

Thailand Market Strategy – Quake Impact

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Earthquake worsens already-fragile sentiment, but impact should be short term

The 8.2 magnitude earthquake in Myanmar at 1:20 PM last Friday was felt across many provinces of Thailand, with several aftershocks following. From past natural disaster events in Thailand over the last 30 years, it reflects a short-term impact on the stock market, except for the significant economic damage caused by the 2011 floods and the 2004 tsunami that affected the tourism sector. However, given the already weak investment sentiment, we expect the SET index to face short-term selling pressure, testing the previous low of 1,157+/- or a 2% decline from the closing price last Friday morning.

Limit of economic impact dependent upon severity and duration

Over the past 30 years, there have been 22 earthquakes with a magnitude greater than 5, which have had an average impact on the index of -0.6% or -10 points the next day. Even the five largest earthquakes in 2004 (9.2), 2007 (8.4), 2008 (7.8), 2009 (7.9), and 2012 (8.6), had an impact on the index, with the largest impact being -1.2% on the day after the event. The smallest impact was a return to positive by the end of the day (+0.1%). We also expect the economic impact of this earthquake to be limited, unlike the 2011 flood event, which lasted for about seven months. The SET dropped 24% or 272 points over three and a half months. The property sector saw a sharp decline of 15-20%, taking around two months to recover. The 2004 tsunami caused economic damage of approximately THB25b-30b (0.35% of GDP). The SETTOURISM index dropped by 3% and remained at a low level for two weeks, while the SET declined by only 1.2% over two days.

Property and tourism sectors to be negatively impacted

We anticipate a negative impact on the residential property and tourism sectors. The most negatively impacted should be property developers who focus on high-rise projects, including ORI, ANAN, NOBLE, ASW, and LPN. However, we expect players with a higher proportion of low-rise projects, such as BRI, LH, QH, SC, AP, and SPALI, to be less impacted. We expect demand for low-rise housing to increase, while buyers will likely avoid condos in the short term. We expect confidence to gradually recover over approximately six months. For the tourism sector, tourists may cancel or alter their travel plans, causing a short-term decline in bookings, though hotel occupancy in Bangkok remains normal for now.

Beneficiaries are home improvement, building material and engineer consultants

The groups that are likely to benefit from repairs include construction material and home improvement companies along with engineering consultants, such as SCC, SCCC, TPIPL, TOA, DPAINT, SCGD, HMPRO, GLOBAL, DOHOME, and TEAMG.



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Expect earthquake impact to be short term

A powerful earthquake measuring 8.2 in magnitude struck Myanmar at 1:20 PM last Friday and rippled across Thailand, marking the strongest quake in 13 years since the 8.6-magnitude earthquake in 2012, which was centered in northern Sumatra. The tremors were felt in several provinces across the southern and central regions. The 28-March earthquake was widely felt across almost all provinces in Thailand, followed by multiple aftershocks of decreasing intensity.

Historical data from the past 30 years indicate that natural disasters in Thailand have had short-term impacts on the stock market, except for the 2011 floods, which caused significant economic damage of approximately THB330b. The SET index dropped by 24% (272 points) over three and a half months. Similarly, the late 2004 tsunami caused economic losses of around THB25b-30b (0.35% of GDP), with the tourism industry being the hardest hit. The SETTOURISM index declined by 3% and remained low for two weeks, while the SET index fell only 1.2% over two days.

Although Thailand does not frequently experience major earthquakes, historical records indicate that the country remains in a risk-prone area. In the past 30 years, there have been 22 earthquakes of magnitude 5 or higher, impacting the SET index by an average of -0.6% (-10 points) on the following day. Among the five most severe earthquakes – 2004 (9.2 magnitude), 2007 (8.4 magnitude), 2008 (7.8 magnitude), 2009 (7.9 magnitude), and 2012 (8.6 magnitude) – the maximum one-day impact on the index was -1.2%, while the smallest impact saw the index recovering by +0.1% by the end of the day.

However, given the already weak investment sentiment, we expect the SET index to face short-term selling pressure, testing the previous low of 1,157+/- or a 2% decline from the closing price last Friday morning.

Exhibit 1: Significant earthquake statistics affecting Thailand over the past 30 years

Date	Magnitude	Impacted Area	SET Index impact	Index change from previous close to next day's low	
			(%)	(points)	
25 January 1995	5.0	Chiang Rai	(0.3%)	(3)	
12 July 1995	7.2	Myanmar, felt in Upper Northern Thailand and high-rise buildings in (0.7%) Bangkok		(14)	
9 December 1995	5.1	Phrae	(0.6%)	(10)	
21 December 1995	5.2	Chiang Rai	(0.2%)	(8)	
11 November 1996	6.5	Myanmar, felt in Chiang Rai	(2.1%)	(24)	
22 December 1996	5.5	Thailand-Laos-Myanmar border	0.4%	(27)	
29 June 1999	5.6	Myanmar, felt in Chiang Rai	(2.7%)	(18)	
22 January 2003	7.0	Sumatra Island, felt in high-rise buildings in Bangkok and the South	(0.7%)	(4)	
22 September 2003	6.7	Myanmar, felt in Chiang Mai and high-rise buildings in Bangkok	(0.9%)	(7)	
26 December 2004	9.2	Sumatra Island, Indonesia; tremors felt in almost all southern provinces and many high-rise buildings in Bangkok; triggered a tsunami – more than 5,000 people died	(1.2%)	(9)	
16 May 2007	6.1	Laos-Myanmar border, felt in the North and high-rise buildings in Bangkok	0.4%	(10)	
12 September 2007	8.4	Southern Sumatra, felt in high-rise buildings in Bangkok	0.1%	1	
12 May 2008	7.8	Sichuan Province, China, felt in several high-rise buildings in Bangkok – in China, approximately 20,000 people died	(-0.9%) (2 days)	(9)	
30 September 2009	7.9	Central Sumatra, felt in high-rise buildings in Bangkok	0.2%	(7)	
24 March 2011	6.8	Myanmar, near Chiang Rai	0.7%	(5)	
11 April 2012	8.6	Northwestern coast of Sumatra, felt in several provinces in South and Central Thailand	(1.0%)	(14)	
5 May 2014*	6.3	Chiang Rai	(1.2%)	(14)	
24 August 2016	6.8	Myanmar, felt in Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, and Bangkok	(0.2%)	(9)	
16 April 2020	6.1	Myanmar, felt in Bangkok	(2.9%)	(36)	
29 July 2021	6.4	Myanmar, felt in multiple provinces including Bangkok	(1.0%) (2 days)	(20)	
22 July 2022	6.4	Myanmar, felt in multiple provinces including Bangkok	0.4%	(4)	
17 November 2023	6.4	Myanmar, felt in multiple provinces in the North including Bangkok	0.0%	(9)	
		Average	(0.6%)	(-10)	
28 March 2025	8.2	Myanmar, felt in almost all regions across Thailand	?	?	

^{*} Note: The SET index in May 2014 declined due to the political unrest prior to the coup.

Sources: Department of Mineral Resources, Thai Meteorological Department, Earthquake Observation Division, FSSIA's compilation

Property, tourism sectors negatively impacted; home improvement to benefit

We also expect the economic impact of this earthquake to be minimal, unlike the 2011 floods, which lasted around seven months, affected all 77 provinces, and impacted seven industrial estates (accounting for 17% of national production). The floods also damaged 11.2m rai of agricultural land, leading to a 4.0% y-y decline in 4Q11 GDP, bringing the full-year growth down to +0.8% y-y from +7.5% y-y in 2010. As a result, the Bank of Thailand cut interest rates twice – by 0.25% (to 3.25%) in November 2011 and another 0.25% (to 3.00%) in January 2012. In contrast, the 2004 tsunami did not significantly impact GDP.

However, images of collapsed buildings in Bangkok have raised concerns about the structural integrity of high-rise buildings. Thailand first introduced earthquake-resistant building regulations in 1997 and later updated them twice. The 2007 ministerial regulations extended enforcement to Bangkok and surrounding provinces, including Nonthaburi, Pathum Thani, Samut Prakan, and Samut Sakhon, requiring all buildings in risk-prone areas to be designed to withstand seismic forces. The 2021 ministerial regulations further mandated that all buildings in Bangkok and major cities at risk of earthquakes must be designed for seismic resistance. We have compiled the survey findings on the impact in Exhibit 2.

Sector/Stocks	Impact				
(-) Banking	We expect more pressure from the Bank of Thailand (BOT) about the potential further interest rate cut to stimulate the overall economy and forbearance measures to help debtors, especially for mortgage loans in Bangkok. These could affect banks' profitability, especially NIM and credit cost.				
	During the weekend, the BOT as well as many commercial banks and state banks issued their forbearance guidelines after the earthqua incident for the next 3 to 12 months. These include lowering monthly minimum repayments for credit cards; emergency credit lines for personal loans and auto title loans; 3 to 6-month debt moratorium for mortgages and SMEs with severe damage; and lower debt repayment amounts.				
	BOT has allowed the relaxation of loan staging for those loans with severe impact and successful restructuring with the measures above				
	Residential rehabilitation could boost the pent-up demand for loans, but is not likely to lead to significant growth, we believe. Rather, we expect significant loan forbearance among major lenders for mortgages like SCB, KBANK, KTB and TTB.				
(0) Non-life insurance	The Office of the Insurance Commission (OIC) has found that the collapsed State Audit Office (SAO) building was insured with a coverage amount exceeding THB2.2b. However, the exact extent of the damage has yet to be assessed. The insurance was provided by four companies: Dhipaya Insurance Public Company Limited (TIPH), Bangkok Insurance Public Company Limited (BKI), Indhra Insurance Public Company Limited (INSURE), and Viriyah Insurance. Additionally, the companies have reinsurance arrangements abroad to mana risks and maintain strong financial capital.				
	We expect that TIPH will face high claims expenses from the building collapse, with an estimated liability of 40% of the insured amount (or THB880m), while BKI's liability is estimated at 25% of the insured amount (or THB550m).				
(-) HP truck operators	We expect some pent-up demand for truck logistics in Thailand as the country begins its post-earthquake rebuilding efforts. However, unlike Myanmar, the impact in Thailand is relatively less severe. As a result, we expect the primary demand driver to be the transportation of construction materials, rather than clearing debris or moving heavy machinery, due to the minimal impact on infrastructure.				
	We also believe that the demand for trucks will be short-lived, covering only the repair of damage period. Looking forward, we foresee further downside risks, including:				
	(1) Less incentive to build more condominiums as supply floods the market from distressed sellers, lowering truck logistics demand;(2) Construction projects planned in 2Q could be delayed as a result of the earthquake leading to a subsequent decline in demand for trucks.				
(-) Tourism	Tourists may be concerned about safety during travel and may cancel or change their travel plans. However, according to our survey of hotels in Bangkok, we found that bookings are still normal, with no significant cancellations. That said, tourist bookings may slow down in the short term.				
(-) Property	The overall sales of residential projects, especially in Bangkok, are expected to slow down in the short term as sentiment declines and buyers delay their decisions. We anticipate that developers with significant portfolios in high-rise condos, which account for 80-90% of to presales and a large number of ready-to-move condo inventories, such as ORI, NOBLE, and ANANDA, will be the most negatively affected.				
	Although ASW's condominium sales account for 90% of total sales, the majority of the company's products are low-rise condos, making about 90% of the portfolio (which is less impacted than high-rise condos). Additionally, 40% of the entire portfolio is located in Phuket, which was not affected by the earthquake.				
	Those expected to be less impacted are developers with primarily low-rise portfolios, such as BRI, which consists entirely of low-rise projects, as well as LH and QH, with low-rise properties accounting for 82% and 76% of total sales, respectively. Meanwhile, PSH, AP, S SIRI, and SPALI have more diversified portfolios, with condominiums making up approximately 30-40% of total sales, while the remaining portion consists of low-rise housing.				

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for completion in 4Q25.

months for them to recover to pre-flood levels.

The market is likely to see a shift in demand toward low-rise properties and away from condos until buyer confidence is restored, which is expected to take around six months, similar to the recovery of low-rise properties following the flood disaster in 2011. Meanwhile, there is a risk of potential delays in the launch of new condo projects, as well as the transfer of newly built condos, particularly for projects scheduled

If we compare stock prices during the 2011 flood crisis, property sector stocks dropped by approximately 15-20%. It took around two

Sector/Stocks	Impact					
(0) Construction services	According to checks with CK and STECON, only the Den Chai-Chiang Rai-Chiang Khong double-track railway project has experienced a bridge beam installation fall, which caused damage to a car. However, there were no injuries or fatalities, and the project is covered by insurance. Meanwhile, other ongoing construction projects were not affected, and construction is continuing as usual.					
(0) Construction materials	We expect an increase in demand for building repairs and renovations, which will benefit cement companies such as SCC and SCCC, as well as suppliers of decorative coatings like TOA. However, demand for new construction, which involves a larger volume of materials, make impacted by the slowdown in the real estate sector.					
(0) Power plants	All power plants, including the hydropower plants in Laos, are operating normally, according to the updates from the IR departments of various companies.					
(+) Home improvement	The home improvement sector (HMPRO, GLOBAL, DOHOME, ILM) would temporarily benefit from the repair of homes damaged by the earthquake. However, the stock prices have been driven by speculation more so than actual positive fundamentals. In 2011, during the major flood disaster, when many homes were damaged, stocks in the home improvement sector rose an average of 10% over a one-month period, while the SET index dropped by 9.1% during the same time. Similarly, during other earthquake events, stocks in this sector were able to outperform the market in the short term.					
(0) CPN	The Central shopping centers resumed normal operations on 29 March 2025, after inspecting the buildings and safety systems. All shopping centers are covered by earthquake damage insurance. Regarding the residential business, the backlog includes completed condominiums worth approximately THB1.2b and low-rise properties worth around THB700m-800m. However, the gross profit from the residential business accounts for only 8% of the total gross profit across all businesses. The main revenue still comes from rental income from shopping center spaces.					
(0) OSP	OSP's factory in Myanmar was not damaged by the earthquake and is continuing operations as usual. The CEO reported that OSP's factory in Myanmar, which is designed to withstand tremors up to a magnitude of 8.5, did not suffer any damage. After several aftershocks, the factory was inspected and found to be operating normally, including the production lines, warehouses, transportation systems, and the safety of all employees.					
	Initially, the business outlook in Myanmar for 1Q25 remains strong, with the potential for continued record-breaking performance. We expect that revenue from Myanmar will exceed THB2b.					
(0) CBG	CBG has reported that its new factory in Yangon, Myanmar, was not damaged by the earthquake, including the buildings, machinery, and employees. The commercial run plan is still on track for May-June, as scheduled. Similarly, the factory in Bang Pakong, Thailand, was not affected in any way.					
	The company generates around 6-7% of its revenue from Myanmar, with relatively low sales in the Mandalay area. As a result, the company assesses the impact to be limited.					
(-) MEGA	MEGA generates approximately 30% of its revenue from Myanmar, but its contribution to profits is 10% or lower. The share of revenue from Myanmar has been continuously declining over the past two years due to the political situation in the country, and Myanmar has also experienced periodic earthquakes. We expect that this earthquake will further affect the purchasing power of the population. However, it is not expected to have a significant impact on the overall performance of MEGA due to the reduced proportion of revenue from Myanmar. That said, we already expect MEGA's 2025 profits to remain flat.					

Source: FSSIA estimates

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ESG score	Methodolog	У			Rating				
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	process base from the ann	The DJSI World applies a transparent, rules-based component selection process based on the companies' Total Sustainability Scores resulting from the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). Only the top-ranked companies within each industry are selected for inclusion. Be a member and invited to the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) for DJSI. Companies with an ESG Score of less than 45% of the S&P Global ESG Score of scoring company are disqualified. The constituents of the DJS selected from the Eligible Universe.					an S&P Global of the highest		
SET ESG Ratings List (SETESG) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	SET ESG quantifies responsibility in Environmental and Social issues by managing business with transparency in Governance, updated annually. Candidates must pass the preemptive criteria, with two crucial conditions: 1) no irregular trading of the board members and executives; and 2) free float of >150 shareholders, and combined holding must be >15% of paid-up capital. Some key disqualifying criteria include: 1) CG score of below 70%; 2) independent directors and free float violation; 3) executives' wrongdoing related to CG, social & environmental impacts; 4) equity in negative territory; and 5) earnings in red for > 3 years in the last 5 years.				To be eligible for <u>SETESG inclusion</u> , verified data must be scored at a minimum of 50% for each indicator, unless the company is a part of DJSI during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality. <u>SETESG Index</u> is extended from the SET ESG Ratings companies whose 1) market capitalization > THB5b (~USD150b); 2) free float >20%; and 3) liquidity >0.5% of paid-up capital for at least 9 out of 12 months. The SETTHSI Index is a market capitalisation-weighted index, cap 5% quarterly weight at maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.				
CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	An indicator of CG strength in sustainable development, measured annually by the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET). The results are from the perspective of a third party, not an evaluation of operations.				Scores are rated in six categories: 5 for Excellent (90-100), 4 for Very Good (80-89), 3 for Good (70-79), 2 for Fair (60-69), 1 for Pass (60-69), and not rated for scores below 50. Weightings include: 1) the rights; 2) and equitable treatment of shareholders (weight 25% combined); 3) the role of stakeholders (25%); 4) disclosure & transparency (15%); and 5) board responsibilities (35%).				
AGM level By Thai Investors Association (TIA) with support from the SEC	treatment are transparent a out of five the criteria cover date (45%), a circulation of st exercised. The and verifiability	e incorporated int and sufficiently di e CG component AGM procedure afficient information second assesses 1 ; and 3) openness t	s before the meeting (eting (10%). (The first as for voting; and 2) facilitati) the ease of attending me	s and information is ortant elements of two ually. The assessment (45%), at the meeting ssesses 1) advance ing how voting rights can be eetings; 2) transparency is the meeting minutes that	The scores are classified into four categories: 5 for Excellent (100), 4 for Very Good (90-99), 3 for Fair (80-89), and not rated for scores below 79.				
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Morningstar Sustainalytics	The Sustainalytics' ESG risk rating provides an overall company score based on an assessment of how much of a company's exposure to ESG risk is unmanaged. Sources to be reviewed include corporate publications and				A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.				
	information, co.		media, NGO reports/webs SG controversies, issuer t s.		NEGL 0-10	Low 10-20	Medium 20-30	High 30-40	Severe 40+
ESG Book	The ESG score identifies sustainable companies that are better positioned to outperform over the long term. The methodology considers the principle of financial materiality including information that significantly helps explain future risk-adjusted performance. Materiality is applied by over-weighting features with higher materiality and rebalancing these weights on a rolling quarterly basis.				The total ESG score is calculated as a weighted sum of the features scores using materiality-based weights. The score is scaled between 0 and 100 with higher scores indicating better performance.				
<u>MSCI</u>	MSCI ESG ratings aim to measure a company's management of financially relevant ESG risks and opportunities. It uses a rules-based methodology to identify industry leaders and laggards according to their exposure to ESG risks and how well they manage those risks relative to peers.								
	AAA	8.571-10.000	Leader:	la a dina ita in duatnu in un	nanaging the most significant ESG risks and opportunities				
	AA	7.143-8.570	Leader.	leading its industry in in	anaging the most sig	grillicarit E3G ris	sks and opportunite	25	
	Α	5.714-7.142							
	BBB	4.286-5.713	Average:	a mixed or unexceptional track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to industry peers					
	ВВ	2.857-4.285							
	В	1.429-2.856	Laggard:	lagging its industry has	lagging its industry based on its high exposure and failure to manage significant ESG risks				
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Moody's ESG solutions	believes that	a company integ		take into account ESG o to its business model and medium to long term.					
Refinitiv ESG rating	Designed to transparently and objectively measure a company's relative ESG performance, commitment and effectiveness across 10 main themes, based on publicly available and auditable data. The score ranges from 0 to 100 on relative ESG performance and insufficient degree of transparency in reporting material ESG data publicly. (Score ratings are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50 = satisfactory; >50 to 75 = good; and >75 to 100 = excellent.)								
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