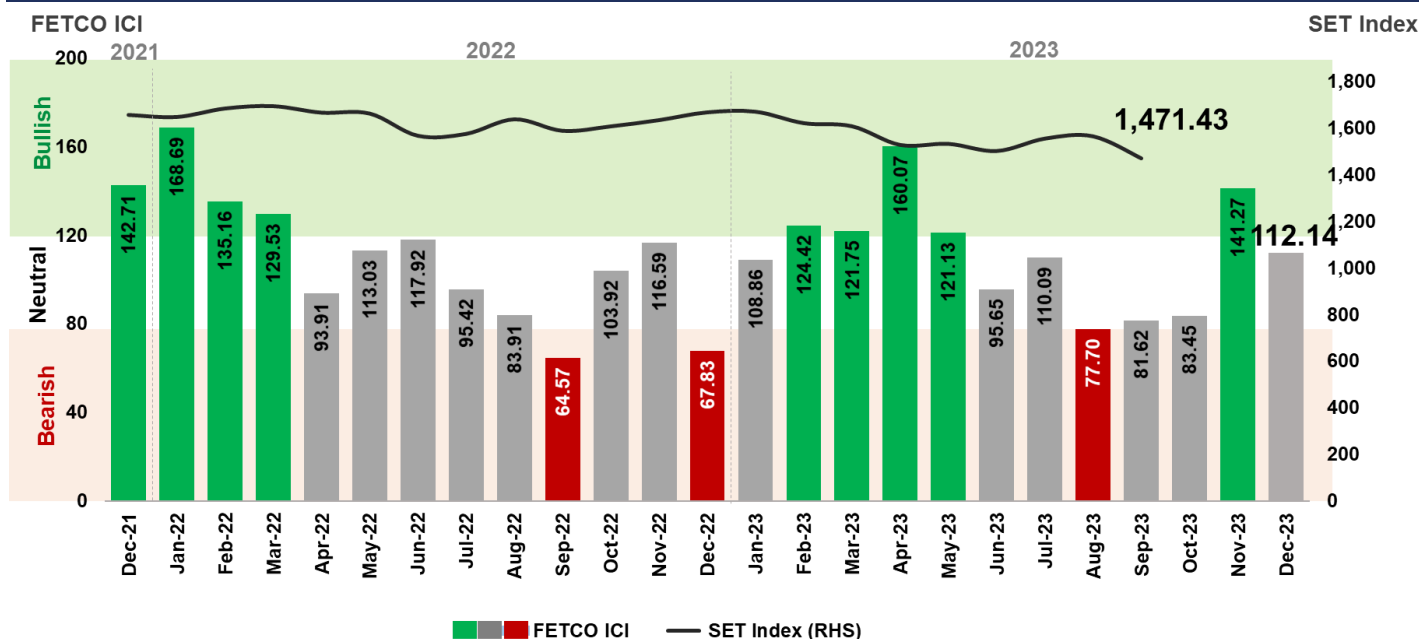


FETCO ICI Compared to SET Index



FETCO Investor Confidence Index (FETCO ICI) in September 2023 (conducted during 20-30 September 2023), which anticipated the market condition over the next three months, is at 112.14, down 20.6 percent from the previous month, hovering back to “neutral” zone. Government’s economic stimulus measures are anticipated as the most supportive factor, followed by local economic recovery and expectation on fund inflow. However, fund outflow weighs on sentiment the most, followed by local economic retreat and local political situation.

The most attractive sectors to investors are Tourism & Leisure (TOURISM), Energy & Utilities (ENERG), and Electronic Components (ETRON), respectively. However, the least attractive ones include Petrochemicals & Chemicals (PETRO), Paper & Printing Materials (PAPER), and Mining (MINE).

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

FETCO INVESTOR CONFIDENCE INDICES

RETAIL ICI	120.00	↔
PROPRIETARY ICI	111.11	↔
LOCAL INSTITUTES ICI	146.15	↑
FOREIGN ICI	100.00	↔

FETCO ICI Criterion

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

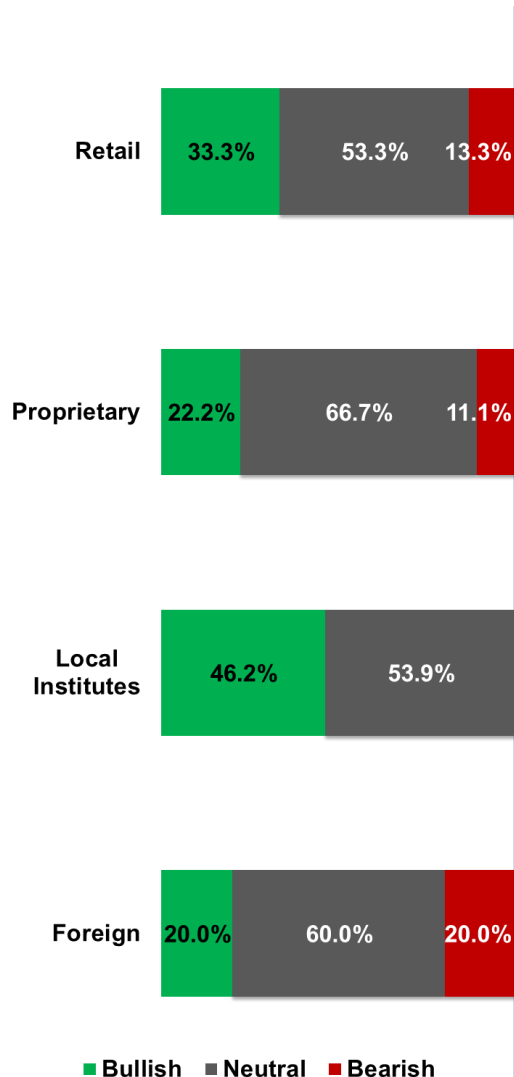
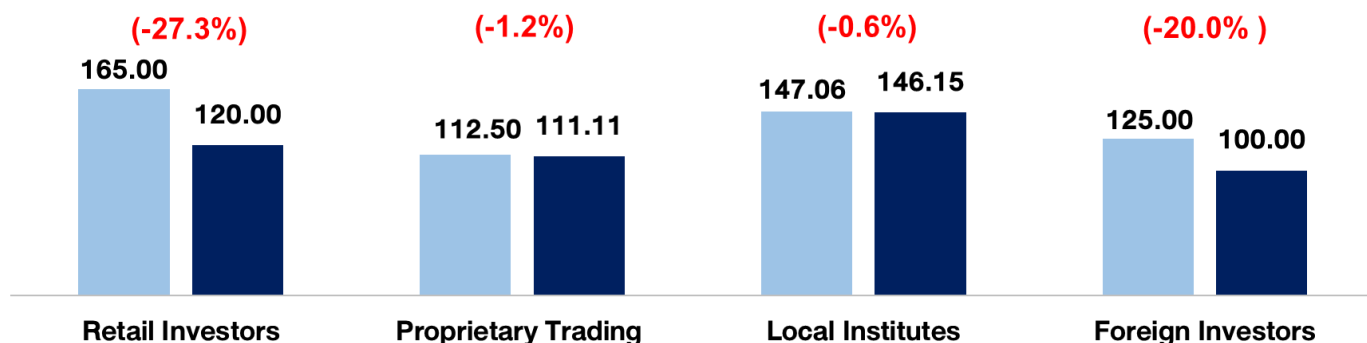
Note: Investor Confidence Index surveys four groups of investors—retail investors, local institutional investors, proprietary trading group, and foreign investors—using a diffusion index with a range from 0 to 200. The index readings are divided into five levels: very bullish; bullish; neutral; bearish;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

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Trends in Investor Confidence by Type of Investor

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The survey results in September 2023 show that investor's confidence across categories was weakened, retail investors down 27.3 percent to 120.00, proprietary investors down 1.2 percent to 111.11, institutional investors down 0.6 percent to 146.15 and foreign investors down 20 percent to 100.00.

SET Index headed south throughout September 2023, undermined by concerns over inflation. Oil prices shot up after OPEC and Russia announced oil production cut. Higher than expected inflation triggered the Bank of Thailand's Monetary Policy Committee to raise its policy rate by 25 basis points to 2.50 percent. Weakened Baht and the government's measures on electricity bill and diesel price subsidy caused sell-off of securities in energy and utility sectors. At month-end, the SET Index slipped below the 1,500 mark, closing at 1,471.43, down 6 percent from a month earlier. Average daily trading volume in September was at THB 56,218 million. Foreign investors continued their selling spree, offloading THB 22,436 million for the month and cashing out THB 155,372 million from Jan-Sep.

External factors to monitor include monetary measures of major central banks as inflation remains above target. China's central bank set to boost liquidity and fund outflow from emerging markets to developed markets will be on the radar. Locally, eyes are on the government's economic stimulus policies and measures as so far, those plans are arguably seen as a short-term push under limited budget. Investors would like to see clearer details of THB 10,000 digital handout scheme, electricity bill and energy price subsidy, as well as debt moratorium for farmers. Impact tourism recovery is to be seen after Chinese and Kazakhstani nationals are granted a temporary visa exemption for tourism purpose. Eyes are also on liquidity increase in the Thai stock market after the Finance Ministry scrapped a plan to collect a financial transaction tax.

Note: The domestic institutional group includes asset management companies, government pension fund, insurance companies and life insurance.
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Most Influential Factor Driving the Stock Market

Retail Investors

- Most view government stimulus package as the important factor boosting investor confidence, followed by domestic economic recovery and tourism recovery.

Proprietary Traders

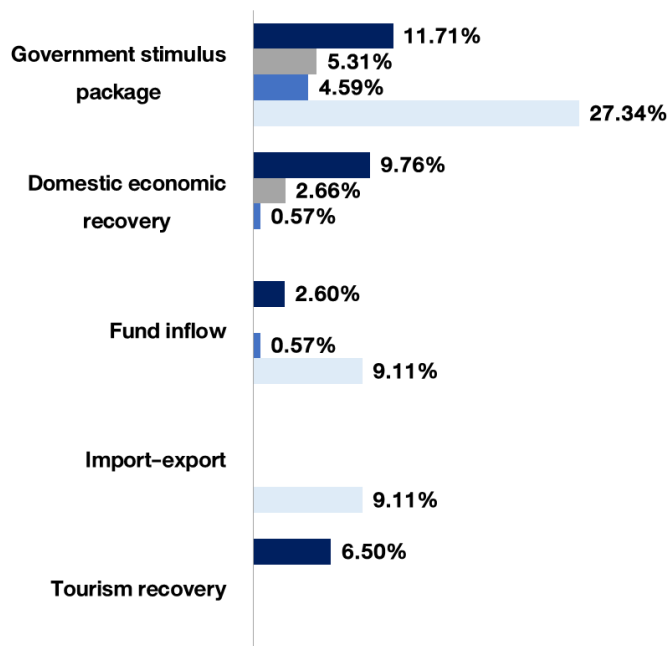
- See government stimulus package as most supporting investor confidence, followed by domestic economic recovery.

Local Institutional Investors

- Consider government stimulus package as having positive impact on investor confidence, followed by domestic economic recovery and fund inflow.

Foreign Investors

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



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

Most Important Factors Impeding the Stock Market

Retail Investors

- Consider fund outflow as the biggest factor dragging down investor confidence, followed by domestic economic recession and MPC's policy rate hike.

Proprietary Traders

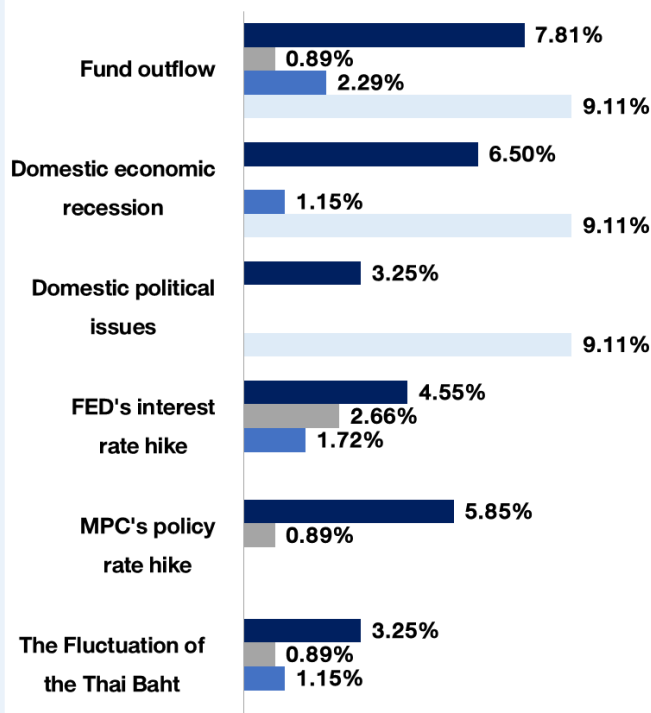
- See the FED's interest rate hike as the primary factors weighing down investor confidence, followed by fund outflow, MPC's policy rate hike and the fluctuation of the Thai Baht.

Local Institutional Investors

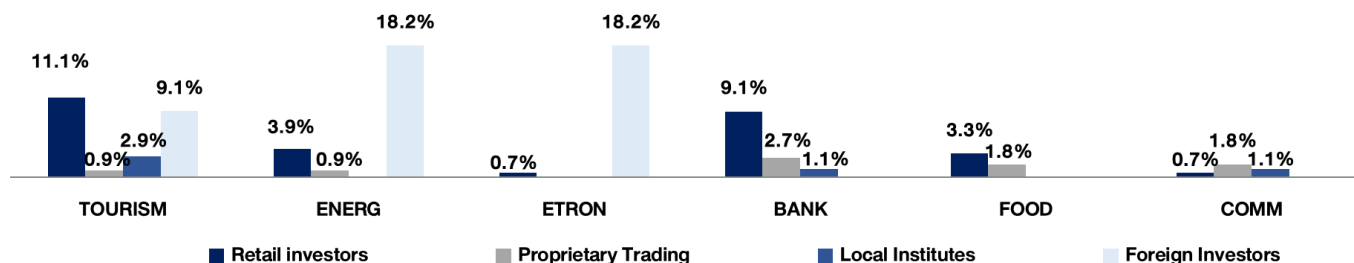
- Believe fund outflow has the greatest negative impact on investor sentiment, followed by FED's interest rate hike, domestic economic recession and the fluctuation of the Thai Baht.

Foreign Investors

- View fund outflow, domestic economic recession and domestic political issues dragging down investor confidence.

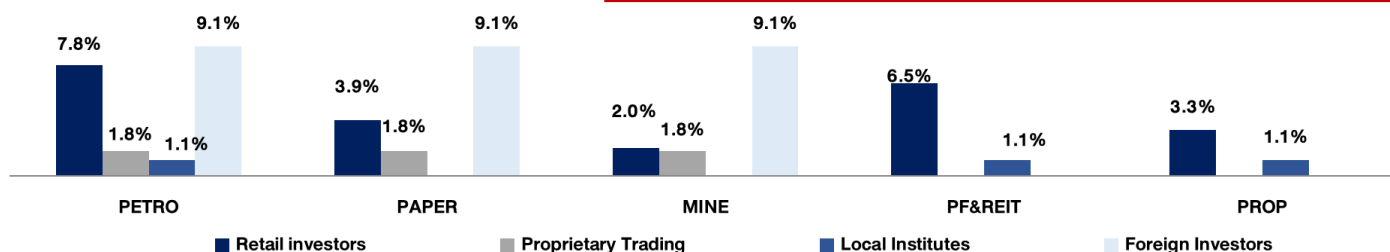


Most Attractive Sectors to Investors



Retail Investors	See the Tourism & Leisure sector as offering the most interesting investment opportunities, followed by Banking sector.
Proprietary Trading	Believe the Banking sector is the most attractive for investors, followed by Food & Beverage Sector and Commerce sector.
Local Institutes	Consider the Tourism & Leisure sector as having the most attractive investments, followed by Banking sector and Commerce sector.
Foreign Investors	View the Energy & Utilities sector and Electronic Components sector as most attractive investment, followed by Tourism & Leisure sector.

Least Attractive Sectors to Investors



Retail Investors	Consider the Petrochemicals & Chemicals sector is as most unattractive for investing, followed by Property Fund & REITs sector and Paper & Printing Materials sector.
Proprietary Trading	Find the Petrochemicals & Chemicals sector, Paper & Printing Materials sector and Mining sector are as the least interesting for investing.
Local Institutes	Believe that the Petrochemicals & Chemicals sector, Property Fund & REITs sector and Property Development sector provide unattractive investment options.
Foreign Investors	See the Petrochemicals & Chemicals sector, Paper & Printing Materials sector and Mining sector as offering few investment opportunities of interest.

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