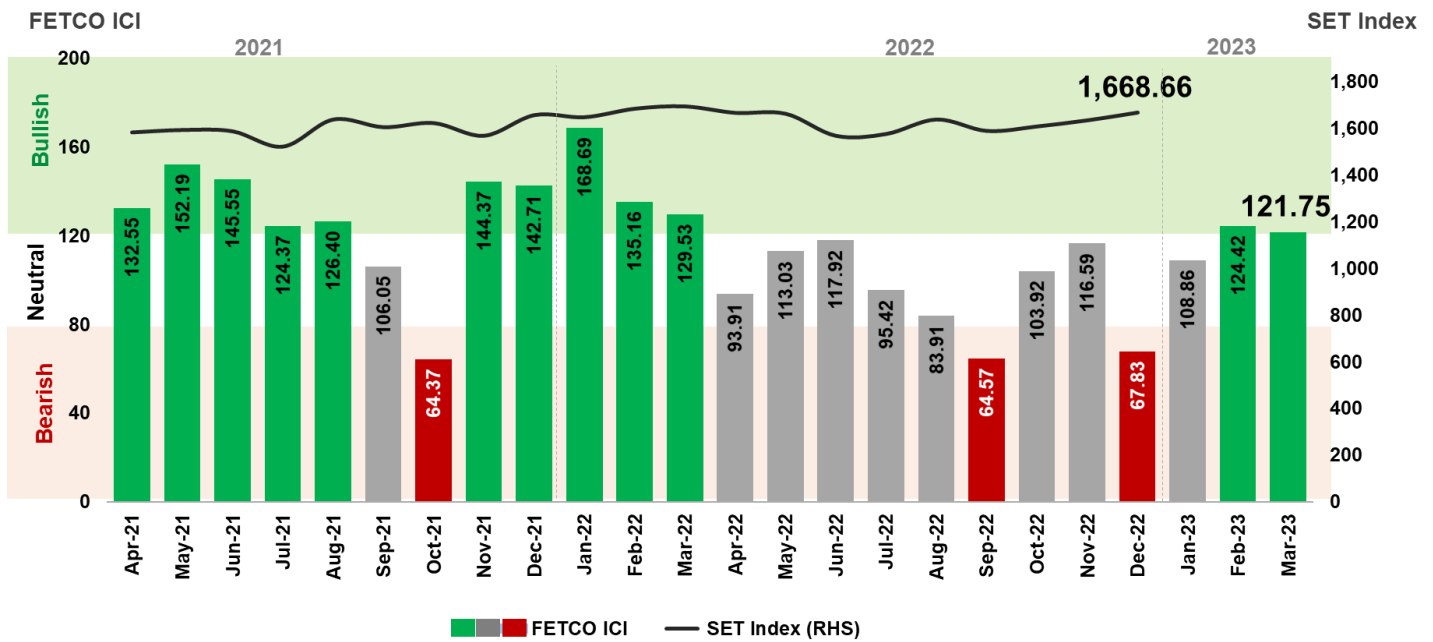


FETCO ICI Compared to SET Index



FETCO Investor Confidence Index (FETCO ICI) in December 2022, which anticipated the market condition over the next three months, is at 121.75, down 2.1 percent from the previous month, remaining in “bullish” zone. Investors expect tourism recovery to be the most supportive factor, followed by listed companies’ earnings and domestic economic recovery. However, international conflicts, the announcement on the financial transaction tax on securities trades on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) and inflation situation undermine confidence.

The most attractive sectors to investors are Commerce (COMM), Tourism & Leisure (TOURISM), and Automotive (AUTO) respectively. However, the least attractive ones include Steel & Metal Products (STEEL), Agro & Food Industry (AGRI), and Packaging (PKG).

Confidence of retail and foreign investors is in “bullish” zone while that of proprietary and institutional investors is “neutral” zone.

FETCO INVESTOR CONFIDENCE INDICES

RETAIL ICI	123.38	↑
PROPRIETARY ICI	85.71	↔
LOCAL INSTITUTES ICI	105.56	↔
FOREIGN ICI	125.00	↑

FETCO ICI Criterion

(160 - 200)	Very Bullish	↑↑
(120 - 159)	Bullish	↑
(80 - 119)	Neutral	↔
(40 - 79)	Bearish	↓
(0 - 39)	Very Bearish	↓↓

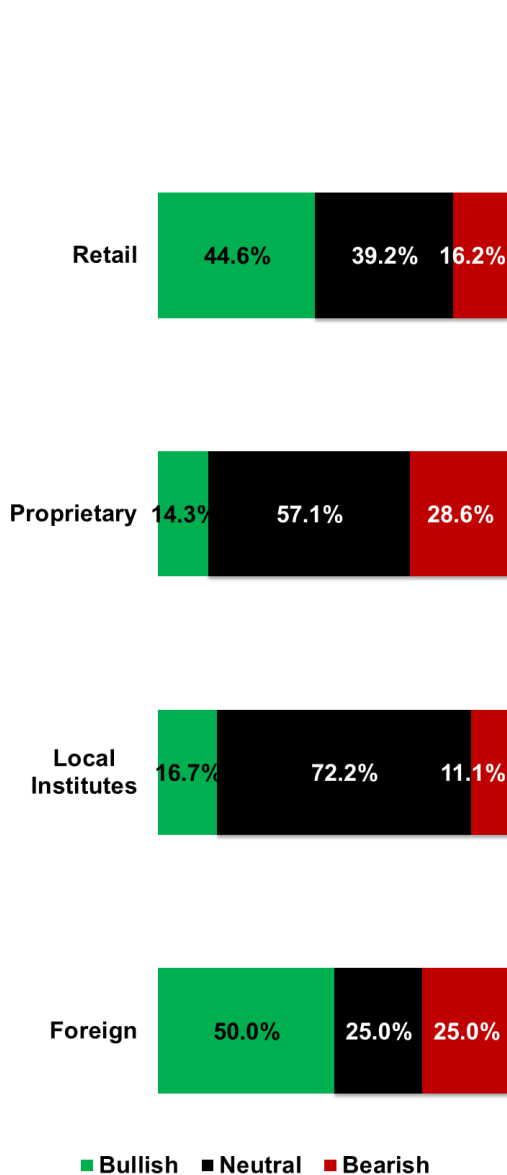
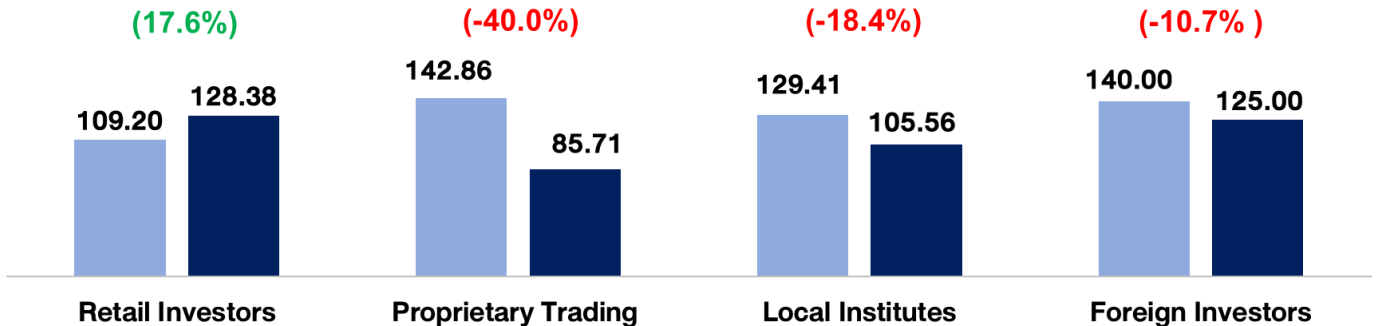
Note: Investor Confidence Index surveys four groups of investors—retail investors, local institutional investors, proprietary trading group, and foreign investors—using a diffusion index with a range from 0 to 200. The index readings are divided into five levels: very bullish; bullish; neutral; bearish;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

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Trends in Investor Confidence by Type of Investor

December 2022 November 2022



December 2022 survey results show that ICI of retail investors rises 17.6 percent to 128.38 while that of other investor types declines; proprietary investors down 40 percent to 85.71, institutional investors down 18.4 percent to 105.56 and foreign investors down 10.7 percent to 125.00.

In December 2022, SET Index stayed above 1,600 throughout the month, thanks to supportive factors from local tourism recovery, business returning to normalcy during the last month of the year while China’s reopening plan helped boost tourism sector and exports and FED signaling easing monetary policy. However, confidence was still undermined by lingering Russia-Ukraine conflicts and local government’s taxation plan on securities trades in Thai stock market. At month-end, SET Index closed at 1,668.66, up 2 percent from the previous month. Foreign investors remained as net buyers of THB 12,826 million in December, accumulating THB 196,886 million for 2022.

External factors to monitor include risks of recession in 2023, which will urge global central banks to put tight financial measures in place; China’s reopening, which will boost its economy and tourism in Asia; lingering Russia-Ukraine conflicts; and energy crisis in Europe. Local factors to watch include listed companies’ earnings; Thailand’s exports which is expected to be contracted in line with global economic slowdown especially in the US and Europe; the government’s economic stimulus policy; upcoming general elections that may cause public investment to slow down during the transition; and expected rising number of tourism arrival, which may put COVID-19 infection on alert.

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

Most Influential Factor Driving the Stock Market

Retail Investors

- Most view the tourism recovery as the important factor boosting investor confidence, followed by domestic economic recovery and listed companies' performance.

Proprietary Traders

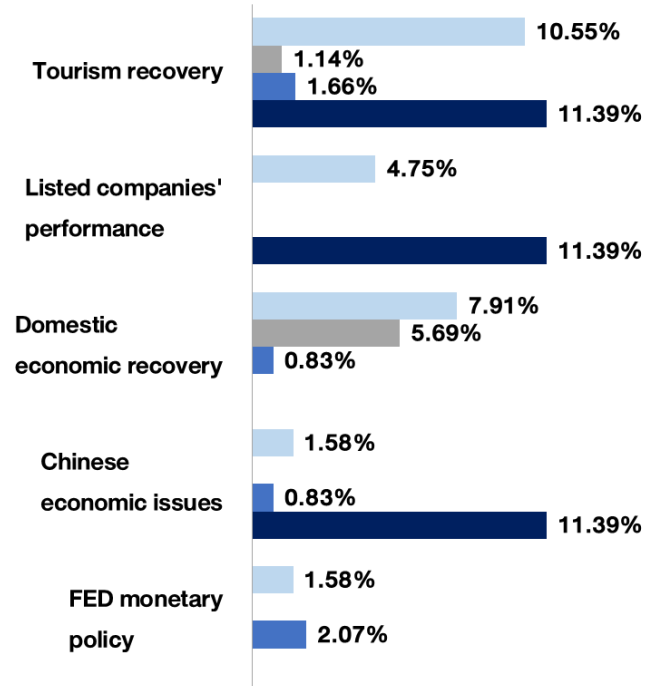
- See the domestic economic recovery as the most supporting investor confidence, followed by tourism recovery.

Local Institutional Investors

- Consider the FED's signal to slow rate increase as having positive impact on investor confidence, followed by tourism recovery.

Foreign Investors

- Believe that the listed companies performance, tourism recovery, and Chinese economic issues are the most important factors bolstering investor confidence.



Most Important Factors Impeding the Stock Market

Retail Investors

- Consider the Financial Transaction Tax on securities trades as the biggest factor dragging down investor confidence, followed by the effect of inflation to global commodity price and FED interest rate hike.

Proprietary Traders

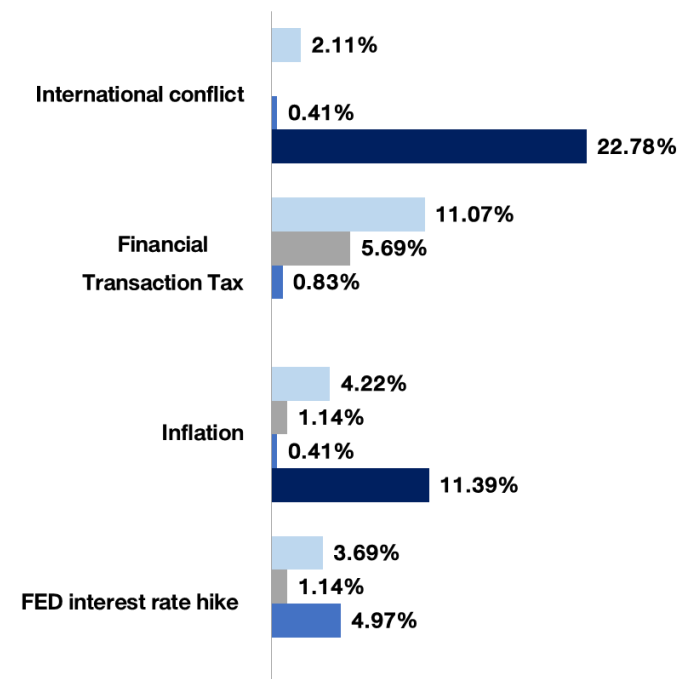
- See the Financial Transaction Tax on securities trades as the primary factors weighing down investor confidence, followed by the effect of inflation to global commodity price and FED interest rate hike.

Local Institutional Investors

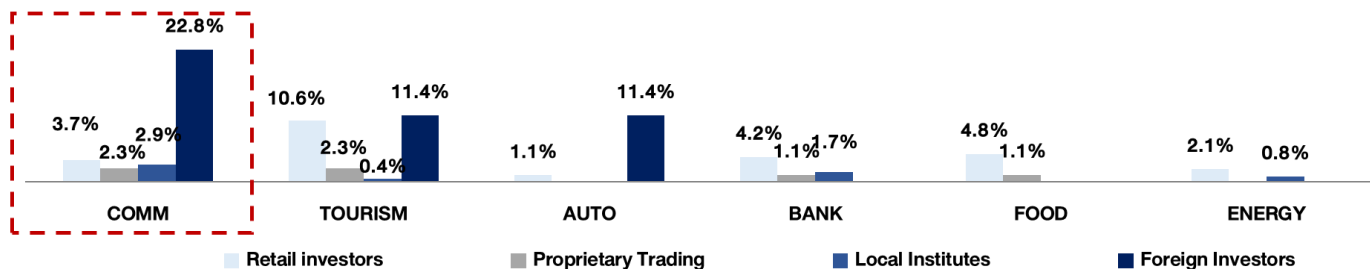
- Believe the FED interest rate hike has the greatest negative impact on investor sentiment, followed by financial Transaction Tax on securities trades, international conflict and the effect of inflation to global commodity price.

Foreign Investors

- View the international conflict as the most dragging down investor confidence, followed by the effect of inflation to global commodity price.



Most Attractive Sectors to Investors



Retail Investors

See the Tourism & Leisure sector as offering the most interesting investment opportunities, followed by Food & Beverage sector and Banking sector.

Proprietary Trading

Believe the Commerce sector and Tourism & Leisure sector are the most attractive for investors, followed by Food & Beverage sector and Banking sector.

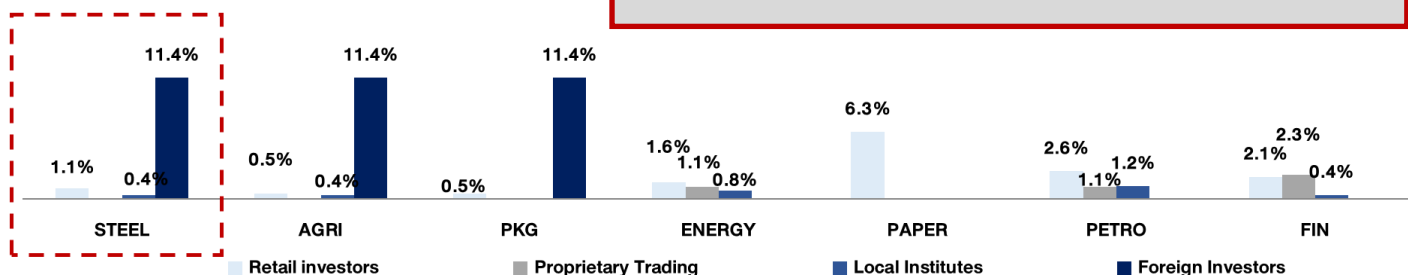
Local Institutes

Consider the Commerce sector as having the most attractive investments, followed by Banking sector and Energy & Utilities sector.

Foreign Investors

View the Commerce sector is as most attractive investment, followed by Tourism & Leisure sector and Automotive sector.

Least Attractive Sectors to Investors



Retail Investors

Consider the Paper & Printing Materials sector is as most unattractive for investing, followed by Petrochemicals & Chemicals sector and Finance & Securities sector.

Proprietary Trading

Find the Finance & Securities sector is as the least interesting for investing, followed by Petrochemicals and Chemicals sector and Energy & Utilities sector.

Local Institutes

Believe that the Petrochemicals and Chemicals sector provides unattractive investment options, followed by Energy and Utilities sector.

Foreign Investors

See the Steel & Metal Products sector, Agribusiness sector and Packaging sector as offering few investment opportunities of interest.

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