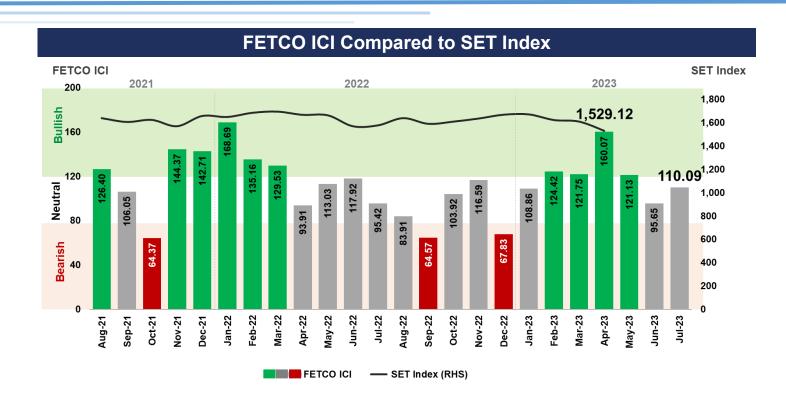


# Investor Confidence



**FETCO Investor Confidence Index Report** 

May 2023



FETCO Investor Confidence Index (FETCO ICI) in April 2023, which anticipated the market condition over the next three months, is at 110.09, up 15.1 percent from the previous month, though hovering in "neutral" zone. Investors see local general elections as the most supportive factor, followed by expectation on fund inflow and local tourism recovery. However, investors are most concerned about the Fed's hawkish monetary policy, political situation during the elections and inflation.

The most attractive sectors to investors are Tourism & Leisure (TOURISM), Banking (BANK), and Healthcare (HEALTH), respectively. However, the least attractive ones include Petrochemicals & Chemicals (PETEO), Energy & Utilities (ENERGY), and Paper & Printing Materials (PAPER)

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

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LOCAL INSTITUTES ICI	(80 - 119) Neutral (40 - 79) Bearish
FOREIGN ICI 125.00	(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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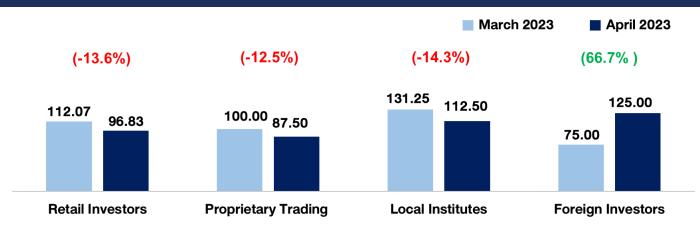




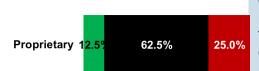


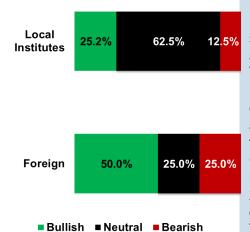


### **Trends in Investor Confidence by Type of Investor**



Retail 25.9% 39.7% 31.8%





"The survey results in April 2023 show that only foreign investors' confidence is positive, rising 66.7 percent to 125.0 while that of other types of investors are down, retail investors down 13.6 percent to 96.83, proprietary investors down 12.5 percent to 87.50 and institutional investors down 14.3 percent to 112.50.

In April, SET Index declined 5 percent from the previous month to close at 1,529.12, hurt by several factors, including slower-than-expected economic recovery in several countries, which included Thailand, where its Fiscal Policy Office revised down the country's 2023 GDP forecast to 3.6 percent from 3.8 percent projected earlier. Other factors include worries over trend of hawkish policy rate moves by Fed and European central banks to curb inflation; and US-China tension over relevant Taiwan and Russian matters. In April 2023, foreign investors remained as net sellers of THB 7,901 million, accumulating THB 63,960 million worth of net selling year-to-date with average daily trading of THB 14,134 million.

External factors to monitor include financial system stability in the U.S. and Europe, trend of slowing U.S. economy and weakening US dollar, which will impact exports of Thailand and other countries, whose trade is denominated in US dollar. The matter may also hurt listed companies' earnings, which may consequently impact the stock market. In addition, monetary policy of key central banks in a move to tame inflation and escalating tension between the U.S. and China are also on the radar. Domestically, eyes are on the results of general elections, which will take place on 14 May 2023 and the newly formed government, which will impact the government's disbursement. Also, investors follow up on Thailand's tourism recovery and expansion private consumption, which will support the growth momentum of the Thai economy, as well as the trend of interest rate hike by the Monetary Policy Committee, of which the next meeting is set on 31 May 2023.

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 Thai general election the as the important factor boosting investor confidence, followed by domestic economic recovery and tourism recovery.

#### **Proprietary Traders**

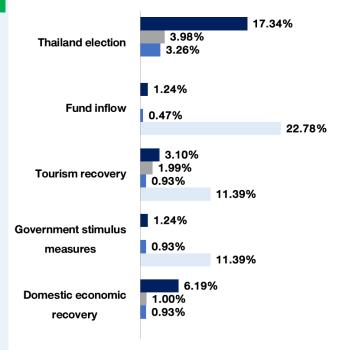
 See Thai general election as most supporting investor confidence, followed by tourism recovery and domestic economic recovery.

#### **Local Institutional Investors**

 Consider Thai general election as having positive impact on investor confidence, followed by tourism recovery, government stimulus measures and domestic economic recovery.

#### **Foreign Investors**

 Believe that fund inflow is the most important factors bolstering investor confidence, follow by tourism recovery and government stimulus measures.





#### Most Important Factors Impeding the Stock Market

#### **Retail Investors**

 Consider the political issue as the biggest factor dragging down investor confidence, followed by FED interest rate hike and international conflict.

#### **Proprietary Traders**

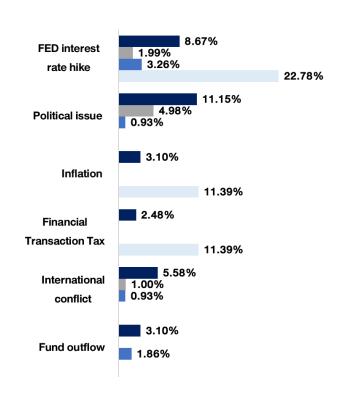
 See the political issue as the primary factors weighing down investor confidence, followed by FED interest rate hike and international conflict.

#### **Local Institutional Investors**

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

#### **Foreign Investors**

 View the FED interest rate hike dragging down investor confidence, followed by inflation and the government plan to collect financial transaction tax.

















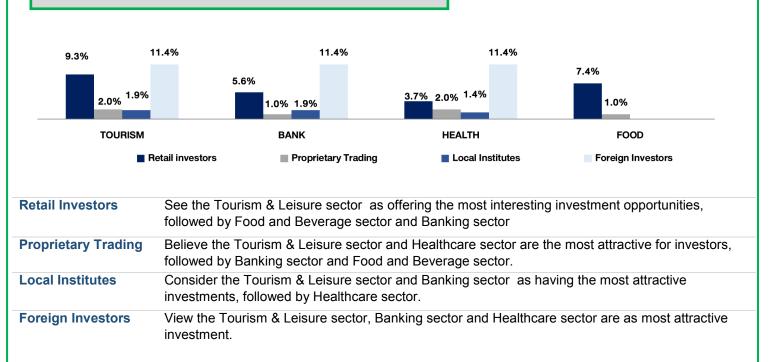


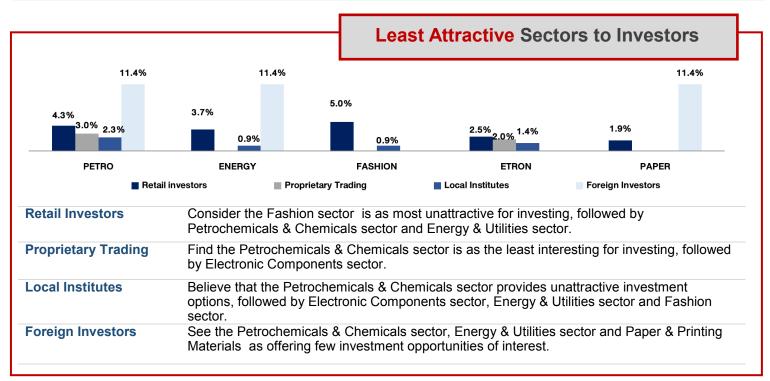












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