and business travellers after border restrictions are relaxed. The doubling of its capacity under the alternative state quarantine should boost upside from this new revenue stream and bolster FY20 earnings</li> <li>We expect to see strong 2H20 recovery in SSO revenue, driven by the resumption of pent-up demand from high-cost care, trauma, and dental services. We also think global budget disbursements could bring further upsides this year, thanks to relatively lower insured patients traffic during COVID-19</li> </ul>
<b>Berli Jucker (BJC TB)</b>	45.00	23.29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving sales for Berli Jucker's modern retail business, based on full-quarter operations in 3Q20 for the non-food segment, and smaller B2B sales. These factors should also benefit profit margins</li> <li>Average occupancy rates at Big C's leasable areas rebounded to &gt;90% from an 83% bottom in April, with less rental rate discounts given to tenants, as the bulk of its malls are in non-tourist destinations</li> <li>Non-retailing businesses (c.30% of sales) remain in an uptrend</li> </ul>
<b>Central Pattana (CPN TB)</b>	56.00	33.33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving operations at most of CPN's malls nationwide, in terms of tenants' business resumption and customer traffic. This may help it pare down discounts it gave on rental rates</li> <li>CPN's opening of its Ayutthaya mall may be postponed from 1H21 to 2H21, while schedules for other three new mall openings remain unchanged over 2H21F-2023F</li> <li>Quarterly earnings may pick up throughout 3Q20F-4Q20F. Its current FY21F P/E also looks undemanding, which should make the stock an attractive long-term investment</li> </ul>
<b>Charoen Pokphand Foods (CPF TB)</b>	38.00	34.51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The farm unit should continue to outperform. While we expect to see a resilient recovery in broiler export volumes – on demand resumption from Europe and Japan – the Brazilian broiler products ban imposed by several nations on food safety concerns should create positive momentum for CPF's broiler unit in 2H20</li> <li>We keep our positive view for the swine unit and expect it to stay on the uptrend cycle. This is on solid demand from Asian states with lower production outputs from their key suppliers</li> <li>The pending acquisition of Tesco stores here and in Malaysia – awaiting Office of Trade Competition Commission approval in 4Q20 – could boost local sales via future hypermarket distribution channels</li> </ul>
<b>CP All (CPALL TB)</b>	77.00	26.75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2H20, we expect a gradual recovery of convenience stores sales in 2H20, as a V-shaped recovery, while Siam Makro's operations remain solid</li> <li>As it has the most extensive store network, CP All may strongly benefit the new normal in terms of facilitating delivery of products and services through its developing omni-channel platform</li> <li>Still the best-in-class retailer with intact new store opening plan. Expect full-year earnings returning to pre-pandemic levels in 2021</li> </ul>
<b>Osotspa (OSP TB)</b>	49.00	38.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The unlocking of sales and margins from two new production lines for C-Vitt and the new beverage filling plant in Myanmar will boost Osotspa's 2H20F earnings and keep FY20F profit growth at 15%</li> <li>OSP's energy drinks market share gain locally should limit the impact of a consumption slowdown to sales in the short term. New product launches would be another topline support in 2H20F. Cost savings and production efficiency enhancement regarding its Fit-Fast-Firm corporate campaign are also intact, and the benefits are likely to accelerate in the latter half this year</li> <li>Such the business expansion and operational plans should allow OSP to keep its resilient growth outlook in a longer term</li> </ul>

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<b>PTT Exploration &amp; Production (PTTEP TB)</b>	108.00	34.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTT Exploration &amp; 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</li> <li>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</li> <li>We expect sales volume to be boosted YOY on recent acquisitions (Murphy and Partex). We are also positive on its SK410B natural gas find in Malaysia, which may be fast-tracked into development</li> </ul>
<b>Siam Cement (SCC TB)</b>	440.00	36.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are three growth drivers, including an upcycle of petrochemical spreads, a series of new infrastructure projects to start the construction process, and growth expansion in the packaging business especially after SCG Packaging raises funds from its IPO</li> <li>Its earnings going forward should rely mainly on petrochemical unit's performance normalising to lower levels in 2H20 and growing stronger on a full-year basis in FY21</li> </ul>
<b>Supalai (SPALI TB)</b>	19.40	25.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earnings should improve significantly in 2H20, with four condominium projects starting to be transferred during this period. The revenue from these projects should enhance revenue growth and GPM in 2H20.</li> <li>Revenue upside could emerge if Supalai is able to transfer its mega-size Supalai Oriental Sukhumvit 39 condominium project, which is valued at THB10bn, within 4Q20.</li> <li>Consistent earnings growth in FY21F-22F is supported by orderbook of THB12-14bn per year to be recognised in the next two years. In addition, we expect the company to enjoy the advantages of being a well-known developer in the low-rise project segment.</li> </ul>

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