

Thailand Morning Cuppa – Mid-Morning Edition

This report is an update of the “Thailand Morning Cuppa” we provided earlier today.

Bulletin Update

STOCK/SECTOR	NEWS	COMMENT	RATING
Bangkok Expressway and Metro (BEM TB)	<p>Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand Deputy Governor (Engineering & Construction) and Project Director Kittikorn Tanpao said the Emergency Decree on Government Administration in Emergency Situations BE No. 25 dated 26 Jun – which determines the control and prevention of COVID-19 among construction workers in Bangkok and its vicinities, as well as the announcement of construction site closures, modifications, or demolitions of buildings or construction areas – has become effective for a 1-month period as at 28 Jun. Contractors involved in the construction of three mass rapid transit (MRT) projects – the Orange (Thailand Cultural Centre-Min Buri), Pink (Khae Rai-Min Buri), and Yellow Lines (Lat Phrao-Samrong), which have progressed to almost 80% levels and are currently in the decoration, architectural works, and mechanical & engineering (M&E) system installation phases – have to comply with this emergency decree. These contractors now have to temporarily close their workers’ camps and construction areas.</p> <p>BTS Group (BTS TB, NR) Director Surapong Laoha-Unya said the construction progress of the Pink and Yellow Line MRT projects are currently at 70-80%, while civil-construction works have already been completed – the construction process has come down to installing M&E systems and architectural decorations at the MRT stations. Based on this new order, the test-run process for its monorail trains will now be postponed till end 2021 for the Yellow Line and Mar-Apr 2022 for the Pink Line. This will be due to the closure of workers’ camps in Bangkok and its vicinities. BTS is currently undertaking test runs of its monorail trains at its depot. Plans to undertake tests on the actual routes in July are now postponed. <i>(Bangkokbiznews)</i></p>	<p>Based on the Government's order to halt construction sites in Bangkok and its vicinities to curb COVID-19 case numbers, construction activities – especially for MRT projects – have become inevitable major targets for this government action. This is given the large-scale use of manpower for infrastructure works, which heightens the risk of spreading COVID-19.</p> <p>The two monorail MRT projects – the Pink and Yellow Lines – may be delayed in terms of finishing works and M&E system tests despite the civil-construction works having already been completed. Under the current circumstances, we expect the impact from halting construction site operations may be less worrisome than in other projects, given that progress at these sites have approached the 80% mark. However, there will be a minor delay of 1-2 months as a result of this government order, given that BTS has to postpone the test-run process. This should not threaten the master plan for these projects, as full-network operations are still slated to open in FY22.</p> <p>For BTS, its major revenue from the development of these two monorail projects will not be largely affected by the delays. Bangkok Expressway and Metro’s (BEM) Blue Line MRT, which is expected to benefit from additional passengers being funnelled through these two monorail networks, will not be largely affected either. We retain our call and TP for BEM.</p>	BUY, TP: THB10.40

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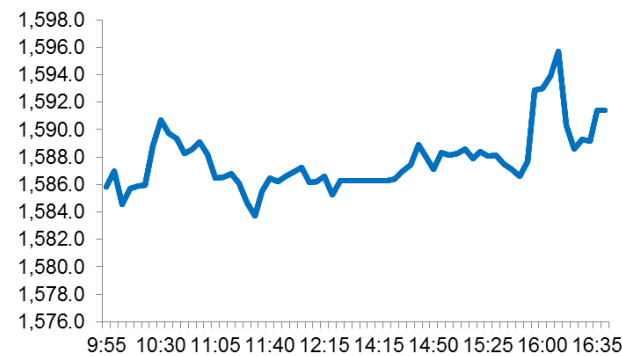
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Chart 1: SET intra-day graph



SET	2019	2020	2021F	2022F
PE (x)	18.02	25.96	19.05	16.59
P/BV (x)	1.71	1.61	1.76	1.68
Yield (%)	3.28	3.26	2.63	2.88

SET Value by investor Type: Daily	Buy (THBm)	Sell (THBm)	Net (THBm)
Institution	6,453.98	5,369.75	1,084.23
Proprietary	8,585.01	9,301.25	-716.25
Foreign	32,148.86	32,578.27	-429.42
Retail	31,851.53	31,790.10	61.43

SET Value by investor Type	MTD (THBm)	YTD (THBm)
Institution	-4,888.96	-41,537.48
Proprietary	3,791.72	5,962.11
Foreign	-6,155.59	-72,365.48
Retail	7,252.84	107,940.85

SET50 Index Future	Long	Short	Net	MTD	YTD
Institution	33,766	37,284	-3,518	1,945	39,624
Foreign	89,925	90,089	-164	-48,139	-21,318
Local	105,567	101,885	3,682	46,194	-18,306

Foreign Fund Flows (USDm)	MTD	YTD	YoY		
Thailand	-13.5	-52.9	-192.2	-2347.2	6005.0

Note: *As at 29 Jun 2021 closing

Table 1: Key market indices (30 Jun 2021)

	Index	Chg	Chg (%)	YTD (%)
Thailand (SET)	1591.43	12.26	0.78%	9.8%
Thailand (SET50)	957.39	7.13	0.75%	5.2%
Thailand (SET100)	2184.92	15.79	0.73%	7.3%
USA (Dow Jones)	34292.29	9.02	0.03%	12.0%
USA (S&P500)	4291.80	1.19	0.03%	14.3%
USA (Nasdaq)	14528.33	27.82	0.19%	12.7%
UK (FTSE)	7087.55	14.58	0.21%	9.7%
Singapore (FSSTI)	3089.49	-37.39	-1.20%	8.6%
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	28994.10	-274.20	-0.94%	6.5%
Japan (Nikkei)	28812.61	-235.41	-0.81%	5.0%
Malaysia (KLCI)	1548.31	3.60	0.23%	-4.8%
China (SHANGHAI SE)	3573.18	-33.19	-0.92%	2.9%
Indonesia (JCI)	5949.05	9.58	0.16%	-0.5%

Foreign Exchange Rates / Oil Market

USD	Closed	Chg	Chg (%)
Baht (Onshore)	32.12	0.03	-0.08
Yen	110.51	-0.02	0.02
Euro	1.19	0.00	0.05
Oil Price (USD/barrel)			
Brent	75.08	0.73	0.98
Nymex-Crude Light	73.48	0.50	0.69

Note: *As at 29 Jun 2021 closing

Top BUYs

	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
Airports of Thailand (AOT TB)	73.50	17.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2QFY21F's performance may be the weakest of the year, before gradually improving with smaller losses throughout 2HFY21, while an earnings turnaround in FY22 may also support AOT's long-term outlook. • Local aviation sees favourable recovery: its domestic recovery may approach pre-pandemic levels by FY23, a year ahead of the international side. • The Government's latest approval for Phase 3 of the "We Travel Together" local tourism stimulus campaign, from May to August, may be a catalyst and boost flight numbers. • As the first-tier tourism player, AOT may strongly underpin the revival of the tourism industry, while the weakening short-term sentiment and earnings present investors with an opportunity to BUY.
Bangkok Bank (BBL TB)	153.00	34.80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of Thailand's large banks which operates its business conservatively but surely. • BBL has less NPL risks than peers due to its high exposure to corporate customers (c.40% of total loans) which are robust than other groups. This is also the reason why the bank has lowest proportion of customers under debt relief measures among peers. • BBL's strong capital ratio and manageable NPL level are enable it to ready to pay normal dividend without any concerns except the BoT's regulations. • FY21 earnings is expected to recover strongly YoY, underpinned by a decrease in provisions, improved cost structure, continued loan growth (mainly from corporate and international loans), and a rebound in fee incomes. • Undemanding valuation with current P/BV at 0.5x.
Central Pattana (CPN TB)	61.00	14.55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving sentiment for its retail mall operations, based on indirect benefits from the year-end tax rebate for shopping campaigns. • Rental rate discounts may marginally improve, with no material impact from temporary political rallies, on store traffic. • Efficient cost control measures have lowered its variable and fixed costs, mainly utility and marketing expenses, while profit margins are likely on the uptrend on the back of reviving retail mall operations. • Residential business sees stronger sales momentum in 4Q20 – the industry's high season – based on more high-rise unit transfers, along with low-rise projects in Bangkok and upcountry.
Charoen Pokphand Foods (CPF TB)	38.00	44.76	<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 supermarket 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.
CP All (CPALL TB)	75.00	25.52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V-shaped earnings recovery, with continued opening of new stores, while Siam Makro's operations remain solid. • As it has the most extensive store network, CPALL may strongly benefit the new normal in terms of facilitating delivery of products and services through its developing omni-channel platform. • Still the best-in-class retailer with intact new store opening plan. Expect full-year earnings returning to pre-pandemic levels in 2021. • To finance the acquisition of Tesco Lotus with a combination of debt and perpetual debentures to balance its leverage.
Home Product Center (HMPRO TB)	17.00	18.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expecting normalising earnings in FY21 – to be supported by full-year operations of all stores and retail malls vs a temporary closure from late March to mid-May, with profit margins approaching pre-pandemic levels. • HMPRO's investment in Vietnam may strongly benefit growing urbanisation and a potential rise in the construction sector. • Quarterly earnings momentum will continue its upward trajectory in 1Q21. • Rapid improvement in sustainability development may allow the stock to continue trading at a premium.

Top BUYs

	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
Krung Thai Bank (KTB TB)	14.30	34.91	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The laggard of the sector with undemanding valuation plus an earnings recovery. Outstanding loan proportion from corporate and government & state-owned enterprise customers (43% of total loans). Public investment via Gov.'s disbursement scheme should help to drawdown loans from KTB. FY21F earnings is set to rebound like other banks, mainly on lower set of provisions, improved fee incomes, while its NII is likely to maintain following a gradual rise in loan offsetting lower NIM. The valuation is compelling with current P/BV at 0.4x.
Muangthai Capital (MTC TB)	73.00	25.86	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the leaders in microfinance market which provides a variety of loan products. Ample opportunities to grow through the ocean of untapped customers who cannot reach credits from traditional banks. Management's extensive experiences, aggressive new branch expansion, well-known brand will be the keys to drive robust earnings over other players. FY21-23 earnings are expected to grow CAGR of 20%, driven by a growth in loan, lower CIR, sustained NIM, and controlled asset quality. The continued economic recovery should gradually help to improve loan demand, credit cost, and asset quality. TIDLOR's IPO plan in early-May 21 would be the short-term catalyst to drive MTC's share price.
PTT (PTT TB)	51.50	30.38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We expect strong earnings rebound in 2021 in tandem with economic recovery, on the back of gradual global vaccination rollout. E&P arm will benefit from higher oil prices while the refineries and petrochemical arms will see pick-up in refined product spreads and wider petrochemical spreads. PTT is targeting to increase its renewable energy capacity to 3GW by 2025, with the primary focus on solar and wind in countries such as China, Vietnam, Taiwan and India.
Siam Cement (SCC TB)	500.00	16.28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Petrochemicals is currently in an upcycle. HDPE-naphtha spread in 1Q21 should remain as high as levels recorded in 4Q20, while the polypropylene-naphtha spread reached another high in 1Q21. SCC's polyolefin sales volumes returned to normal levels after the turnaround of the Map Ta Phut olefin cracker was completed in 4Q20. The improvement in cement & building materials business should be noticeable in 1Q21, with cement demand growing 1-2% in Thailand. This would be due to stronger demand from the residential property sector in provincial areas, and continuously solid demand stemming from government infrastructure projects. FY21 will start out with strong earnings growth in 1Q21, while the petrochemical division may be driven by higher production volume after de-bottlenecking the Map Ta Phut olefin cracker finishing 2Q21. For 2H21, we expect a brighter outlook for the cement & building materials business especially in ASEAN countries, when construction activities resume to normal.

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