FETCOInvestor Confidence Survey



FETCO Investor Confidence Index Report April 2020



<u>Note</u>: Investor Confidence Index surveys four groups of investors— retail investors, local institutional investors, proprietary trading group, and foreign investors— using a diffusion index with a range from 0 to 200. The index readings are divided into five levels: very bullish; bullish; neutral; bearish; and very bearish.

Trends in Investor Confidence by Type of Investor



Retail Investors Proprietary Trading Local Insitutues Foreign Investors

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FETCO Investor Confidence Index (ICI) for the next three months fell 12%, staying bearish for the third consecutive month. Concern about the domestic economy was the biggest drag on investor confidence; other negative factors affecting investors included capital inflows/outflows, the performance of listed companies, and worries about the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, investors are optimistic about anticipated government policy as well as the US Federal Reserve's monetary policy and a recovery in the tourism sector.

Investors found investments in the Food & Beverage (FOOD) sector to be most attractive followed by Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and Banking (BANK), while finding the Tourism & Leisure (TOURISM) sector the least interesting, followed by Automotive (AUTO) and Steel (STEEL).

FETCO Investor Confidence Index (ICI) for March decreased 12% to 56.7, remaining in bearish territory for the third month in a row. With regard to the ICIs for each investor group, all groups were bearish: retail investors dropped to 46.59; proprietary traders remained stable at 50.00; local institutional investor ICI rose to 57.14; while foreign investors dropped to 66.67.

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Retail ICI



Investor Confidence





March 2020 survey results show ICIs for all groups of investors were in bearish territory.

During March, the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Index dropped significantly due to concerns about the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The US Fed announced an emergency interest rate cut of 0.5% to 1% as world oil prices fell by 20% due to the price war of Saudi Arabia. In the first half of the month, the SET Index fluctuated within the range of 1,120–1,390 points. Subsequently, the SET Index dropped considerably due to the corona virus epidemic in China and its spread to various countries in Asia, the Middle East, Europe and America. At month's end, the SET Index dropped from 1,120 points to 1,099.

Investment trends for the next three months show investor concern about the domestic economy to be the biggest drag on investor confidence. Similarly, capital inflows/outflows, global commodity prices, as well as controlling the spread of COVID-19 are having a negative impact on investor confidence. At the same time, investor confidence is buoyed most by government policy followed by Chinese economic growth and US Federal Reserve monetary policy.

Global economic factors impacting investor confidence include: controlling the spread of the COVID-19 virus and its impact on the world economy; monetary policies of central banks around the world; and easing of economic policies by various governments. Domestic factors which warrant monitoring include: government economic policy to stimulate spending and investments; exports; tourism— which has declined significantly; Thai interest rate policy; and capital inflows/outflows.

Note: The domestic institutional group includes asset management companies, government pension fund, insurance companies and life insurance

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Most Influential Factor Driving the Stock Market

Investor

Survey

Confidence

Retail Investors

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Most view government policy as the factor boosting investor confidence the most, followed by the performance of listed companies and domestic economic growth.

Proprietary Traders

See government policies and Monetary Policy Committee measures as supporting investor confidence the most, followed by domestic economic growth in Thailand and China.

Local Institutional Investors

Consider government policies as having a positive impact on investor confidence, followed by the domestic economy, US Federal Reserve monetary policy, and capital inflows/outflows.

Foreign Investors

Believe that U.S. Federal Reserve's monetary policy, Chinese economic growth, and tourism are factors bolstering investor confidence the most.

Most Important Factors Impeding the Stock Market

Retail Investors

Consider the domestic economy as the biggest factor dragging down investor confidence, followed by tourism and the performance of listed companies.

Proprietary Traders

See the domestic economy as the primary factor weighing down investor confidence, followed by global commodity prices and listed companies' earnings.

Local Institutional Investors

Believe that domestic economic conditions have the greatest negative impact on investor sentiment, followed by tourism and the performance of listed companies.

Foreign Investors

View the domestic economy, capital inflows /outflows, and commodity prices in the world market as all dragging down investor confidence.









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	and Property Development.
Proprietary Trading	Find the Transportation & Logistics sector the least interesting for investing, followed by Automotive, Property Development, and Tourism & Leisure.
Local Institutes	Believe that the Tourism & Leisure sector provides unattractive investment options, as do the Banking, Automotive, and Transportation & Logistics sectors.
Foreign Investors	See the Automotive, Tourism & Leisure, and Steel sectors as offering few investment opportunities of interest.

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