

FETCO Investor Confidence Index Report

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Survey

Confidence

FETCO Investor Confidence Index (FETCO ICI) in March 2022, which anticipated the market condition over the next three months, is at 117.92, up 4.3 percent from the previous month and remains in "neutral" zone. The most supportive factor is listed companies' first quarter earnings, followed by hope that the Russia-Ukraine conflict will be eased and fund inflow. Investors are most concerned about the Russia-Ukraine situation, Fed's hawkish interest rate policy and local economic situation.

The most attractive sectors to investors are Banking (BANK), Energy & Utilities (ENERGY), and Healthcare (HEALTH), respectively. However, the least attractive ones include Fashion (FASHION), Banking (BANK), and Property Fund & Real Estate Investment Trusts (PF&REIT)

Confidence of retail, local institutional investors and proprietary investors is in "neutral" zone while that of foreign investors is in "bullish" zone.

FETCO INVESTOR CONFIDENCE INIDICES		FETCO ICI Criterion
RETAIL ICI	113.24	(160 - 200) Very Bullish ††
PROPRIETARY ICI	100.00	(120 - 159) Bullish (80 - 119) Neutral (40 - 79) Bearish ◀
LOCAL INSTITUTES ICI	100.00	
FOREIGN ICI	133.33 🔶	(0 - 39) Very Bearish ++

<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.

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investors' confidence rises 25.1 percent to 113.24. That of

proprietary traders decreases 22.2 percent to 100.00.

Confidence of local institutional investors is up 5.9 percent to 100.00 while that of foreign investors falls 6.7 percent to

1,698.40 range. The benchmark experienced a drastic fall in the first week of the month, tracking global market plunge as

However, the Thai stock market was resilient, thanks to the

March. Foreign investors were net buyers of THB

108,340.35 million year-to-date. In addition, capital market

positively reacted to the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration's approval to lift the pre-departure RT-PCR requirement for fully vaccinated international arrivals beginning

1 April 2022, which triggered positive signal to Thailand's tourism industry. The SET Index at end-March closed at

Russia-Ukraine situation and international sanctions related to

Russia, which will impact the global economic recovery. Rising commodities prices, especially crude oil will be in the radar.

Market will also keep an eye on Fed's interest rate hike although the first move of 25 bps increase was in line with

market expectation. However, if the inflation rate continues to

beat market expectation, this factor will be factored in the next Fed's interest rate decision. In addition, easing COVID-19

measures in several countries are expected to help accelerate global tourism recovery. For domestic factors, investors focus on listed companies' first guarter earnings and COVID-19

External factors to monitor include impact from the

1,695.24, up 0.6 percent from the previous month.

In March, the SET Index moved in tight 1,619.10-

Russia-Ukraine conflict showed sign of continuity.

Retail ICI 48.52% 32.35% 19.12% Bullish Neutral Bearish Proprietary

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

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Most Influential Factor Driving the Stock Market

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Retail Investors

 Most view the resolution of international conflicts as the important factor boosting investor confidence, followed by the fund inflow and domestic economic recovery.

Proprietary Traders

 See the fund inflow and tourism recovery as the most supporting investor confidence, followed by the resolution of international conflicts and listed companies' performance.

Local Institutional Investors

 Consider the resolution of international conflicts and the improving of Covid-19 situation as having positive impact on investor confidence, followed by fund inflow and the tourism recovery.

Foreign Investors

• Believe that the listed companies' performance is the most important factor bolstering investor confidence, followed by fund inflow, domestic economic recovery and tourism recovery.

Most Important Factors Impeding the Stock Market

Retail Investors

 Consider the international conflict situation as the biggest factor dragging down investor confidence, followed by FED interest rate hike and the global commodity price.

Proprietary Traders

 See the international conflict situation, FED interest rate hike and global commodity price as the primary factors weighing down investor confidence, followed by the Covid-19 situation.

Local Institutional Investors

 Believe the international conflict situation and has the greatest negative impact on investor sentiment, followed by the FED interest rate hike, Covid-19 situation and global commodity price.

Foreign Investors

 View the international conflict situation as the most dragging down investor confidence, followed by the FED interest rate hike and domestic economic slowdown.









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