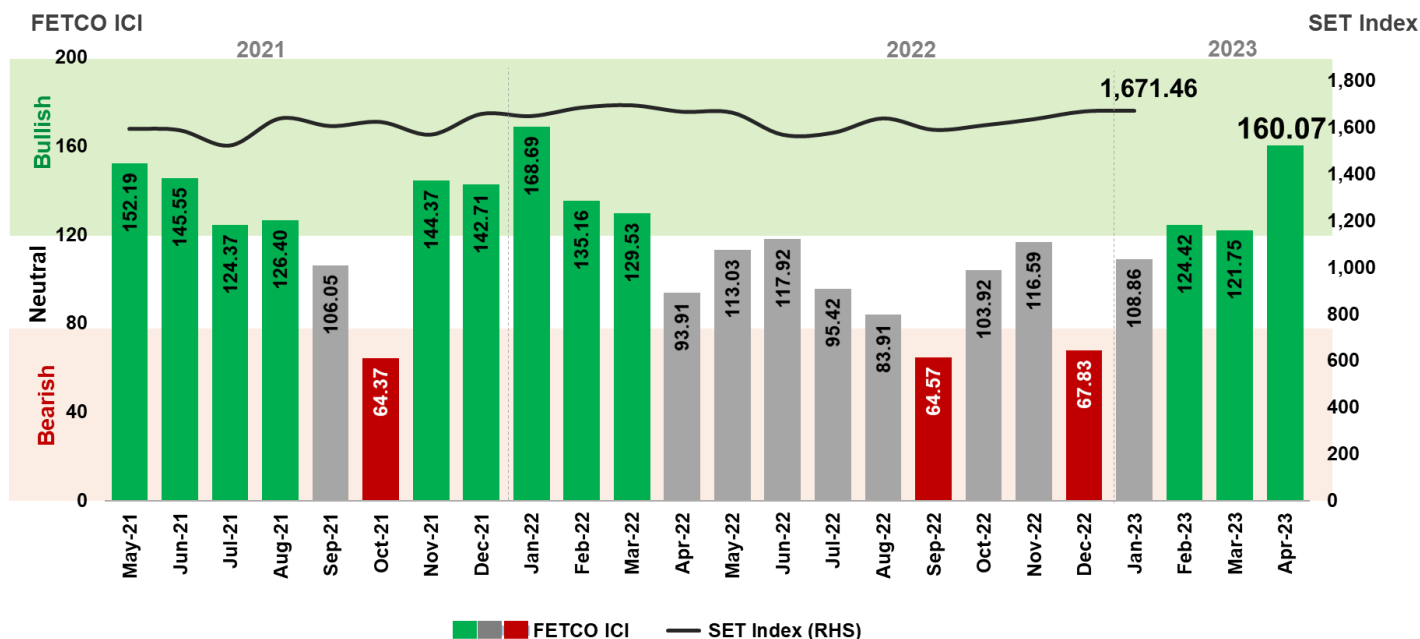


FETCO ICI Compared to SET Index



FETCO Investor Confidence Index (FETCO ICI) in January 2023, which anticipated the market condition over the next three months, is at 160.07, up 31.5 percent from the previous month, surging to “very bullish” zone. Investors view that tourism recovery is the most supportive factor, followed by fund inflow and domestic economic recovery. However, international conflicts, Fed’s interest rate hike policy and the announcement on the financial transaction tax on securities trades on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) hold back confidence.

The most attractive sectors to investors are Tourism & Leisure (TOURISM), Commerce (COMM), and Banking (BANK) respectively. However, the least attractive ones include Paper & Printing Materials (PAPER), Mining (MINE) and Professional Services (PROF).

Confidence of retail and foreign investors rises to “very bullish” zone while that of proprietary and institutional investors is “bullish” zone.

FETCO INVESTOR CONFIDENCE INDICES

RETAIL ICI	166.67	↑↑
PROPRIETARY ICI	137.50	↑
LOCAL INSTITUTES ICI	150.00	↑
FOREIGN ICI	160.00	↑↑

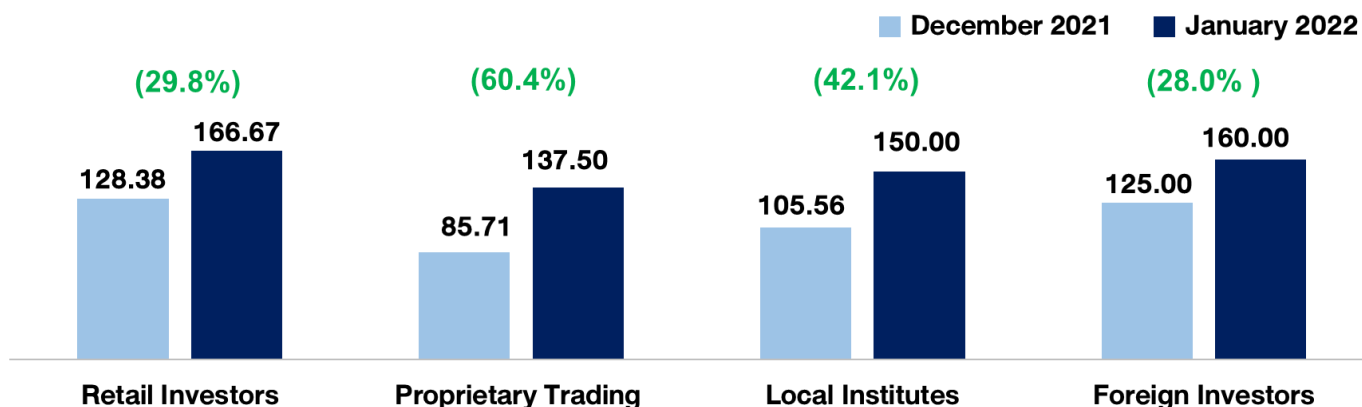
FETCO ICI Criterion

(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



The January 2023 survey results show that ICI of investors across investor types rises with retail investors up 29.8 percent to 166.67; proprietary investors up 60.4 percent to 137.50; institutional investors up 42.1 percent to 150.00 and foreign investors up 28 percent to 160.00.

In January 2023, SET Index moved in tight 1,663.86 – 1,691.41 range. Supporting factors comprised of trend of Fed's slowing down its pace of policy rate hike; cooling down of inflation in several key economies; and China's reopening. As a results, worries over economic recession has been eased. Domestic catalyst, especially tourism recovery, was also supportive. However, Russia-Ukraine conflicts, which has taken place for over a year, coupled with lower than expected earnings of listed companies and worries over tax measure to be implemented over securities trading, undermined sentiment. At month-end, SET Index closed at 1,671.46, up 0.2 percent from the previous month. Foreign investors remained as net buyers, accumulating THB 18,997 million in the first month of the year.

External factors to monitor include hawkish trend of interest rate as inflation remains above Fed's target range. Therefore, rate cut in 2023 is likely off the table. Eyes are also on spread of job cuts in technology sector; geopolitical risks, which may impact international stability; and China's economic recovery on the back of continued COVID-19 infection situation. Local factors to watch are the economic recovery boosted by tourism revival with the return of tourists from China as particular driver; growth in private consumption; exports, which is expected to slow down in line with declining demand from trading partner countries; manufacturing relocation opportunity as companies are moving their production base from China; and Thailand's house dissolution and upcoming general elections, of which the impact to the Thai economic direction shall be seen in the second half of 2023."



Most Influential Factor Driving the Stock Market

Retail Investors

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

Proprietary Traders

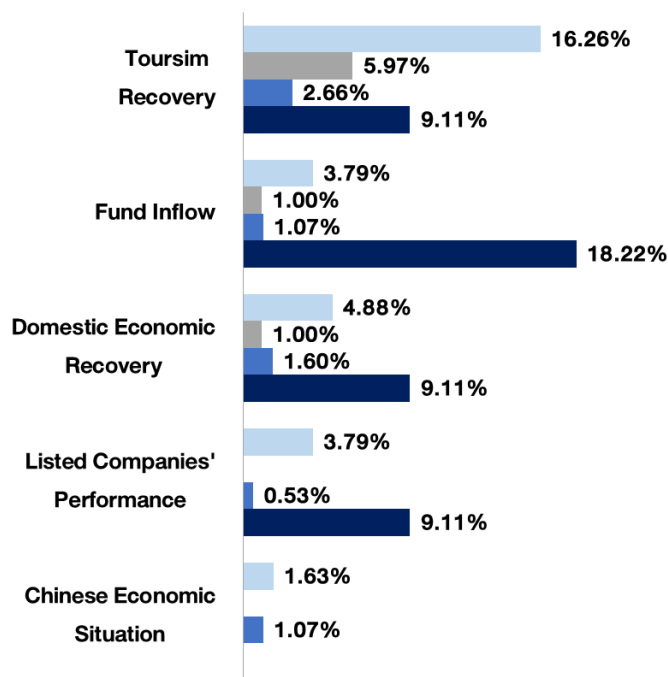
- See the tourism recovery as the most supporting investor confidence, followed by domestic economic recovery and fund inflow.

Local Institutional Investors

- Consider the tourism recovery as having positive impact on investor confidence, followed by domestic economic recovery, fund inflow and Chinese economic recovery.

Foreign Investors

- Believe that the fund inflow is the most important factors bolstering investor confidence, follow by tourism recovery, domestic economic recovery and listed companies' performance.



■ Retail Investors
■ Proprietary Traders
■ Local Institutional Investors
■ Foreign Investors

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 FED interest rate hike and international conflict.

Proprietary Traders

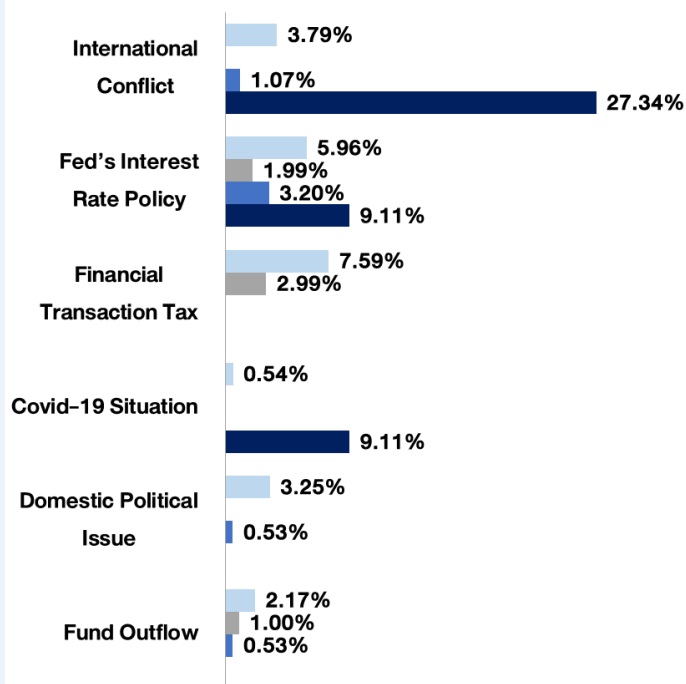
- See the Financial Transaction Tax on securities trades as the primary factors weighing down investor confidence, followed by FED interest rate hike and fund outflow.

Local Institutional Investors

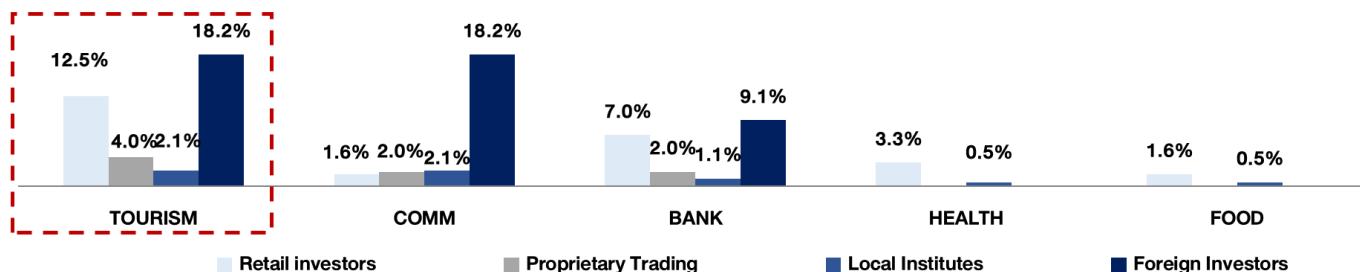
- Believe the FED interest rate hike has the greatest negative impact on investor sentiment, followed by international conflict, fund outflow and domestic political issue.

Foreign Investors

- View the international conflict as the most dragging down investor confidence, followed by FED interest rate hike and Covid-19 situation.



Most Attractive Sectors to Investors



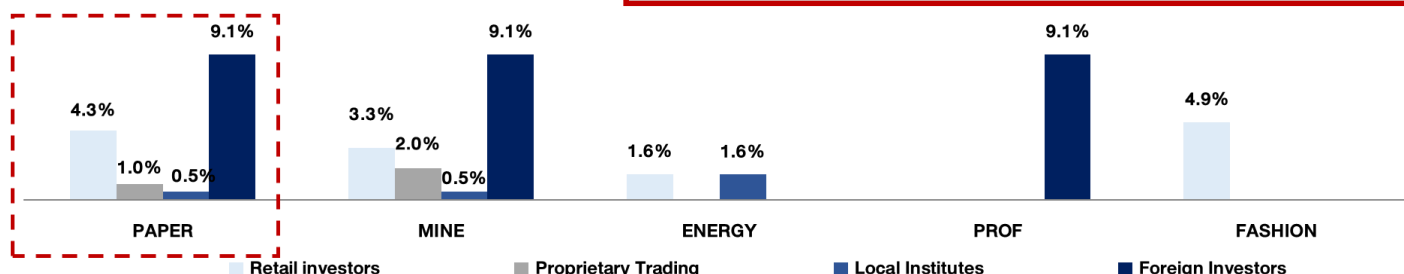
Retail Investors See the Tourism & Leisure sector as offering the most interesting investment opportunities, followed by Banking sector and Health Care Services sector.

Proprietary Trading Believe the Tourism & Leisure sector is the most attractive for investors, followed by Commerce sector and Banking sector.

Local Institutes Consider the Tourism & Leisure sector and Commerce sector as having the most attractive investments, followed by Banking sector.

Foreign Investors View the Tourism & Leisure sector and Commerce sector as most attractive investment, followed by Banking sector.

Least Attractive Sectors to Investors



Retail Investors Consider the Fashion sector is as most unattractive for investing, followed by Paper & Printing Materials sector and Mining sector.

Proprietary Trading Find the Mining sector is as the least interesting for investing, followed by Paper & Printing Materials sector.

Local Institutes Believe that the Energy & Utilities sector provides unattractive investment options, followed by Paper & Printing Materials sector and Mining sector.

Foreign Investors See the Paper & Printing Materials sector, Mining sector and Professional Services sector, as offering few investment opportunities of interest.

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