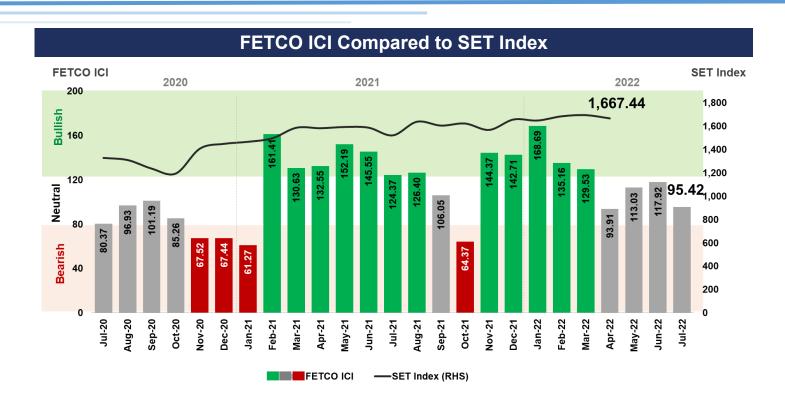


# Investor Confidence



**FETCO Investor Confidence Index Report** 

May 2022



FETCO Investor Confidence Index (FETCO ICI) in April, which anticipated the market condition over the next three months, is at 95.42, down 19.1 percent from the previous month, however, it remains in "neutral" zone for four consecutive months. Tourism recovery is anticipated to be the most supportive factor, followed by fund inflow and local economic recovery. Investors are most concerned about the Russia-Ukraine tension, Fed's hawkish stance and Thailand's plan to impose financial transaction tax, respectively.

The most attractive sectors to investors are Tourism & Leisure (TOURISM), Food & Beverage (FOOD), and Healthcare (HEALTH), respectively. However, the least attractive ones include Petrochemicals & Chemicals (PETRO), Steel (STEEL), and Fashion (FASHION).

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

FETCO INVESTOR CONFIDENCE INIDICES		FETCO ICI Criterion
RETAIL ICI	98.36	(160 - 200) Very Bullish
PROPRIETARY ICI	75.00	(120 - 159) Bullish
LOCAL INSTITUTES ICI	85.00	(80 - 119) Neutral (40 - 79) Bearish
FOREIGN ICI	100.00	(0 - 39) Very Bearish

Note: 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; bearish; and very bearish.

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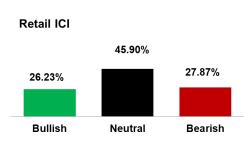




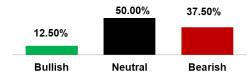




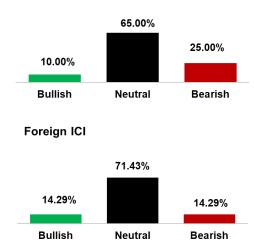








#### Local Institutes ICI



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

"The survey result in April 2022 shows that investor confidence across all types of investors declines. Retail investor falls 13.1 percent to 98.36. Proprietary trader decreases 25.0 percent to 75.00. Local institutional investor is down 15.0 percent to 85.00 while foreign investor retreats 25.0 percent to 100.00."

In April, the SET Index had negative moves throughout the month, undermined by expected rising rising inflation on the back of by Russia-Ukraine conflicts and a downward revision of Thailand's 2022 economic growth forecast to 3.5 percent from 4.0 percent. However, the downside of the Thai capital market was offset by the local government's plan to ease travel restrictions. Continued fund inflow also helped cushion with foreign investors being net buyers of THB 9,779.91 million in April. Foreign investors were net buyers of THB 118,120.26 million year-to-date. The SET Index at end-April closed at 1,667.44, down 1.6 percent from the previous month.

External factors to monitor include impact from lingering Russia-Ukraine tension, which has caused energy and food crisis. The situation has dampened rising inflation pressure and increased the risk of stagflation, which triggered trends of imposing tightening monetary policy by global central banks. For instance, the US Federal Reserve has signaled to speed up its interest rate hike and impose quantitative tightening measure in May, which is sooner than market earlier anticipated. In addition, investors follow the update on lockdown situation in China as COVID-19 infection re-emerged in Shanghai and Beijing. However, positive cues include optimism over reopening in Asian countries, which will help boost tourism recovery. Thailand, in particular, has pinned its hope on the economic recovery and tourism revival after the government has eased travel restrictions."



















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# **Most Influential Factor Driving the Stock Market**

#### **Retail Investors**

 Most view the tourism recovery the as the important factor boosting investor confidence, followed by the fund inflow and domestic economic recovery.

# **Proprietary Traders**

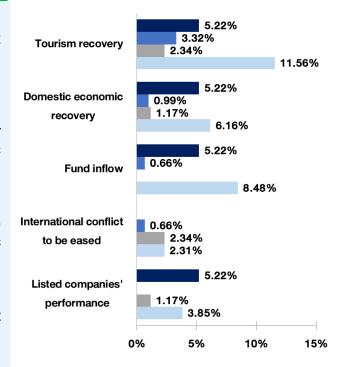
 See the tourism recovery and the international conflicts to be eased as the most supporting investor confidence, followed by the domestic economic recovery and listed companies' performance.

#### **Local Institutional Investors**

 Consider the tourism recovery as having positive impact on investor confidence, followed by the international conflicts to be eased, domestic economic recovery and listed companies' performance.

## **Foreign Investors**

 Believe that the tourism recovery is the most important factor bolstering investor confidence, followed by the international conflicts to be eased, and listed companies' performance.



# 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 domestic economic slowdown.

# **Proprietary Traders**

 See FED interest rate hike as the primary factors weighing down investor confidence, followed by Chinese economic situation.

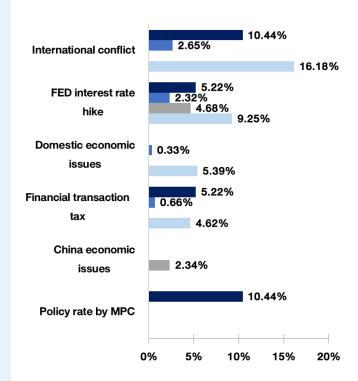
#### **Local Institutional Investors**

 Believe the international conflict situation has the greatest negative impact on investor sentiment, followed by the FED interest rate hike and the government proposal on financial transaction tax collection.

#### **Foreign Investors**

 View the international conflict situation and upcoming meeting of the Bank of Thailand's Monetary Policy Committee clouded sentiment as the most dragging down investor confidence, followed by the FED interest rate hike and the government proposal on financial transaction tax collection.























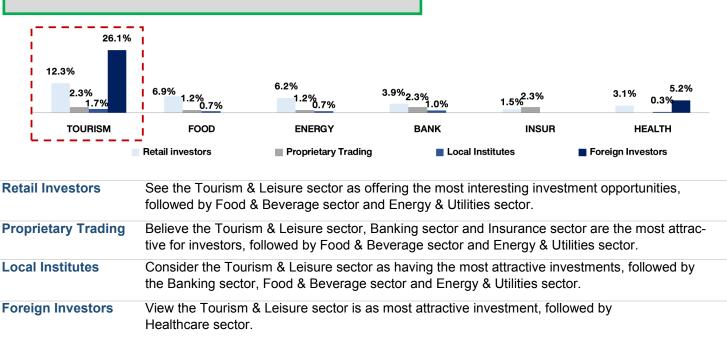


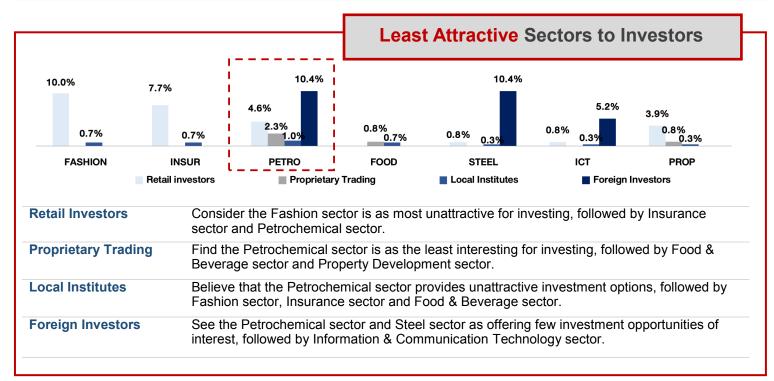




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