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Indices	Index as of 27-Dec-23	Change -1D (%)	Change YTD (%)	Net Foreign YTD (USD m)
Thailand SET	1,410	(0.2)	(15.5)	(5,623)
China SHCOMP	2,915	0.5	(5.7)	
Hong Kong HSI	16,625	1.7	(16.0)	
India SENSEX	72,038	1.0	18.4	20,109
Indonesia JCI	7,246	0.1	5.8	(479)
Korea KOSPI	2,614	0.4	16.9	9,515
MY FBMKLCI	1,454	0.2	(2.8)	
PH PCOMP	6,463	(0.6)	(1.6)	(867)
SG FSSTI	3,171	1.0	(2.5)	
Taiwan TWSE	17,892	0.8	26.6	5,831
VN VNINDEX	1,122	(0.0)	11.4	(835)
MSCI Emerging	1,010	1.1	5.6	
Nikkei 225	33,681	1.1	29.1	
FTSE 100	7,725	0.4	3.7	
CAC 40	7,572	0.0	17.0	
DAX	16,742	0.2	20.2	
Dow Jones	37,657	0.3	13.6	
Nasdaq	15,099	0.2	44.3	
S&P 500	4,782	0.1	24.5	
Brent	79.65	(1.8)	(7.3)	
Dubai	79.89	2.4	1.6	
WTI	74.11	(0.3)	(7.9)	
GOLD	2,077.49	0.1	14.0	
Trade data	Buy	Sell	Net	Share (%)
(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)
Foreign	19,728	20,519	(792)	51
Retail	11,044	11,786	(742)	29
Prop Trade	3,583	3,577	6	9
Local Institution	4,931	3,403	1,528	11
Total Trade	39,286	39,286	(0)	100
Rates	Last close	1M ago	End last yr	1yr ago
	27/12/2023	27/11/2023	30/12/2022	27/12/2022
THB/USD	34.38	35.11	34.61	34.61
Inflation *	(0.44)	(0.31)	5.89	5.55
MLR **	7.12	7.12	5.83	5.83
1Y Fixed *	1.65	1.65	0.99	0.99
Govt bond 10Y	2.70	3.09	2.64	2.68
Commodity	Last close	1M ago	End last yr	1yr ago
(USD/bbl)	27/12/2023	27/11/2023	30/12/2022	27/12/2022
Brent	79.65	79.98	85.91	84.33
Dubai	79.89	81.23	78.66	79.67
WTI	74.11	76.41	80.26	78.96
Gold	2,077	2,041	1,824	1,804
Baltic Dry	2,094	2,102	1,515	1,515
(USD/ton)	22-Dec-23	15-Dec-23	25-Dec-20	23-Dec-22
Coal	150.86	162.28	84.45	414.52
% change	(7.0)	20.4	78.6	(63.6)

* chg y-y% last at end of most recent month end; ** Avg of 4 major banks;

Sources: Bloomberg, except coal from BANPU

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Thailand Commerce - Signs of declining SSSG in Oct and Nov

SSSG in Oct and Nov softer than in 3Q23

The average SSSG for two months (Oct, Nov) dipped by 0.2% y-y, softer than in 3Q23 at +0.2%, due mainly to 1) the high base effect in the previous year; 2) interest rate hikes have reduced purchasing power during a period of high household debt; 3) deflation in Oct and Nov due to government subsidies for electricity and raw food prices; and 4) delayed government budget disbursement. Consumer staples were positive at +2.6% y-y during the 2-month period (+2.8% y-y in 3Q23) and consumer discretionary decreased by 2.5% y-y (-2.0% y-y in 3Q23) due to 1) lower steel prices in Oct and Nov; and 2) specific factors like HMPRO's road construction at some branches (Ratchaphruek, Lam Luk Ka and Suksawat). Despite these challenges, we believe the overall atmosphere will be conducive to increased spending during the festive season in Dec, which should make 4Q23 flat or slightly positive.

Two main government stimulus schemes to relieve overhang of commerce sector

We expect the commerce sector to benefit from the government's "Easy E-Receipt" scheme, granting individuals a tax deduction of up to 50,000 baht for the purchase of goods and services between 1 Jan 2024 to 15 Feb 2024. We believe companies which have big ticket sizes would benefit from the E-Receipt scheme, such as CRC (BUY, 2024 TP THB48), COM7 (BUY, 2024 TP THB30), and HMPRO (BUY, 2024 TP THB16). Moreover, the 10,000-baht digital wallet is another scheme which should stimulate domestic consumption in 2024, though its implementation is still uncertain.

In 2024, consumption should continue to grow and limit the impact of costs

In 2024, we expect private consumption will continue to grow, supported by the ongoing economic recovery, government stimulus, and the recovery of tourism. We estimate the effect of the electricity price increase by 5% from 3.99 baht per unit to 4.2 baht per unit will drag companies' net profit by 2.1%, all else being equal, and the minimum wage hike by 13% from 353 baht to 400 baht would affect net profit by 10%, all else being equal. However, the minimum wage increase should drive domestic consumption; we expect that incremental SSSG of 1.6% would offset the impact, all else being equal.

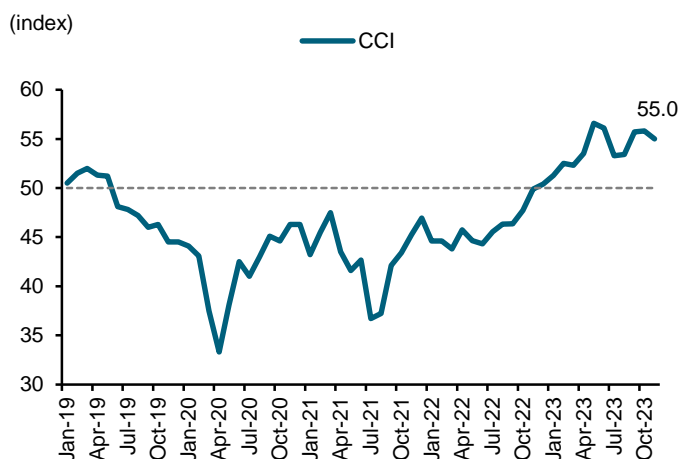
Overweight call on 2024; top picks CPALL and DOHOME

We have an OVERWEIGHT call on the Thai Commerce sector. CPALL is our top pick; we estimate 4Q23 SSSG could grow by 3% and its valuation is still cheap, currently trading at a 2024E P/E of 25.1x (five-year average forward P/E -2SD). DOHOME is also our pick in terms of a turnaround play; SSSG has shown signs of recovery since 3Q23 at -7.1% with a two-month average of -2.5%. Meanwhile, peers are experiencing a slower recovery in comparison. In addition, the industry is entering the high season for construction in 1H24.

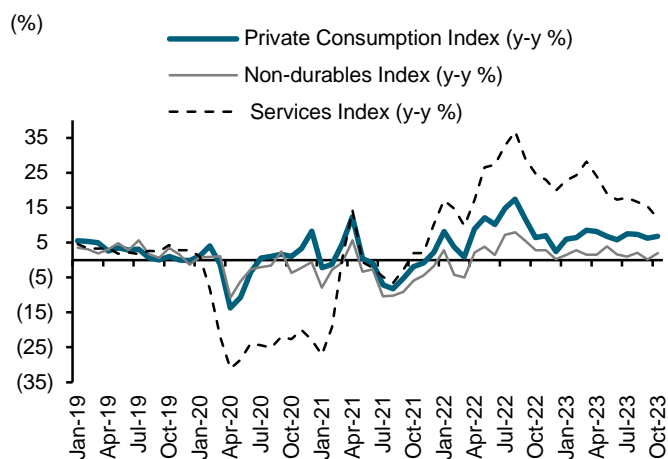
Exhibit 1: Average SSSG for Oct and Nov softer than in 3Q23

SSSG (%)	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	Oct-23	Nov-23	2M average
CPALL	13.0	14.2	22.0	14.5	8.0	7.9	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.0
MAKRO	1.0	7.4	8.9	9.6	10.9	6.0	3.2	3.0	2.0	2.5
Lotus's	0.4	(2.1)	0.0	2.4	0.8	(0.9)	2.5	5.0	5.0	5.0
BJC	2.9	5.2	(2.4)	2.3	5.8	4.8	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total CRC	11.0	24.0	43.0	9.0	13.0	4.0	0.0	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)
HMPRO	3.1	(1.1)	18.0	3.0	5.8	4.9	(3.6)	(8.0)	(5.0)	(6.5)
GLOBAL	7.3	1.5	4.4	(2.2)	(8.7)	(9.5)	(12.3)	(12.0)	(12.0)	(12.0)
DOHOME	25.1	10.8	6.6	(9.9)	(9.0)	(9.9)	(7.1)	2.0	(7.0)	(2.5)
ILM	11.0	13.4	34.3	4.3	8.5	9.0	13.1	9.0	9.0	9.0
Consumer staple average	4.3	6.2	7.1	7.2	6.4	4.5	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.6
Consumer discretionary average	11.5	9.7	21.3	0.8	1.9	(0.3)	(2.0)	(1.9)	(3.1)	(2.5)
Total average	8.3	8.1	15.0	3.7	3.9	1.8	0.2	0.2	(0.6)	(0.2)

Sources: Companies; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 2: CCI in Nov decreases in the past 4 months

Source: Ministry of Commerce

Exhibit 3: Service sector is a key driver in PCI

Source: Bank of Thailand (BoT)

Exhibit 4: Minimum wage hike 13% impact on 2024E NP by 10% and SSSG 1.6% offset

2024E	Employee cost to sales (%)	Impact on NP (%)	SSSG offset (%)
BJC*	8.2%	12.3%	2.24%
CPALL	7.5%	18.5%	1.49%
GLOBAL	6.6%	4.1%	1.35%
HMPRO	7.4%	4.2%	1.46%
MAKRO	5.3%	13.9%	1.78%
CRC	6.8%	10.1%	1.33%
DOHOME	6.4%	10.7%	1.68%
ILM	17.6%	12.8%	2.03%
COM7	2.4%	2.9%	0.93%
Average	7.6%	9.9%	1.59%

*Bloomberg consensus
Source: FSSIA estimates**Exhibit 5: Electricity price increase by 5% from 3.99 baht per unit to 4.2 baht per unit**

2024E	% to sales	% to NP
BJC*	3.2%	3.7%
CPALL	2.0%	3.7%
GLOBAL	1.1%	0.5%
HMPRO	2.2%	1.0%
CPAXT	2.2%	4.5%
CRC	2.2%	2.5%
DOHOME	0.7%	0.9%
ILM	3.6%	2.0%
COM7	0.3%	0.3%
Average	1.9%	2.1%

*Bloomberg consensus
Source: FSSIA estimates

Thailand Banks - Rising seasonal expenses dragging 4Q23E profit

Weak 4Q23E profit pressured by rising seasonal expenses

We expect the seven banks under our coverage to post a weak aggregate net profit of THB45.0b in 4Q23, decreasing by 10.7% q-q and significantly increasing by 36.1% y-y. For the q-q decrease, we expect all banks to post a net profit decrease, with KKP and KTB being the worst performers, while TISCO and BBL should be the best. For the y-y increase, we expect all banks except KKP to post positive net profit growth, with BBL, TTB, KTB, and SCB performing the best, while KKP should perform the worst. The decrease in q-q net profit should come from higher seasonal operating expenses and expected credit losses (ECL), outweighing higher net interest income (NII) and non-NII. We also predict that the aggregate cost-to-income ratio will jump significantly to 48.7% in 4Q23 from 43.8% in 3Q23. In contrast, the increase in y-y net profit should come from higher NII (rising interest rates, NIM expansion, and slight loan growth).

2023E net profit to increase substantially, +5-6% p.a. in 2024-25E

We estimate an aggregate 2023 net profit of THB197.8b, an increase of 19.6% y-y, supported by rising net interest income (aligning with the market interest rate increases), slightly growing non-NII (an increase in FVTPL investment gains, which could offset increasing expenses), operating expense and ECL, and decreasing fee income. We also estimate 2024-25 net profit to grow by merely 5.5% y-y and 6.9% y-y, respectively, due mainly to a large base in 2023 and a less positive impact from the interest rate increase compared to 2023E.

Manageable asset quality amid accelerating new NPL formation

We are still concerned about asset quality in 4Q23, with new NPL formations expected to continually climb from 3Q23, mainly from the SME and retail segments. However, banks' management are taking proactive measures, including debt restructuring, sales, and writing off bad debts. Therefore, we anticipate the 4Q23 NPL ratio of our covered banks to remain stable q-q with 3Q23's at 3.57%.

Reiterate our NEUTRAL weight call with KTB and KBANK as our top BUYS

We reiterate our NEUTRAL weight Thailand banking sector call. We are sticking with the big banks and retaining KTB (TP THB23.60) as our top BUY based on its focus on the high-yield, low-risk segment – private corporate loans. We also pick KBANK (TP THB152) as another top BUY despite its poor asset quality. The current share price with a P/BV of merely 0.6x, which still lags the sector's average and is much below its 5Y average P/BV of 0.8x, has already factored in the negatives, in our view.

Exhibit 6: Summary of 4Q23/2023 earnings preview of Thai banks under coverage

	4Q23E	3Q23	Change	4Q22	Change	2023E	Change
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)
BBL	10,759	11,350	(5.2)	7,569	42.1	43,531	48.5
KBANK	10,186	11,282	(9.7)	3,191	219.2	43,203	20.8
KTB	8,503	10,282	(17.3)	8,109	4.9	39,008	15.8
SCB	8,890	9,663	(8.0)	7,143	24.5	41,416	10.3
TTB	4,367	4,735	(7.8)	3,847	13.5	17,962	26.5
KKP	533	1,281	(58.4)	1,430	(62.7)	5,307	(30.2)
TISCO	1,816	1,874	(3.1)	1,804	0.7	7,337	1.6
Coverage	45,054	50,467	(10.7)	33,094	36.1	197,765	19.6

Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: NPL ratio, 1Q22-4Q23E

	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23E	Bank targets
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	2023E
BBL	3.96	3.96	3.83	3.62	3.73	3.46	3.48	3.48	~ 3.5 %
KBANK	4.33	4.42	3.56	3.71	3.56	3.83	3.58	3.60	< 3.25 %
KTB	4.01	3.96	4.01	3.90	3.97	3.83	3.74	3.72	< 3.5 %
SCB	4.57	4.34	3.92	4.01	3.97	3.84	3.89	3.92	N/A
TTB	3.09	2.97	3.01	3.03	3.09	2.99	2.96	2.97	≤ 2.9 %
KKP	3.11	3.26	3.29	3.45	3.56	3.74	3.69	3.65	~ 3.50 %
TISCO	2.15	2.20	2.08	2.09	2.13	2.20	2.25	2.31	< 2.5 %
Coverage	4.01	3.97	3.69	3.68	3.69	3.62	3.56	3.57	

Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 8: Credit cost, 1Q22-2023E

	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23E	2022	2023E	Bank targets
	(bp)	(bp)	(bp)	(bp)	(bp)	(bp)	(bp)	(bp)	(bp)	(bp)	2023E
BBL	100	128	145	116	127	133	132	138	124	131	~ 100 bp
KBANK	153	159	161	368	205	208	209	211	211	208	175 - 200 bp
KTB	83	86	86	116	125	120	125	130	93	125	~ 120 bp
SCB	151	175	132	120	166	201	201	201	145	193	120-140 bp
TTB	141	127	125	139	125	125	128	131	134	128	125-135 bp
KKP	169	138	182	305	233	292	304	309	202	289	~ 260-280 bp
TISCO	17	28	23	70	28	11	25	29	34	24	34 bp
Coverage	121	132	128	173	148	158	159	161	139	156	

Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 9: Aggregate banks – 4Q23 earnings preview

Year-end Dec 31	BBL	KBANK	KTB	SCB	TTB	KKP	TISCO	Coverage
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)
Net interest income	35,976	39,173	30,960	32,590	14,873	5,343	3,570	162,485
Non-interest income	9,645	10,309	9,562	12,443	3,437	1,537	1,261	48,193
Fee income - net	7,073	7,852	5,772	8,441	2,507	1,227	1,221	34,093
Total operating income	45,621	49,482	40,522	45,033	18,310	6,880	4,831	210,678
Total operating expenses	22,468	23,403	20,146	21,025	8,479	4,633	2,406	102,560
PPOP before tax	23,153	26,079	20,376	24,008	9,831	2,247	2,425	108,119
Expected credit loss	9,500	12,850	8,600	12,400	4,420	1,600	166	49,536
Income tax	2,785	2,593	2,332	2,658	1,044	110	443	11,965
Non-controlling interest	108	450	941	60	0	4	0	1,564
Net profit	10,759	10,186	8,503	8,890	4,367	533	1,816	45,054
EPS (THB)	5.64	4.30	0.61	2.64	0.05	0.63	2.27	
Key ratios	4Q23E	4Q23E	4Q23E	4Q23E	4Q23E	4Q23E	4Q23E	4Q23E
Asset quality ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Gross NPLs (THB m)	97,061	87,330	98,334	96,743	39,664	14,686	5,365	439,184
Change (% from prior period)	2.3	(0.1)	0.0	1.2	(1.5)	(0.5)	2.9	0.6
NPL ratio (%)	3.48	3.60	3.72	3.92	2.97	3.65	2.31	3.57
Coverage ratio (%)	280	146	175	158	144	137	192	185
Credit cost (bp)	138	211	130	201	131	309	29	161
Profitability ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Cost to income ratio	49.3	47.3	49.7	46.7	46.3	67.3	49.8	48.7
Average yield (%)	4.73	4.90	4.80	4.97	4.80	6.11	7.07	4.91
Cost of funds (%)	1.82	1.38	1.44	1.41	1.57	2.13	2.34	1.57
NIM (%)	3.21	3.88	3.55	3.79	3.45	4.22	5.18	3.62
Non-interest income/total income (%)	21.1	19.3	23.6	27.6	18.8	22.3	26.1	22.9
Loan growth	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
q-q	2.4	(0.5)	0.5	0.5	(2.0)	0.5	0.2	0.4
y-y	4.0	(2.8)	1.9	3.8	(3.0)	6.6	6.1	1.5
Year-to-date	4.0	(2.8)	1.9	3.8	(3.0)	6.6	6.1	1.5

Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 10: Aggregate banks – 4Q23 earnings preview

Year-end Dec 31	BBL	KBANK	KTB	SCB	TTB	KKP	TISCO	Coverage
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)
Net interest income	131,670	148,768	114,018	123,859	57,132	22,075	13,833	611,356
Change y-y%	28.8	11.9	26.1	14.8	10.7	15.7	8.6	18.3
Non-interest income	39,259	42,472	36,380	49,734	13,807	6,613	5,218	193,483
Change y-y%	7.1	5.5	4.0	6.8	(3.0)	(21.8)	(6.9)	3.6
Fee income - net	27,539	31,483	21,210	33,999	10,231	5,371	4,837	134,669
Change y-y%	0.1	(4.3)	4.4	(8.5)	(1.5)	(12.9)	(4.8)	(3.5)
Total operating income	170,929	191,241	150,398	173,593	70,939	28,688	19,051	804,839
Change y-y%	23.1	10.4	19.9	12.4	7.7	4.2	3.9	14.4
Total operating expenses	80,637	83,863	64,558	73,288	31,423	15,944	9,393	359,106
PPOP before tax	90,292	107,377	85,840	100,305	39,517	12,744	9,658	445,733
Change y-y%	29.2	9.0	21.6	18.6	10.1	(12.3)	(0.5)	16.2
Expected credit loss	35,823	51,119	32,615	46,670	17,294	6,253	531	190,305
Change y-y%	9.7	(1.5)	34.0	38.0	(5.8)	24.2	(26.5)	14.1
Income tax	10,497	10,753	10,501	11,985	4,261	1,170	1,789	50,957
Non-controlling interest	441	2,302	3,715	234	0	14	1	6,706
Net profit	43,531	43,203	39,008	41,416	17,962	5,307	7,337	197,765
Change y-y%	48.5	20.8	15.8	10.3	26.5	(30.2)	1.6	19.6
Key ratios	BBL	KBANK	KTB	SCB	TTB	KKP	TISCO	Coverage
Asset quality ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Gross NPLs (THB m)	97,061	87,330	98,334	96,743	39,664	14,686	5,365	439,184
Change y-y%	2.3	(0.1)	0.0	1.2	(1.5)	(0.5)	2.9	(1.4)
NPL ratio (%)	3.48	3.60	3.72	3.92	2.97	3.65	2.31	3.57
Coverage ratio (%)	280	146	175	158	144	137	192	185
Credit cost (bp)	138	211	130	201	131	309	29	156
Profitability ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Cost to income ratio	49.3	47.3	49.7	46.7	46.3	67.3	49.8	44.6
Average yield (%)	4.73	4.90	4.80	4.97	4.80	6.11	7.07	4.58
Cost of funds (%)	1.82	1.38	1.44	1.41	1.57	2.13	2.34	1.41
NIM (%)	3.21	3.88	3.55	3.79	3.45	4.22	5.18	3.42
Non-interest income/total income (%)	21.1	20.8	23.6	27.6	18.8	22.3	26.1	24.0
Liquidity ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Loan to deposit	87.6	90.8	99.2	96.4	99.7	112.6	114.9	94.8
Loan to deposit & borrowing (LDBR)	81.9	80.4	93.5	92.2	89.7	94.1	107.8	87.5
Loan growth	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Year-on-year	4.0	(2.8)	1.9	3.8	(3.0)	6.6	6.1	1.5

Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 11: Thai banks – key financial summary

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Net profit (THB m)	167,006	156,017	111,916	145,315	165,338	197,765	208,679	223,020
EPS (THB)	39.6	37.1	25.5	33.2	34.7	41.6	43.9	47.0
Change y-y		-6.3%	-31.1%	29.8%	4.8%	19.9%	5.5%	6.9%
P/E (x)	12.9	11.9	13.2	12.5	11.2	9.3	8.8	8.2
BVS (THB)	391.8	440.0	441.4	473.1	455.1	481.7	510.8	537.6
P/B (x)	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
ROE (%)	10.4	8.9	5.9	7.3	7.8	8.9	8.9	9.0
ROA (%)	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1
Dividend yield (%)	2.9	3.8	2.3	2.5	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.7

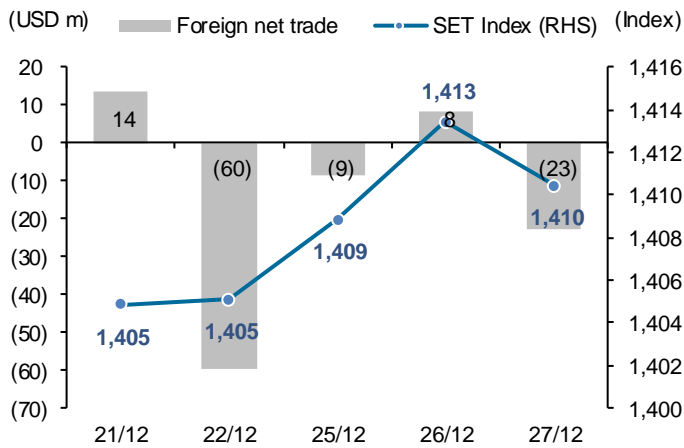
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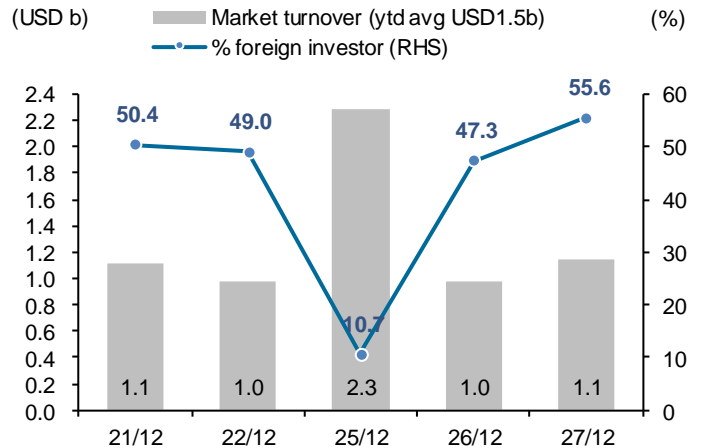
- [Office says Thailand's fiscal position can withstand shocks](#) BANGKOK POST: The government can still depend on a sound fiscal position to cushion economic shocks, says Pornchai Thiraveja, director-general of the Fiscal Policy Office. Thailand has sufficient fiscal space to support crises that may take up 10% of GDP, he said. In terms of economic stability, Thai financial institutions have a Bank for International Settlements ratio of 19.9%, while the Bank of Thailand threshold is set at 8.5%.
- [Airlines to fall due to more airlines, planes: aviation authority](#) BANGKOK POST: Airfares are expected to gradually fall next year due to an increase in licensed airlines and a higher number of aircraft in the air transport sector, according to the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT). The CAAT said on Tuesday night that eight airlines had recently received air operator licences from the transport minister (Suriya Jungrunreangkit) and were planning to deploy a total of 60 airplanes throughout 2024.
- [Ministry to roll out discount campaigns](#) BANGKOK POST: Commerce Minister Phumtham Wechayachai has vowed to roll out 30 billion baht worth of discount campaigns next year to reduce the cost of living. Speaking yesterday about his goals in the coming year and his performance in the first 99 days of his tenure, Mr Phumtham said the planned campaigns will involve expanding the distribution networks of affordable products to more communities, accelerating the development of e-commerce trading systems and enhancing the Thong Fah (Blue Flag) platform, which sells food at affordable prices, to accommodate digital wallet projects.
- [Bitcoin holds drop as traders mull likely reaction to spot ETFs](#) BANGKOK POST: SINGAPORE - Bitcoin held a retreat as traders assessed how crypto markets might react if regulators meet expectations by approving the first US exchange-traded funds investing directly in the token. The largest digital asset shed 2.4% over the past 24 hours and traded at US\$42,400 as of 10.31am Wednesday in Singapore. Bitcoin is up 156% this year, a rally driven partly by wagers that the ETFs will encourage fresh demand.
- [Lower energy prices top executive poll](#) BANGKOK POST: The government's policy to reduce energy prices was the most appealing to entrepreneurs polled on their favourite state measures and what should be New Year gifts for the manufacturing sector, according to the latest survey conducted by the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI). Energy was among the first issues considered by the cabinet at its initial meeting on Sept 13, one day after Srettha Thavisin delivered his policy statement in parliament.
- [Navigating the private equity market](#) BANGKOK POST: As we approach the conclusion of 2023, stocks have demonstrated resilience. Notably, the US S&P 500 index is on track for a 22% increase in 2023, which would be about double its historical average annual return. Despite this recovery, investors are grappling with lingering uncertainties such as geopolitical tensions, the spectre of war and persistent inflation, albeit on a downward trajectory from previous highs. Elevated interest rates and lingering fears of an economic downturn further contribute to cautious sentiment among investors.

Corporate news

- [SEC accuses former Stark executives of insider trading](#) BANGKOK POST: The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has accused three former executives of Stark Corporation of insider trading for selling its shares before the release of suspicious data. The SEC said on Wednesday that it had filed charges with the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) against Chanin Yensudchai, former Stark chairman; Sathar Chantrasetalead, former chief financial officer; and Mr Sathar's former secretary Yosabavorn Amarit.
- [BCPG sets sights on renewable asset in Taiwan](#) BANGKOK POST: BCPG Plc, the power generation arm of energy conglomerate Bangchak Corp, plans to buy a new renewable energy asset in Taiwan next year to increase its power generation capacity. President and chief executive Niwat Adirek did not elaborate on the deal or name the seller, saying only the company believes it will receive a good return on investment because of a high feed-in tariff of between 6 and 7 kilowatt-hours. Once the transaction is completed, BCPG's capacity should increase by 100 megawatts, up from 2,038MW at present.
- [Centara lists development achievements for 2023](#) BANGKOK POST: Centara Hotels & Resorts, the country's leading hotel operator, posted remarkable success in terms of development this year. "2023 was an exceptional year for Centara," said chief executive Thirayuth Chirathivat. "As the travel and hospitality industry returned to full strength, we took several important steps to position our company for a strong and sustainable future."

Exhibit 12: Foreign fund flow and SET Index

Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 13: Foreign participation

Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 14: Index performance

	SET Index		Index performance (% change)									
	Index	(%chg)	Energy	Bank	Comu	Commerce	Food	Property	Construct	Transport	Petrochem	
% of SET Index			21%	10%	8%	10%	6%	6%	3%	8%	2%	
Current	1,410.43	(0.2)	(0.3)	0.0	0.2	(0.4)	0.1	0.5	(0.0)	0.6	(0.3)	
-5D	1,400.37	0.7	(0.3)	0.5	0.2	0.8	2.9	2.1	1.2	1.2	(3.8)	
-1M	1,393.42	1.2	(0.7)	0.8	(0.8)	0.1	1.8	2.5	2.0	0.5	2.2	
-3M	1,497.15	(5.8)	(2.4)	(3.1)	(8.0)	(8.6)	(2.5)	(1.9)	(1.8)	(10.8)	3.1	
-6M	1,478.10	(4.6)	1.1	(3.5)	(0.2)	(10.1)	0.5	(2.7)	(7.1)	(12.4)	(8.2)	
-1Y	1,643.16	(14.2)	(16.9)	(2.4)	(9.2)	(20.6)	(12.6)	(14.9)	(15.8)	(20.2)	(25.2)	
WTD	1,405.09	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.3	(0.0)	1.4	1.4	1.1	0.3	(0.7)	
MTD	1,380.18	2.2	(0.1)	2.1	(0.2)	3.0	1.1	1.7	2.9	2.4	3.7	
QTD	1,471.43	(4.1)	(2.2)	(3.7)	(7.8)	(8.1)	(1.9)	(0.8)	(1.0)	(10.8)	4.9	
End of 2022	1,668.66	(15.5)	(18.1)	(3.4)	(10.2)	(21.5)	(13.2)	(15.3)	(16.6)	(19.8)	(25.5)	

Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 15: Trade by investor types

	SET Index		Exchange rate (USD:THB)	SET Index		Equity trading / Net position				Bond Net foreign (USD m)
	Index	Change (y-y%)		Average daily turnover (THB m)	(USD m)	Foreign (USD m)	Retail (USD m)	PropTrade (USD m)	Local Inst (USD m)	
2019	1,579.84	1.0	31.06	52,468	1,689	(1,496)	(662)	477	1,681	(502)
2020	1,449.35	(8.3)	31.29	67,335	2,152	(8,287)	6,873	459	953	(1,005)
2021	1,657.62	14.4	32.00	88,443	2,764	(1,632)	3,630	435	(2,330)	6,550
2022	1,668.66	15.1	34.78	53,589	1,541	5,362	(656)	56	(4,758)	4,111
2023YTD	1,410.43	(15.5)	34.81	51,085	1,467	(5,623)	3,462	(142)	2,303	243
1Q23	1,609.17	(5.1)	33.92	63,300	1,866	(1,646)	1,594	(83)	136	612
2Q23	1,503.10	(4.2)	34.48	47,432	1,376	(1,461)	593	(120)	987	(178)
3Q23	1,471.43	(7.4)	35.17	49,809	1,416	(1,420)	825	261	333	(716)
4Q23	1,410.43	(15.5)	35.66	42,543	1,193	(1,097)	450	(200)	847	525
Jan-23	1,671.46	1.4	33.22	68,181	2,052	545	16	172	(732)	822
Feb-23	1,622.35	(3.7)	34.05	63,203	1,856	(1,273)	836	34	404	(1,115)
Mar-23	1,609.17	(5.1)	34.49	58,517	1,697	(917)	742	(290)	464	905
Apr-23	1,529.12	(8.3)	34.27	44,594	1,301	(231)	222	(16)	24	(608)
May-23	1,533.54	(7.8)	34.26	52,780	1,541	(967)	137	(49)	880	699
Jun-23	1,503.10	(4.2)	34.92	44,923	1,286	(263)	234	(55)	83	(269)
Jul-23	1,556.06	(1.3)	34.61	44,682	1,291	(361)	100	81	181	958
Aug-23	1,565.94	(4.5)	35.04	56,846	1,622	(443)	48	114	280	(1,057)
Sep-23	1,471.43	(7.4)	35.85	47,900	1,336	(616)	677	66	(128)	(618)
Oct-23	1,381.83	(14.1)	36.51	45,582	1,249	(431)	254	(134)	312	458
Nov-23	1,380.18	(15.6)	35.47	44,524	1,255	(548)	300	10	238	474
Dec-23	1,410.43	(15.5)	34.99	37,525	1,072	(118)	(104)	(76)	298	(407)
2023YTD	1,410.43	(14.9)	34.81	51,085	1,467	(5,623)	3,462	(142)	2,303	243
21/12/2023	1,404.84		34.86	38,761	1,112	14	(7)	(3)	(3)	(28)
22/12/2023	1,405.09		34.64	33,666	972	(60)	29	2	29	(29)
25/12/2023	1,408.83		34.61	21,854	631	(9)	8	(7)	7	(4)
26/12/2023	1,413.45		34.58	33,948	982	8	(18)	(27)	36	154
27/12/2023	1,410.43		34.38	39,286	1,143	(23)	(22)	0	44	(91)

Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 16: Upcoming events

Date Time	Event		Survey	Actual	Prior
12/27/2023 23:00	Capacity Utilization ISIC	Nov	--	--	56.83
12/27/2023 23:00	Mfg Production Index ISIC NSA YoY	Nov	-3.95%	--	-4.29%
12/28/2023 02:00	BoP Current Account Balance	Nov	\$690m	--	\$665m
12/28/2023 02:30	BoP Overall Balance	Nov	--	--	-\$352m
12/28/2023 02:30	Imports	Nov	--	--	\$22077m
12/28/2023 02:30	Exports	Nov	--	--	\$23342m
12/28/2023 02:30	Exports YoY	Nov	--	--	7.00%
12/28/2023 02:30	Forward Contracts	Dec-22	--	--	\$30.6b
12/28/2023 02:30	Imports YoY	Nov	--	--	10.50%
12/28/2023 02:30	Foreign Reserves	Dec-22	--	--	\$221.2b
12/28/2023 02:30	Trade Balance	Nov	--	--	\$1265m
01/01/2024 19:30	S&P Global Thailand PMI Mfg	Dec	--	--	47.6
01/03/2024 02:30	Business Sentiment Index	Dec	--	--	49
01/04/2024 22:30	CPI Core YoY	Dec	0.60%	--	0.58%
01/04/2024 22:30	CPI NSA MoM	Dec	0.08%	--	-0.25%
01/04/2024 22:30	CPI YoY	Dec	-0.35%	--	-0.44%
01/07/2024 01:15	Consumer Confidence	Dec	--	--	60.9
01/07/2024 01:15	Consumer Confidence Economic	Dec	--	--	55.1
01/17/2024 01:24	Car Sales	Dec	--	--	61621
01/22/2024 01:28	Customs Exports YoY	Dec	--	--	4.90%
01/22/2024 01:28	Customs Imports YoY	Dec	--	--	10.10%
01/22/2024 01:28	Customs Trade Balance	Dec	--	--	-\$2400m

Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 17: Upcoming XR

Symbol	X-Date	Announce Date	Rights for	Subscription Price	Unit	Subscription Ratio (Holding:New)	Subscription Period	Allotted Shares (Shares)
MACO	03/01/2024	18/10/2023	Warrants	-	Baht	4 : 1	-	2029494045
RS	04/01/2024	14/09/2023	Warrants	-	Baht	10 : 1	-	106974550
J	05/01/2024	07/11/2023	Common	2.2	Baht	2.5 : 1	24/01/2024 - 30/01/2024	480154830
J	05/01/2024	07/11/2023	Warrants	-	Baht	2 : 1	-	240077415
TGE	24/01/2024	13/11/2023	Warrants	-	Baht	7 : 1	-	314285715
SCN	31/01/2024	15/11/2023	Warrants	-	Baht	3 : 1	-	403056836
FSX	05/03/2024	28/11/2023	Common	2.3	Baht	1 : 1	25/03/2024 - 29/03/2024	867929461

Source: SET

Exhibit 18: Upcoming XM

Symbol	X-Date	Meeting Date	Agenda	Venue
FUTUREPF	02/01/2024	14/02/2024	Conversion to REIT	at Surasak 1 Room 11th Floor Eastin Grand Hotel Sathon Bangkok, No. 33/1 South Sathon Road, Kwaeng Yannawa, Khet Sathon, Bangkok 10120
TFFIF	02/01/2024	25/01/2024	To acknowledge the significant matters of the Fund's management and future outlook, To acknowledge the dividend payment and capital return, To acknowledge the appointment of the auditors and the determination of their remuneration	via electronic means
DITTO	03/01/2024	05/02/2024	Capital increase,Acquisition and disposition of assets,decreasing of registered capital	E-EGM
PPPM	04/01/2024	30/01/2024	Capital increase,The issuance of convertible securities	via electronic meeting (E-EGM) only
NOVA	05/01/2024	30/01/2024	Connected transaction,Acquisition and disposition of assets	E-EGM
BIOTEC	11/01/2024	12/02/2024	Connected transaction	E-AGM
OTO	12/01/2024	19/02/2024	Capital increase,The issuance of convertible securities	Through electronic media (E-EGM)

Source: SET

Exhibit 19: Management trading

Company	Management	Securities	Transaction	Shares	Price (THB)	Action	Value (THBm)
Qualitech (QLT)	Kitti Phuathavornskul	Common Shares	12/26/2023	165,000	2.81	Buy	0.46
Chic Republic (CHIC)	Sarita Pattamasattayasonthi	Common Shares	12/26/2023	14,000,000	-	Receive	n/a
Successmore Being (SCM)	Tharika Thannakornwat	Common Shares	12/26/2023	10,000	3.50	Sell	0.04
Super Energy (SUPER)	Jormsup Lochaya	Common Shares	12/26/2023	200,000	0.41	Buy	0.08
The One Enterprise (ONEE)	Somruedee Srichanya	Common Shares	12/26/2023	250,000	3.62	Sell	0.91
Sub Sri Thai (SST)	Supasith Sukhanindr	Common Shares	12/27/2023	3,000,000	-	Transfer	n/a
Sub Sri Thai (SST)	Supasith Sukhanindr	Common Shares	12/27/2023	1,000,000	-	Transfer	n/a
Sub Sri Thai (SST)	Supasith Sukhanindr	Common Shares	12/27/2023	3,000,000	-	Transfer	n/a
Sub Sri Thai (SST)	Supasith Sukhanindr	Common Shares	12/27/2023	3,000,000	-	Receive	n/a
Sub Sri Thai (SST)	Supasith Sukhanindr	Common Shares	12/27/2023	3,000,000	-	Receive	n/a
Thachang Green Energy (TGE)	Rodjarek Nilvanich	Common Shares	12/25/2023	400,000	2.42	Sell	0.97
Thachang Green Energy (TGE)	Rodjarek Nilvanich	Common Shares	12/25/2023	200,000	2.48	Sell	0.50
Thachang Green Energy (TGE)	Rodjarek Nilvanich	Common Shares	12/26/2023	100,000	2.84	Sell	0.28
Thachang Green Energy (TGE)	Thanapat Ratanapitag	Common Shares	12/25/2023	50,000	2.22	Sell	0.11
Thachang Green Energy (TGE)	Thanapat Ratanapitag	Common Shares	12/25/2023	82,500	2.42	Sell	0.20
Turnkey Communication Services (TKC)	Sayam Tiewtranon	Common Shares	12/25/2023	20,000	15.30	Buy	0.31
Turnkey Communication Services (TKC)	Sayam Tiewtranon	Common Shares	12/26/2023	337,000	15.15	Buy	5.11
Triton Holding (TRITN)	Louise Taechaubol	Common Shares	12/26/2023	6,000,000	0.13	Buy	0.78
Khon Kaen Sugar Industry (KSL)	Piripon Chinthammit	Common Shares	12/25/2023	25,000,001	2.60	Buy	65.00
Bangkok Lab and Cosmetic (BLC)	Suvit Ngampoopun	Common Shares	12/22/2023	100,000	4.72	Buy	0.47
Bangkok Lab and Cosmetic (BLC)	Suvit Ngampoopun	Common Shares	12/25/2023	151,600	4.75	Buy	0.72
Bangkok Lab and Cosmetic (BLC)	Suvit Ngampoopun	Common Shares	12/25/2023	90,000	4.75	Sell	0.43
PTT (PTT)	Montri Rawanchaikul	Common Shares	12/20/2023	56,000	35.50	Sell	1.99
Peace and Living (PEACE)	Pisit Punjakunaporn	Common Shares	12/26/2023	57,900	3.19	Buy	0.18
Firetrade Engineering (FTE)	Prapan Chitcharoenchai	Common Shares	12/27/2023	9,500	1.50	Sell	0.01
Multibax (MBAX)	Songkiat Vichayavetang	Common Shares	12/26/2023	1,000	3.16	Buy	0.00
Micro Leasing (MICRO)	Rotsanan Yingthaweesak	Common Shares	12/25/2023	16,600	2.12	Buy	0.04
Micro Leasing (MICRO)	Preeda Iramaneerat	Common Shares	12/26/2023	50,000	2.10	Buy	0.11
Thai Textile Industry (TTI)	Kamjorn Cheunchujitr	Common Shares	12/26/2023	400	26.75	Buy	0.01
Bumrungrad Hospital (BH)	Chai Sophonpanich	Common Shares	12/26/2023	10,000	220.00	Sell	2.20
Ramkhamhaeng Hospital (RAM)	Siripong Luengvarinkul	Common Shares	12/26/2023	500,000	-	Transfer	n/a
Ramkhamhaeng Hospital (RAM)	Siripong Luengvarinkul	Common Shares	12/26/2023	500,000	-	Transfer	n/a
Winner Group Enterprise (WINNER)	Vannaporn Wongisariyakul	Common Shares	12/25/2023	126,100	2.14	Buy	0.27
Winner Group Enterprise (WINNER)	Jane Wongisariyakul	Common Shares	12/25/2023	126,100	2.14	Buy	0.27
Villa Kunalai (KUN)	Praweerat Dheva-Aksorn	Common Shares	12/25/2023	55,000	1.75	Buy	0.10
Villa Kunalai (KUN)	Praweerat Dheva-Aksorn	Common Shares	12/26/2023	30,000	1.77	Buy	0.05
Villa Kunalai (KUN)	Khuna Dheva-Aksorn	Common Shares	12/25/2023	55,000	1.75	Buy	0.10
Villa Kunalai (KUN)	Khuna Dheva-Aksorn	Common Shares	12/26/2023	30,000	1.77	Buy	0.05
V.L. Enterprise (VL)	Chutipra Klinsuwan	Common Shares	12/27/2023	950,000	0.90	Buy	0.86
Veranda Resort (VRANDA)	Varut Tantiphipop	Common Shares	12/26/2023	20,000	4.90	Buy	0.10
Supalai (SPALI)	Ajchara Tangmatitham	Common Shares	12/25/2023	50,000	18.10	Buy	0.91
Supalai (SPALI)	Ajchara Tangmatitham	Common Shares	12/26/2023	40,000	18.40	Buy	0.74
Supalai (SPALI)	Prateep Tangmatitham	Common Shares	12/25/2023	50,000	18.10	Buy	0.91
Supalai (SPALI)	Prateep Tangmatitham	Common Shares	12/26/2023	40,000	18.40	Buy	0.74
S.Kijchai Enterprise (SKN)	Kitiya Niebler	Common Shares	12/26/2023	25,000	4.14	Buy	0.10
Saha Pathana Inter-Holding (SPI)	Boonkiet Chokwatana	Common Shares	12/27/2023	41,533	70.19	Buy	2.92
Sermsang Power Corp (SSP)	Viwat Kraipisitkul	Common Shares	12/26/2023	8,300,000	7.90	Sell	65.57
Sermsang Power Corp (SSP)	Viwat Kraipisitkul	Common Shares	12/26/2023	6,650,000	7.90	Sell	52.54
Alpha Divisions (ALPHAX)	Teera Chutivarapon	Warrant	12/25/2023	423,143,800*	0.54	Buy	228.50
Alpha Divisions (ALPHAX)	Teera Chutivarapon	Common Shares	12/25/2023	22,144,800	0.51	Buy	11.29
Alpha Divisions (ALPHAX)	Teera Chutivarapon	Warrant	12/25/2023	423,143,800	0.25	Buy	105.79
Alpha Divisions (ALPHAX)	Teera Chutivarapon	Common Shares	12/26/2023	9,500,000	0.55	Buy	5.23
Eastern Power Group (EP)	Yuth Chinpakkul	Common Shares	12/26/2023	2,000	2.62	Buy	0.01
Exotic Food PCL (XO)	Pichayada Sasiwongpakdee	Common Shares	12/25/2023	90,000	25.74	Sell	2.32
S&J International Enterprises (S&J)	Boonkiet Chokwatana	Common Shares	12/27/2023	38,862	53.15	Buy	2.07

Source: *Revoked by Reporter; SEC

Exhibit 20: Upcoming XD

Symbol	X-Date	Dividend (per Share)	Unit	Operation Period	Source of Dividend	Payment Date	Price	Div Yield	Par
I2	28/12/2023	0.032	Baht	01/01/2023 - 30/09/2023	NP	12/1/2024	2.32	1.4%	0.5
TTT	3/1/2024	0.9	Baht	-	RE	17/1/2024	46.25	1.9%	10
MGI	8/1/2024	0.2	Baht	01/01/2023 - 30/09/2023	NP	23/1/2024	18.70	1.1%	0.5
HPT	10/1/2024	0.018	Baht	-	RE	18/1/2024	0.59	3.1%	0.25
KTIS	1/2/2024	0.1	Baht	01/10/2022 - 30/09/2023	NP	16/2/2024	3.80	2.6%	1
TSC	1/2/2024	0.8	Baht	01/10/2022 - 30/09/2023	NP	22/2/2024	15.00	5.3%	1
STI	2/2/2024	0.1	Baht	01/01/2023 - 30/09/2023	NP	23/2/2024	3.58	2.8%	0.5
METCO	7/2/2024	10	Baht	01/10/2022 - 30/09/2023	NP	22/2/2024	241.00	4.1%	10
IRC	8/2/2024	0.4178	Baht	01/10/2022 - 30/09/2023	NP	28/2/2024	13.70	3.0%	1
MSFT80X	14/2/2024	-	Baht	-	-	11/4/2024	-	-	-

Source: SET

Exhibit 21: New securities

Derivative Warrants	Trade Date	Underlying	Issuer	DW Type	Market	Maturity Date	Exercise Price (Baht)
ACE13C2407A	28/12/2023	ACE	KGI	Call	SET	09/07/2024	2.12
CKP13C2407A	28/12/2023	CKP	KGI	Call	SET	09/07/2024	4.4
HSI06C2402D	28/12/2023	HSI	KKPS	Call	SET	05/03/2024	16,500.00
HSI06P2402C	28/12/2023	HSI	KKPS	Put	SET	05/03/2024	15,600.00
RCL13C2405A	28/12/2023	RCL	KGI	Call	SET	14/05/2024	33
RCL19C2405B	28/12/2023	RCL	YUANTA	Call	SET	10/05/2024	29.5
THANI13C2407A	28/12/2023	THANI	KGI	Call	SET	09/07/2024	3.74
TIPH13C2407A	28/12/2023	TIPH	KGI	Call	SET	09/07/2024	41

Source: SET