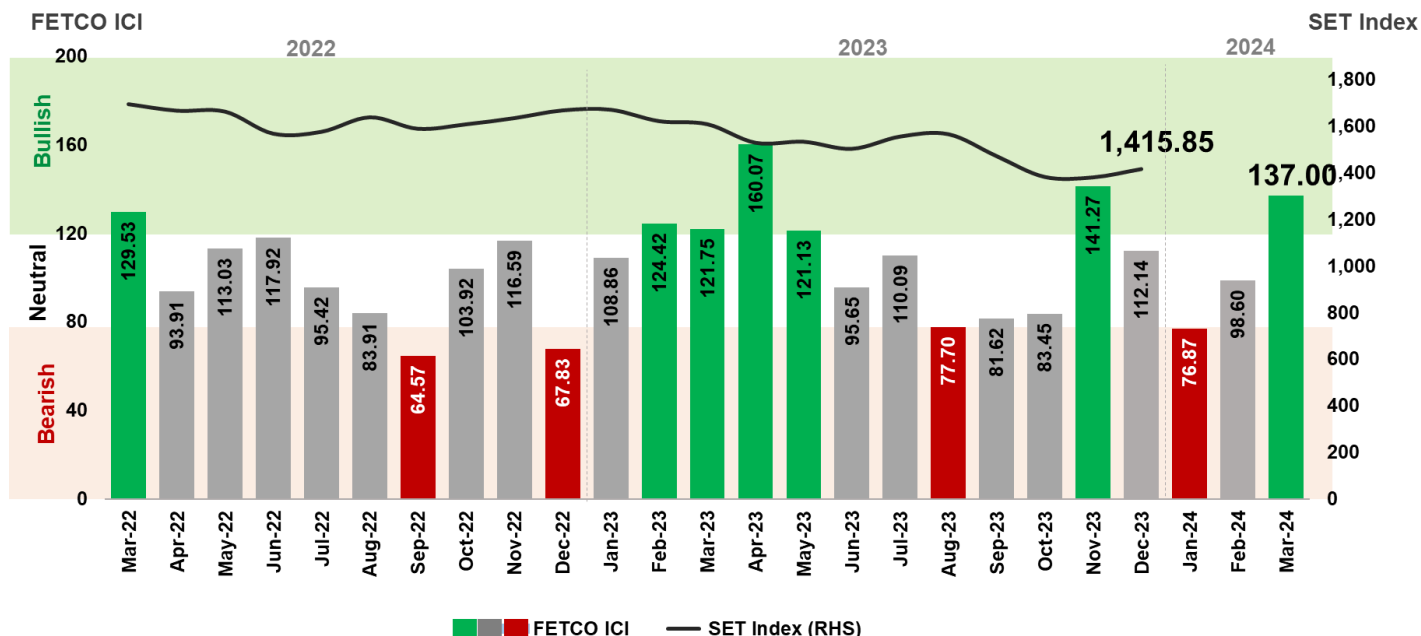


FETCO ICI Compared to SET Index



FETCO Investor Confidence Index (FETCO ICI) in December 2023 (conducted during 20-31 December 2023), which anticipated the market condition over the next three months, is at 137.00, up 38.9 percent from the previous month, hovering to “bullish” zone. Fund inflow boosts confidence the most, followed by tourism recovery and the government’s economic stimulus. However, local economic retreat, Fed’s interest rate hike and fund outflow undermine confidence.

The most attractive sectors to investors are Banking (BANK), Tourism & Leisure (TOURISM) and Information & Communication Technology (ICT), respectively. However, the least attractive ones include Petrochemicals & Chemicals (PETRO), Insurance (INSUR), and Energy & Utilities (ENERG).

Confidence of retail and proprietary is in “neutral” zone. Foreign investors are “bullish” while institutional investors are “very bullish”.

FETCO INVESTOR CONFIDENCE INDICES

RETAIL ICI	119.70	↔
PROPRIETARY ICI	100.00	↔
LOCAL INSTITUTES ICI	160.00	↑↑
FOREIGN ICI	150.00	↑

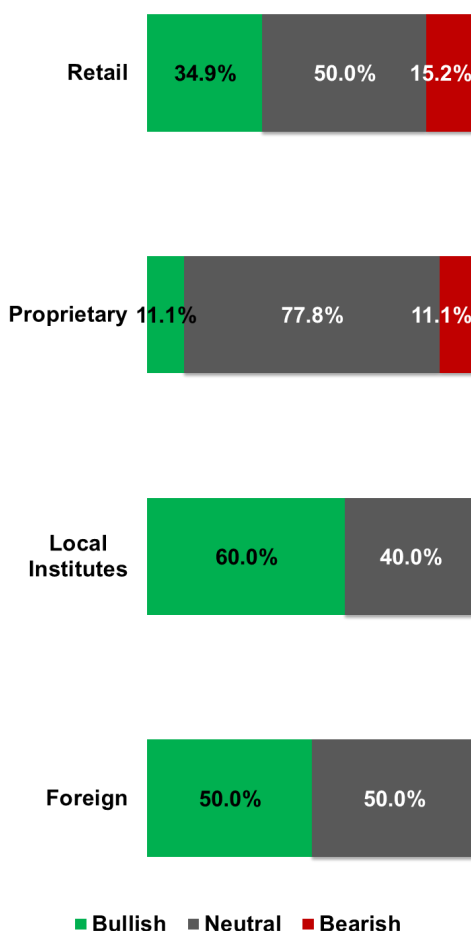
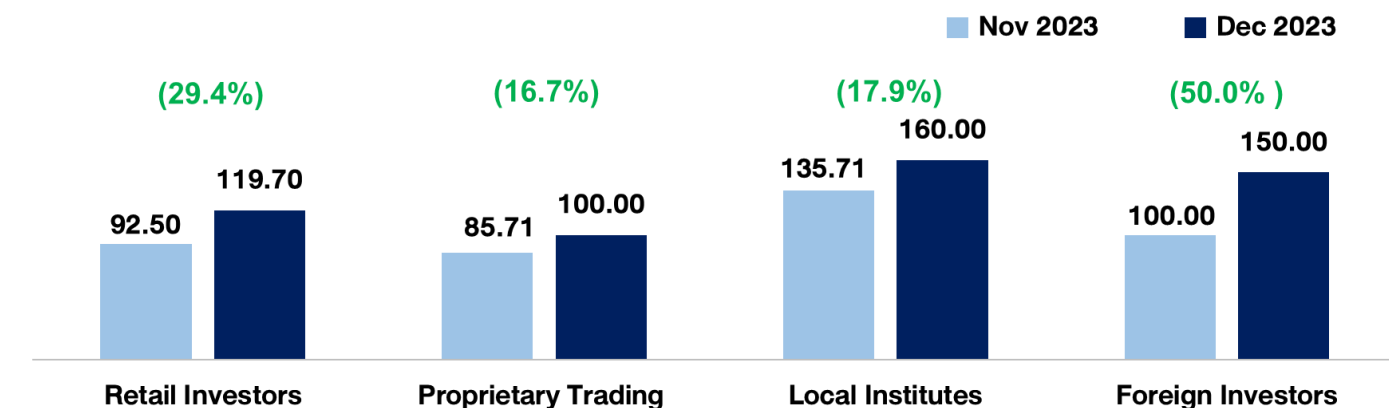
FETCO ICI Criterion

(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 survey results in December 2023 show that investor's confidence across categories improved from a month earlier, with retail investors up 29.4 percent to 119.70, proprietary investors up 16.7 percent to 100.00, institutional investors up 17.9 percent to 160.00 and foreign investors up 50.0 percent to 150.00.

SET Index in December was boosted by Fed's keeping its policy rate on hold at 5.00 – 5.25 percent while the Bank of Thailand keeping its policy rate on hold at 2.50 percent as expected. Launches of ThaiESG mutual funds also supported the sentiment. However, trading volume in December was relatively low as foreign investors were in holiday mode. Foreign investors were net buyers of THB 70 million although they closed the year as net sellers of THB 192,083 million. At month-end, the SET Index closed at 1,415.85, up 2.6 percent from a month earlier.

External factors to monitor include trend of dovish interest rate direction in major economies including the U.S. and Europe due to sooner-than-expected inflation slowdown. China's economic stimulus is also on the watch. Besides, geopolitical risk remains following ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas while Russia-Ukraine conflict is still around. In addition, election results in Taiwan on 13 January 2024 will be an important indicator that could trigger Taiwan-China encounter. Locally, eyes are on public investment that tends to be lower-than-expected following 2024 fiscal budget delay, recovery in exports, which track improving global trade environment, and tourism recovery situation given to lower-than-expect tourists from China.

Most Influential Factor Driving the Stock Market

Retail Investors

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

Proprietary Traders

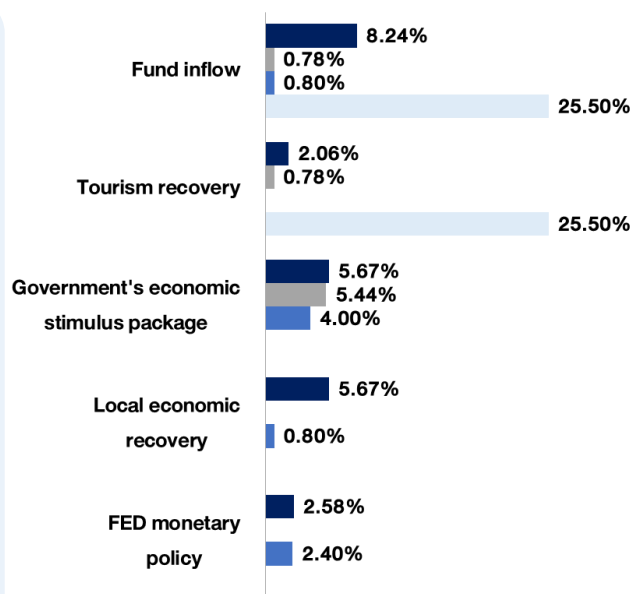
- See government stimulus package as most supporting investor confidence, followed by fund inflow and tourism recovery.

Local Institutional Investors

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

Foreign Investors

- Believe that the fund inflow and tourism recovery are the most important factors bolstering investor confidence.



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

Most Important Factors Impeding the Stock Market

Retail Investors

- Consider domestic economic retreat as the biggest factor dragging down investor confidence, followed by FED's policy rate hike and international conflict.

Proprietary Traders

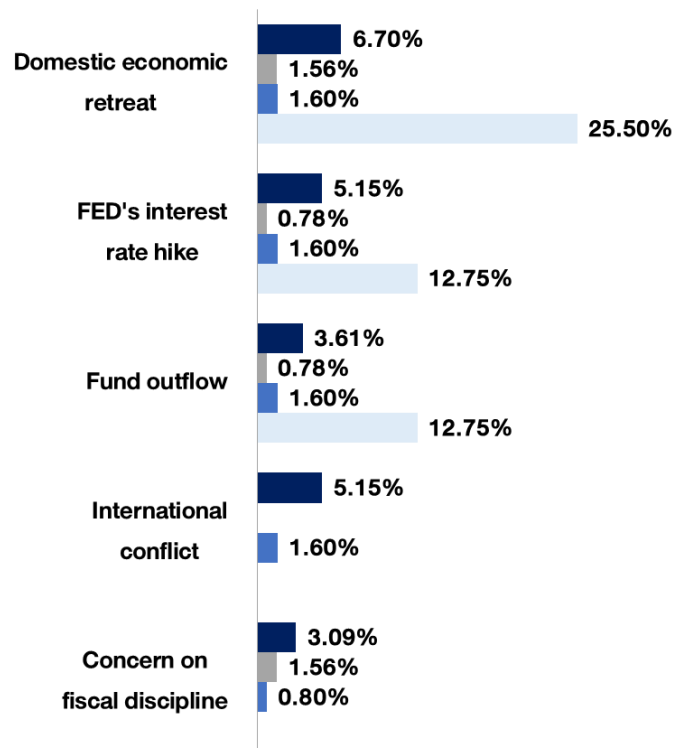
- See the domestic economic retreat and concerning on fiscal discipline as the primary factors weighing down investor confidence, followed by FED's policy rate hike and fund outflow.

Local Institutional Investors

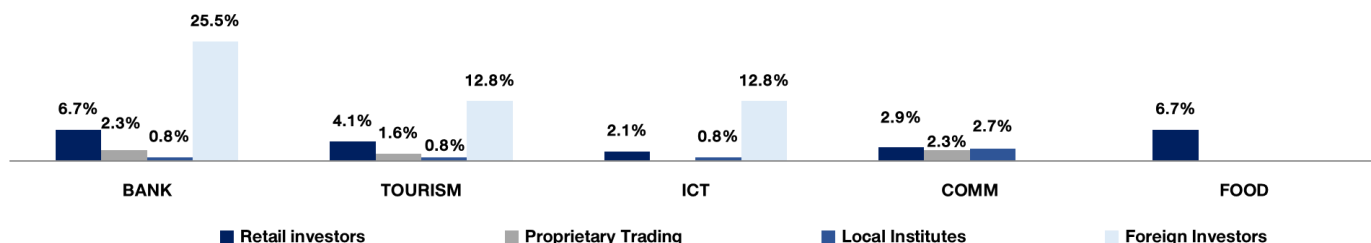
- Believe the domestic economic retreat, FED's policy rate hike and international conflict have the greatest negative impact on investor sentiment.

Foreign Investors

- View domestic economic retreat dragging down investor confidence, followed by FED's policy rate hike and fund outflow.

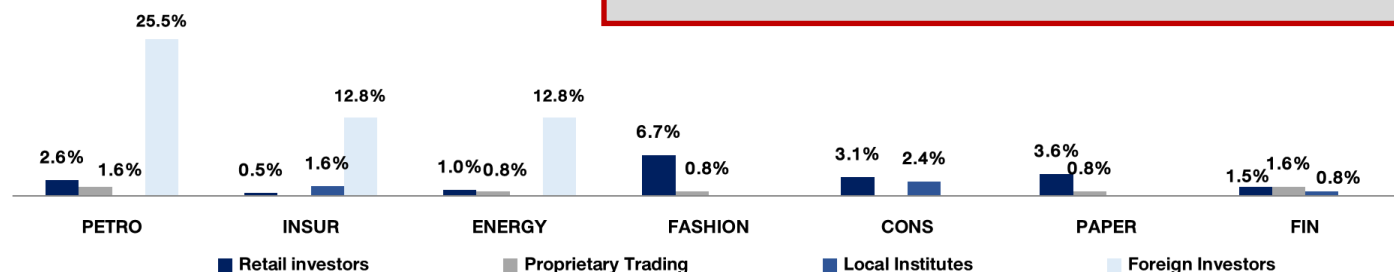


Most Attractive Sectors to Investors



Retail Investors	See the Banking sector and Food & Beverage sector as offering the most interesting investment opportunities, followed by Tourism & Leisure sector.
Proprietary Trading	Believe the Banking sector and Commerce sector are the most attractive for investors, followed by Tourism & Leisure sector.
Local Institutes	Consider the Commerce sector as having the most attractive investments, followed by Banking sector, Tourism & Leisure sector and Information & Communication Technology sector.
Foreign Investors	Consider the Commerce sector as having the most attractive investments, followed by Tourism & Leisure sector and Information & Communication Technology sector.

Least Attractive Sectors to Investors



Retail Investors	Consider the Fashion sector is as most unattractive for investing, followed by Paper & Printing Materials and Construction Services.
Proprietary Trading	Find the Petrochemicals & Chemicals sector and Finance & Securities sector are as the least interesting for investing.
Local Institutes	Believe that the Construction Services provides unattractive investment option, followed by Insurance Sector and Finance & Securities sector.
Foreign Investors	See the Petrochemicals & Chemicals sector as offering few investment opportunities of interest, followed by Insurance Sector and Energy & Utilities sector.

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