

FETCO Press Release: FETCO Investor Confidence Index

April 2016

(Published on Monday, 4 April 2016)

The Federation of Thai Capital Market Organizations (FETCO) has published the Investor Confidence Index (ICI) covering the next three months. The ICI rose slightly but remained in neutral territory, driven by the inflow of foreign capital which energized the stock market. However, the failure of the domestic economy to recover fully was the largest drag on investor confidence. The Steel sector (STEEL) continued to be the least attractive investment.

The FETCO Investor Confidence Index was compiled from a survey of retail investors as well as local and foreign institutional investors with regard to their opinions and levels of confidence for the next three months. Dr. Kanate Wangpaichitr, President, FETCO, commented, "Investor confidence rose slightly, resulting in the index remaining in neutral territory." Details of the ICI follow.

- The confidence index for the next three months (through June 2016) remained in neutral territory, standing at 96.14 and rising 1.95% from last month's 94.30 (the ICI measurement ranges from 0 to 200).
- The confidence index of the retail and local institutional investor groups both increased, while confidence among foreign institutional investors declined slightly.
- Construction Services (CONS) was the industry sector most appealing to investors, while the Steel sector (STEEL) remained the least attractive.
- The influx of capital from abroad was the factor having the most positive influence on the Thai stock market, while the uncertain domestic economic recovery tended to drag the market down.

Overall, the basic structure of the Thai economy remains strong, and it has not been affected by the volatility of financial markets as severely as other ASEAN nations. In addition, government stimulus policies have helped boost investor confidence, including measures providing THB 700 billion to help farmers, low-income households, and SME business operators.

For more information and news about upcoming events, please call 02 009 9370-3 or Email: fetco@set.or.th