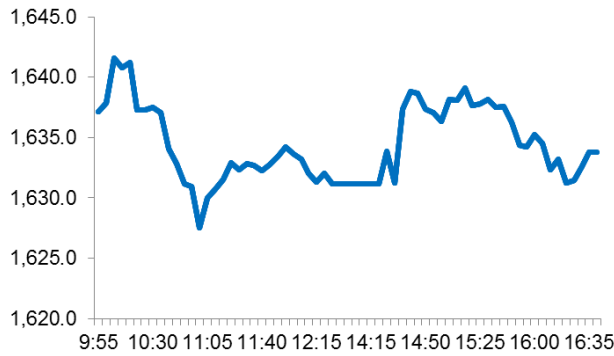


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## Top Story & Bulletins

STOCK/SECTOR	NEWS	COMMENT	RATING																																				
BTS Holdings (BTS TB) Group	<p>BBL Asset Management, as the management company of the BTS Rail Mass Transit Growth Infrastructure Fund (BTSGIF), has report the ridership numbers for the core network between the Mo Chit-On Nut and National Stadium-Saphan Taksin Stations during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ridership</th> <th>Million trips</th> <th>% MoM change</th> <th>% YoY change</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>January</td> <td>7.0</td> <td>(43.5%)</td> <td>(66.5%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February</td> <td>8.9</td> <td>+27.7%</td> <td>(50.3%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March</td> <td>12.5</td> <td>+40/3%</td> <td>+6.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April</td> <td>6.7</td> <td>(46.4%)</td> <td>+93.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May</td> <td>4.2</td> <td>(37.2%)</td> <td>(23.8%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June</td> <td>5.3</td> <td>+26.6%</td> <td>(43.9%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July</td> <td>3.4</td> <td>(35.5%)</td> <td>(71.1%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August</td> <td>2.8</td> <td>(19.8%)</td> <td>(79.2%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(SET)</p>	Ridership	Million trips	% MoM change	% YoY change	January	7.0	(43.5%)	(66.5%)	February	8.9	+27.7%	(50.3%)	March	12.5	+40/3%	+6.9%	April	6.7	(46.4%)	+93.6%	May	4.2	(37.2%)	(23.8%)	June	5.3	+26.6%	(43.9%)	July	3.4	(35.5%)	(71.1%)	August	2.8	(19.8%)	(79.2%)	<p>Similar to other mass rapid transit (MRT) networks – especially the Blue and Green Lines, which have been the core networks for Bangkok and its vicinities (they were also the hardest hit by the pandemic) – BTS Group’s ridership in August dampened to a new low, as it averaged less than 100,000 trips per day. Although it cannot be guaranteed that the numbers in August will be the lowest during this pandemic crisis, ridership numbers in September should improve MoM, as the Government has relaxed lockdown restrictions as of 1 Sep.</p> <p>Nevertheless, the Government has continued to maintain curfew measures for Bangkok and its vicinities, and public commuter services remain limited in terms of operating times. In the meantime, we still cannot discount the risk of stringent lockdown measures being re-imposed if new COVID-19 cases spike up again.</p> <p>However, we believe ridership in September should still be much lower than Sep 2020 (450k per day), and BTS’ 2Q22 core earnings prospects – the July-September period – from the MRT business, which will be contributed by BTSGIF, will be impacted by this trough level. In addition, we expect this prolonged pandemic will not bode well for two new MRT routes under the group’s concession management – ie the Yellow and Pink Lines – that will commence the operation in FY22. We do not cover BTS at this time.</p>	NOT RATED
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**Chart 1: SET intra-day graph**


SET	2019	2020	2021F	2022F
PE (x)	18.02	25.96	19.26	17.12
P/BV (x)	1.71	1.61	1.82	1.74
Yield (%)	3.28	3.26	2.52	2.74

SET Value by investor Type: Daily	Buy	Sell	Net
	(THBm)	(THBm)	(THBm)
Institution	6,031.10	5,041.65	989.45
Proprietary	9,243.32	8,982.78	260.55
Foreign	34,580.77	34,065.69	515.08
Retail	36,304.78	38,069.86	-1,765.08

SET Value by investor Type	MTD	YTD
	(THBm)	(THBm)
Institution	-3,766.99	-29,384.32
Proprietary	-299.57	11,049.80
Foreign	8,424.33	-79,418.23
Retail	-4,357.77	97,752.73

SET50 Index Future	Long	Short	Net	MTD	YTD
	Institution	39,495	38,435	1,060	-1,178
Foreign	70,819	77,047	-6,228	-11,646	35,970
Local	112,306	107,138	5,168	12,824	-71,813

Foreign Fund Flows (USDm)			MTD	YTD	YoY
	Thailand	15.8	15.8	257.8	-2557.6

Note: \*As at 13 Sep 2021 closing

**Table 1: Key market indices (14 Sep 2021)**

	Index	Chg	Chg (%)	YTD (%)
Thailand (SET)	1633.76	-1.59	-0.10%	12.7%
Thailand (SET50)	981.52	-3.77	-0.38%	7.8%
Thailand (SET100)	2233.47	-6.22	-0.28%	9.6%
USA (Dow Jones)	34869.63	261.91	0.76%	13.9%
USA (S&P500)	4468.73	10.15	0.23%	19.0%
USA (Nasdaq)	15105.58	-9.91	-0.07%	17.2%
UK (FTSE)	7068.43	39.23	0.56%	9.4%
Singapore (FSSTI)	3074.31	-24.49	-0.79%	8.1%
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	25813.81	-392.10	-1.50%	-5.2%
Japan (Nikkei)	30447.37	65.53	0.22%	10.9%
Malaysia (KLCI)	1570.13	-5.84	-0.37%	-3.5%
China (SHANGHAI SE)	3715.37	12.26	0.33%	7.0%
Indonesia (JCI)	6088.16	-6.72	-0.11%	1.8%

Foreign Exchange Rates / Oil Market			
USD	Closed	Chg	Chg (%)
Baht (Onshore)	32.86	-0.01	0.02
Yen	110.00	0.01	-0.01
Euro	1.18	0.00	-0.03
Oil Price (USD/barrel)			
Brent	73.48	0.00	0.00
Nymex-Crude Light	70.64	0.19	0.27

Note: \*As at 13 Sep 2021 closing

**Top BUYs**

	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
<b>Airports of Thailand (AOT TB)</b>	73.50	18.55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3QFY21 (Sep) is likely the weakest quarter, as domestic aviation has led AOT's performance and the severe COVID-19 third wave may dampen local tourism activities. Cost optimisation efforts have been implemented effectively since 3QFY20, but variable expenses rose in tandem with a recovery in aeronautical activities post lockdown</li> <li>Regarding the Government's border re-opening scheme from Jul 2021 onwards, we expect some positive sentiment on the Phuket Sandbox Model towards AOT, as Phuket International Airport is its third-largest property</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
<b>Home Product Center (HMPRO TB)</b>	16.40	16.31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>HMPRO's investment in Vietnam may strongly benefit growing urbanisation and a potential rise in the construction sector</li> <li>Quarterly earnings momentum will continue its upward trajectory in 1Q21</li> <li>Rapid improvement in sustainability development may allow the stock to continue trading at a premium</li> </ul>
<b>Kasikornbank (KBANK TB)</b>	150.00	22.95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of opening theme plays, given the highest exposure to the small &amp; medium enterprise or SME portion among the banks we cover or TH Banks</li> <li>Investors should look forward to an eventual recovery, as the recovery in the short term is likely to be uneven and take time before reaching pre-COVID-19 levels</li> <li>The bank trends to disrupt itself with new technologies. We believe this strategy will help the bank to improve profitability and quality in the long run</li> <li>FY21F earnings outlook is forecasted to rebound 8.5% in line with sector earnings. This is due to lower provisions and a rebound in net fees income</li> <li>Our valuation is conservative and its share price is trading below -1SD from the historical mean, which is compelling</li> </ul>
<b>PTT Exploration &amp; Production (PTTEP TB)</b>	132.00	22.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We like PTTEP as a good proxy to stronger commodity prices</li> <li>2Q21 earnings are expected to register stronger results on the back of stronger sales volumes and crude prices</li> </ul>
<b>PTT Global Chemical (PTTGC TB)</b>	73.00	20.66	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bumper 1H21 earnings expected from robust petrochemical product spreads to translate into a strong FY21F rebound in YoY performance</li> <li>Current uptrend in oil prices also expected to see PTTGC regain its gas-based crackers' relative cost advantage over industry peers operating naphtha-based crackers</li> </ul>
<b>Siam Cement (SCC TB)</b>	500.00	19.62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>The improvement in cement &amp; 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</li> <li>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 &amp; building materials business especially in ASEAN, when construction activities resume to normal</li> </ul>
<b>Tisco Financial (TISCO TB)</b>	111.00	20.33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superior asset quality to peers and strong capital base – highest among TH Banks – made TISCO deserve to trade at premium valuation.</li> <li>Its c.7% dividend yield is compelling and relatively highest among TH Banks, with full-year payment basis.</li> <li>We believe TISCO's conservative strategy amidst the pandemic will be proper, allowing the bank to survive post COVID-19</li> <li>FY21 earnings is expected to rebound 7%YoY mainly on lower provisions and a rebound in net fees income, despite moderated NII and a slight increase in overheads</li> </ul>

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