

# **Thailand Morning Cuppa – Mid-Morning Edition**

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

## **Story Update**

## **Banks (NEUTRAL)**

3Q21 Preview: Twilight Before The Dawn

Sector Update

Barring a resurgence in COVID-19 cases, we believe the 3Q21 results season for the banks under our coverage (TH Banks) will be FY21's weakest. We think sector earnings will rise 18% YoY but fall 24% QoQ. We expect to see a gradual recovery path from here. With expectations of improving activities and policy rates having bottomed, we think investors should look at the eventual recovery and gain satisfying returns then. TH Banks are still lagging behind the SET and regional banks. Still sector NEUTRAL; Top Picks: Kasikornbank and Siam Commercial Bank.

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Previous Report: Banks: Additional Measures To Help (23 Aug 2021)

## **Top Story**

AP (Thailand) (AP TB, BUY, TP: THB9.12) Another Applause For 3Q21 Presales; BUY

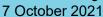
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Today's Report: AP (Thailand): Another Applause For 3Q21 Presales; BUY (7 Oct 2021)

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#### Chart 1: SET intra-day graph 1,635.0 1,630.0 1,625.0 1,620.0 1,615.0 1,610.0 9:55 10:30 11:05 11:40 12:15 14:15 14:50 15:25 16:00 16:35 PE (x) P/BV (x) Yield (%) 18.02 25.96 18.72 16.43 1.71 1.71 3.28 1.61 1.80 2.56 3.26 Buy SET Value by investor Type: Daily 5,874.76 6,055.82 Institution -181.05 9,733.89 -452.72 Proprietary 9,281.17 40,560.91 41,823.96 -1,263.05 Foreign Retail 41,942.25 40,045.43 1,896.82 MTD SET Value by investor Type (THBm) (THBm) 463.14 -40,478.95 Institution -589.61 12,137.85 Proprietary Foreign 927.50 -75,777.84 Retail -801.02 104,118.92 SET50 Index Futur MTD YTD Net 47,813 55,575 Institution 34,508 13,305 13,561 Foreign 69,405 80,023 -10,618 6,897 -10,089 99,749 102,436 -2,687 -20,458 -45,486 Foreign Fund Flows (USDm) Thailand MTD YTD YoY

	Index	Chg	Chg (%)	YTD (%
Thailand (SET)	1619.48	-4.76	-0.29%	11.7%
Thailand (SET50)	973.25	-5.61	-0.57%	6.9%
Thailand (SET100)	2217.77	-9.29	-0.42%	8.9%
USA (Dow Jones)	34416.99	102.32	0.30%	12.5%
USA (S&P500)	4363.55	17.83	0.41%	16.2%
JSA (Nasdag)	14501.91	68.08	0.47%	12.5%
UK (FTSE)	6995.87	-81.23	-1.15%	8.3%
Singapore (FSSTI)	3083.88	15.76	0.51%	8.4%
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	23966.49	-137.66	-0.57%	-12.0%
Japan (Nikkei)	27528.87	-530.81	-1.89%	0.3%
Malaysia (KLCI)	1559.42	29.00	1.89%	-4.2%
China (SHANGHAI SE)	3568.17	UNCHG	UNCHG	2.7%
ndonesia (JCI)	6417.32	129.27	2.06%	7.3%
Foreign Exchange Rates	/ Oil Marke	t		
JSD		Closed	Chg	Chg (%
Baht (Onshore)		33.83	0.01	-0.04
Yen Euro		111.35 1.16	-0.06 0.00	0.09
Dil Price (USD/barrel)		1.10	0.00	0.0.
Brent		81.49	0.32	0.39
Nymex-Crude Light		77.14	-0.29	-0.3

**Top BUYs** 

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	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
Airports of Thailand (AOT TB)	73.50	15.29	<ul> <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>
Home Product Center (HMPRO TB)	18.00	34.33	<ul> <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>
Kasikornbank (KBANK TB)	150.00	10.29	<ul> <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>
PTT Exploration & Production (PTTEP TB)	138.00	13.11	<ul> <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>
PTT Global Chemical (PTTGC TB)	73.00	13.18	<ul> <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>
Siam Cement (SCC TB)	500.00	26.58	<ul> <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>
Tisco Financial (TISCO TB)	111.00	20.65	<ul> <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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