



THAI ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

for September 2023

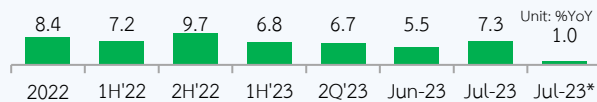
Highlight:

The Thai economy continued to recover as domestic spending increased in both public and private investment. Private consumption increased in services and consumer spending, in line with the rising number of tourists. However, the value of merchandise exports declined due to slower demand from trading partners.



Private Consumption

Seasonally adjusted private consumption indicators rose from the previous month, according to spending on services, hotels, restaurants and consumer goods. This is in line with the increasing number of tourists and the effect of long holidays. The factors supporting purchasing power were partly due to an improvement in non-farm employment, especially in wholesale and retail trade.



Note: %MoM is calculated from seasonally adjusted data.

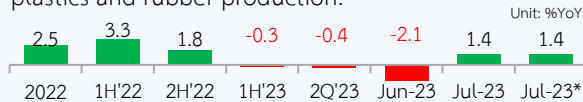
Farm Income

Agricultural income continued to decline due to lower prices for major products, namely rubber, palm oil and swine. Agricultural production expanded from a low base in the previous year, particularly for durian and swine.

Item (%YoY)	Farm Income		Agricultural Price		Agricultural Production	
	Jun-23	Jul-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Jun-23	Jul-23
Agriculture	-5.0	-1.1	-6.0	-3.7	1.0	2.7
Paddy	34.1	5.8	8.1	12.0	24.1	-5.5
Rubber	-26.5	-22.5	-27.7	-23.3	1.6	1.0
Durian	-1.9	41.0	19.1	10.6	-17.6	27.5
Palm kernel	-44.9	-22.3	-43.9	-20.7	-1.8	-2.0
Swine	-15.1	-22.5	-22.0	-29.5	8.8	9.9

Private Investment

Seasonally adjusted indicators of private investment rose from the previous month, as investment in construction increased on the back of higher sales of building materials and an increase in the area permitted for building for all purposes. This included investment in machinery and equipment, which increased in line with sales of machinery for plastics and rubber production.



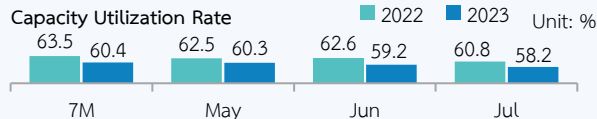
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MPI and Capacity Utilization (Cap-U)

Manufacturing production increased from the previous month, mainly in the automotive and rubber & plastic industries, due to increases in commercial vehicles and tires. However, the MPI for hard disk drives and electrical appliance declined.

MPI (%YoY)	2022	1H23	Jun-23	Jul-23	%MoM
Overall MPI	0.4	-4.6	-5.0	-4.4	1.7*
Automotive	11.5	6.2	3.1	4.4	3.0
Rubbers and plastics	-1.1	-7.1	-10.9	-7.9	3.0
Hard disk drive	-29.1	-34.0	-20.7	-39.1	-44.4

Note: %MoM Overall MPI is calculated from seasonally adjusted data.



Exports

- Exports continued to fall in July, by 6.2%YoY, as demand from almost all major trading partners declined, reflecting the slowdown in demand from trading partners due to economic conditions and geopolitical issues.
- In 7M2023, Thai exports declined by 5.5%YoY to USD 163.3 bn. Major markets with declining exports include ASEAN, the US, China, Europe, Japan, and the Middle East, while markets with potential for expansion include Australia. There have been significant declines in electronics, agricultural and petrochemical product

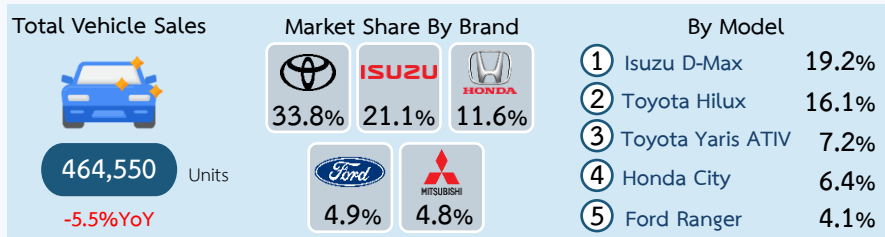
Market	Share (%)	Jan-July 2023		July-23	
		Jan-July 23	USD Mn	%YoY	USD Mn
Total	100.0	163,314	-5.5	22,143	-6.2
ASEAN	23.6	38,579	-11.7	4,978	-21.8
U.S.A.	16.5	26,906	-3.0	3,778	0.9
China	12.5	20,443	-3.7	2,677	-3.2
EU	9.5	15,468	-1.0	2,083	-4.8
Japan	8.9	14,456	-1.3	1,940	-1.7
Australia	3.9	6,436	0.4	995	2.7

Commodity Price & Exchange Rate	Jan-Jun 2023		Jun-23	
	Price	%YoY	Price	%YoY
Dubai oil price (USD/bbl)	79.0	-23.5	80.5	-24.4
Gold price (USD/troy oz)	1,935.8	4.4	1,951.0	12.6
Exchange rate (THB/USD)	34.3	0.5	34.6	-4.7
NEER index	120.1	3.7	120.2	6.7

Domestic Vehicle Sales

In July, total vehicle sales fell by 8.8%YoY due to a decline in sales of commercial car in the 1-ton pickup, which continued to fall for the tenth consecutive month. As a result of the high level of household debt, financial institutions are strict in lending, and consumer purchasing power is recovering slowly due to rising interest rates and falling exports. Passenger car sales continue to expand, due to increased sales of electric cars.

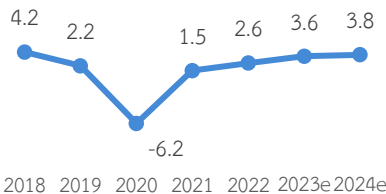
Domestic vehicle sales, 7M2023



In 7M2023, domestic car sales totaled 464,550 units, down 5.5%YoY, mainly due to a decline in sales of 1-ton pickup. Toyota has the largest share of the car market, followed by Isuzu and Honda. The best-selling car model is the Isuzu D-Max with a share of 19.2%, followed by the Toyota Hilux with 16.1% and the Toyota Yaris ATIV with 7.2%.

Domestic Vehicle Sales by Body Type	Jan-Jul 2023		Jul-23	
	Unit	%YoY	Unit	%YoY
Passenger car	170,598	10.0	22,511	17.1
Commercial car	293,952	-12.6	35,908	-19.9
Pickup 1 ton	169,994	-25.5	20,309	-31.9
SUV	61,224	26.5	7,323	2.5
Other	62,734	5.0	8,276	5.4
Overall	464,550	-5.5	58,419	-8.8

Thai GDP Forecast by BOT (%YoY)



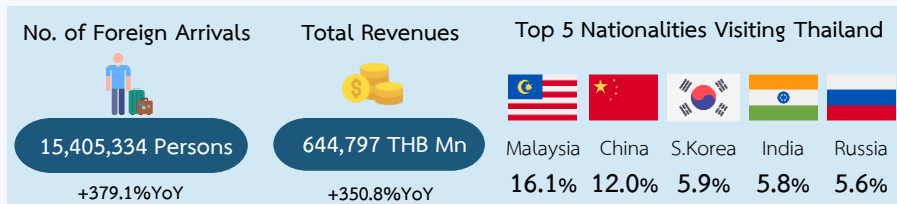
%YoY	2021	2022	2023e	2024e
Private Consumption	0.3	6.3	4.4	2.9
Government Consumption	3.2	0.2	-2.8	1.1
Private Investment	3.3	5.1	1.7	4.9
Public Investment	3.8	-4.9	2.5	6.8
Value of Merchandise Exports	18.8	5.5	-0.1	3.6
Headline Inflation (%)	1.2	6.1	2.5	2.4

Note: Data as of May 2023

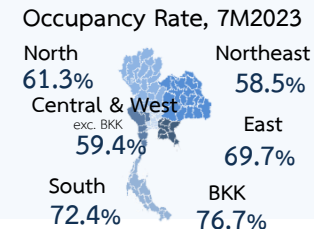
Tourism

Foreign tourist arrivals in 7M2023 continued to grow by 379%YoY to a total of 15.4 million people, with Malaysian tourists accounting for the largest number, followed by China, South Korea, India and Russia, respectively. The increase in Russian tourists was partly due to an increase in the number of international flights. In July, the number of Chinese tourists peaked at 0.41 million people, bringing the 7-months total to 1.85 million people.

International tourist arrivals, 7M2023



The average hotel occupancy rate nationwide in 7M2023 was 68.3%, an improvement from the same period last year, following the increase in the number of both Thai and foreign tourists. The region with the highest occupancy rate was Bangkok, followed by the South, the East, the North, the Central and the Northeast.



Export of Goods

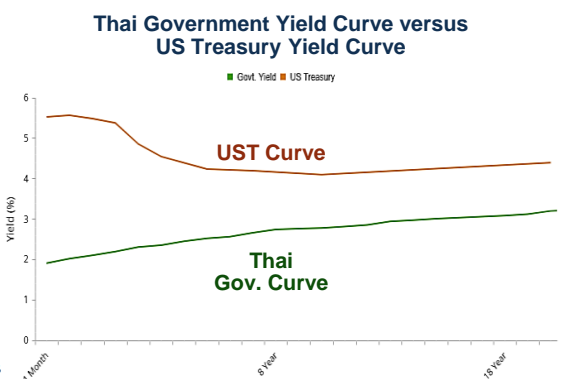
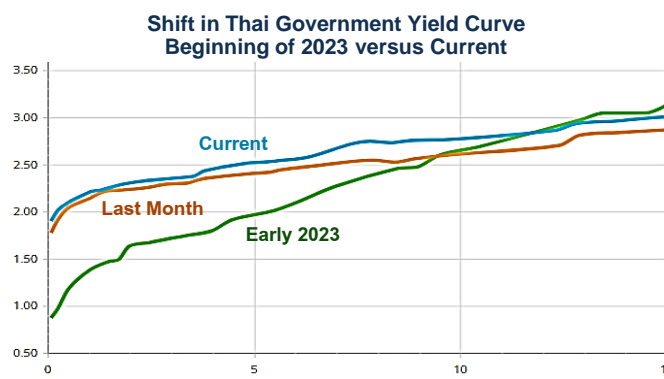
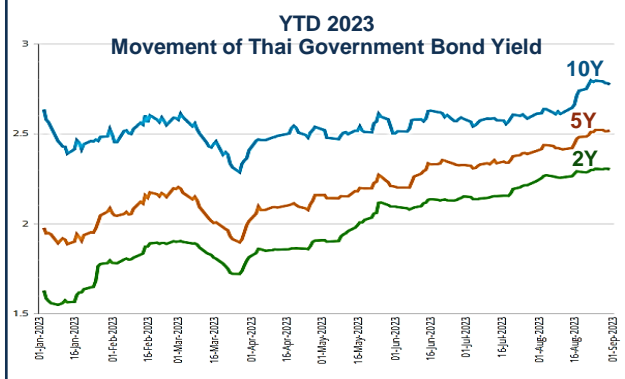
For Jul 2023

Major products	Share Jan-Jul 2023 (%)	Jan-Jul 23		Jul-23	
		USD million	%YoY	USD million	%YoY
Total exports	100.0	163,314	-5.5	22,143	-6.2
Agriculture	9.8	16,039	-3.8	2,162	-7.7
- Rice	1.6	2,568	20.6	344	18.8
- Rubber	1.2	2,040	-38.7	293	-37.8
- Tapioca	1.4	2,302	-17.6	269	-7.7
- Fruits	3.0	4,875	16.8	672	5.3
- Fishery	0.5	878	-7.9	119	-16.0
Agro-industrial	8.3	13,581	-3.7	1,823	-11.8
- Prepared or preserved seafood	1.2	1,980	-10.9	284	-12.9
- Cane sugar and molasses	1.6	2,617	17.6	280	-30.5
- Wheat products and other food preparations	0.8	1,383	-5.2	194	-8.1
- Beverages	0.8	1,246	5.1	179	4.7
Manufacturing	78.1	127,554	-5.0	17,364	-3.4
- Automotive	13.9	22,686	6.8	3,494	18.8
- Electronics	15.7	25,658	1.6	3,426	2.5
- Electrical appliances	10.6	17,384	-0.0	2,254	-4.7
- Precious stones and jewelry	5.1	8,318	-15.4	807	-25.3
- Unwrought gold	2.1	3,384	-36.6	221	-53.7
- Rubber products	4.8	7,852	-6.5	1,069	-6.2
- Petro-chemical products	3.2	5,234	-23.5	732	-15.8
- Chemicals	2.9	4,796	-19.8	572	-30.6
- Machinery & equipment	3.0	4,953	-4.5	721	6.0
- Apparels & Textile	2.2	3,527	-14.5	488	-15.3
- Metal & steel	2.4	3,917	-9.4	573	3.0
Mining & Fuel	3.8	6,140	-20.6	794	-35.7

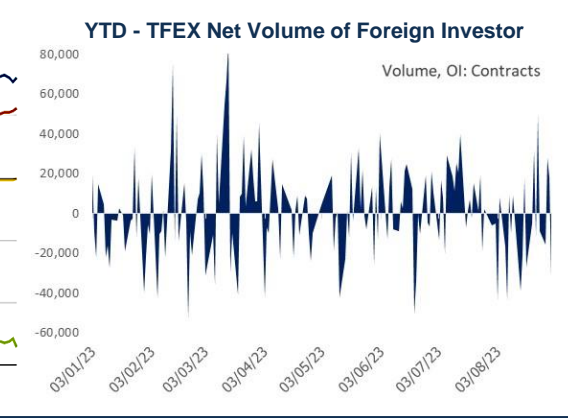
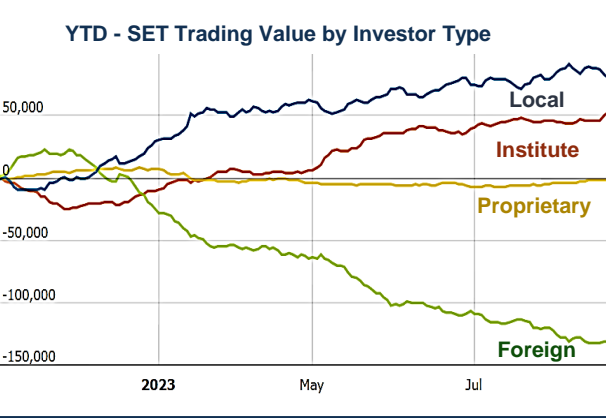
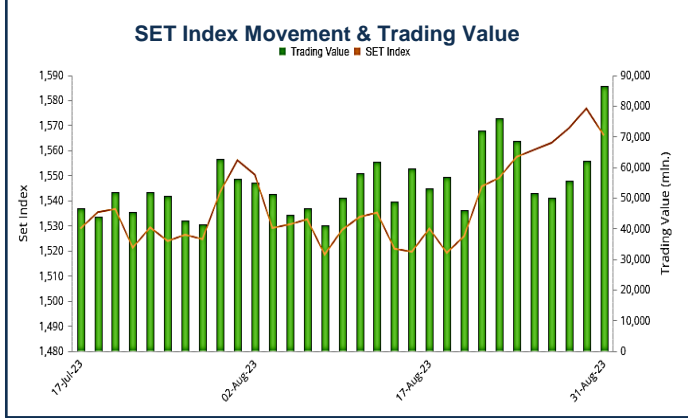
Products	Jul-23	
	USD million	%YoY
Automotive	3,494	18.8
- Passenger car	1,138	37.4
- Pick up and trucks	744	24.4
- Motorcycle	271	10.8
- Spark-ignition reciprocating internal combustion	368	-1.5
- Parts & accessories	868	11.1

Products	Jul-23	
	USD million	%YoY
Electronics	3,426	2.5
- Computer parts	1,096	-24.2
- HDD	355	-46.3
- Electronic integrated circuits	756	3.2
- Telecommunication	543	40.4
- Semi-conductor devices, transistors, diodes	444	82.9

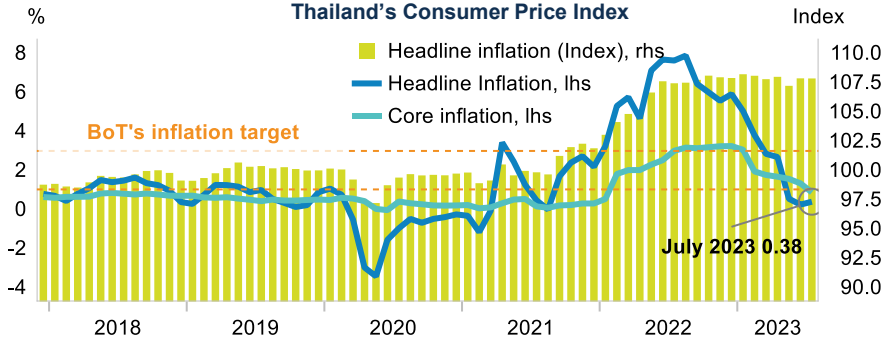
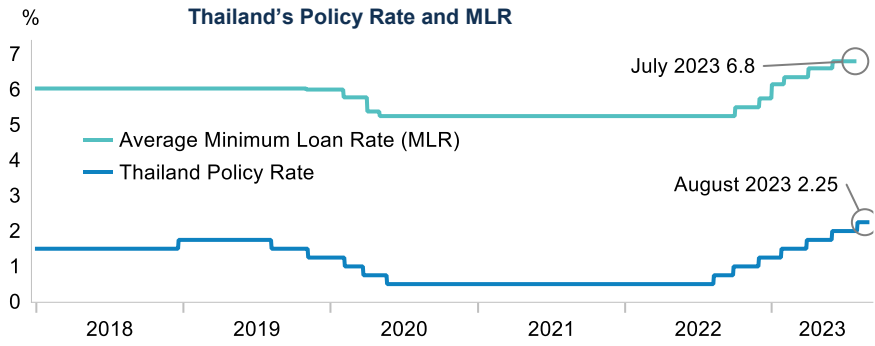
Thai Fixed Income Market



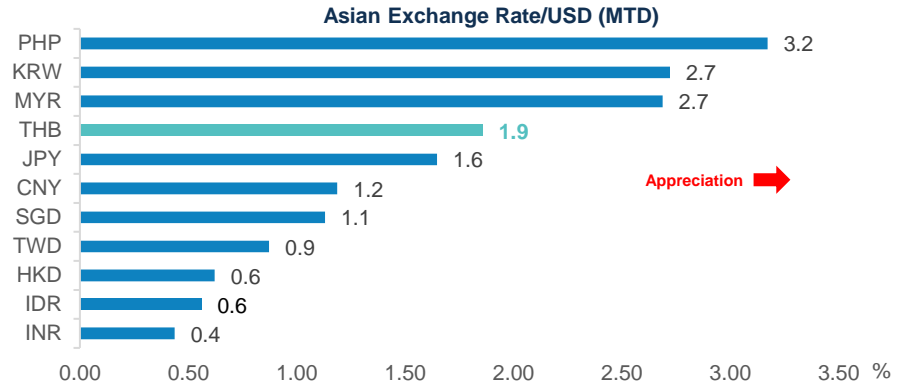
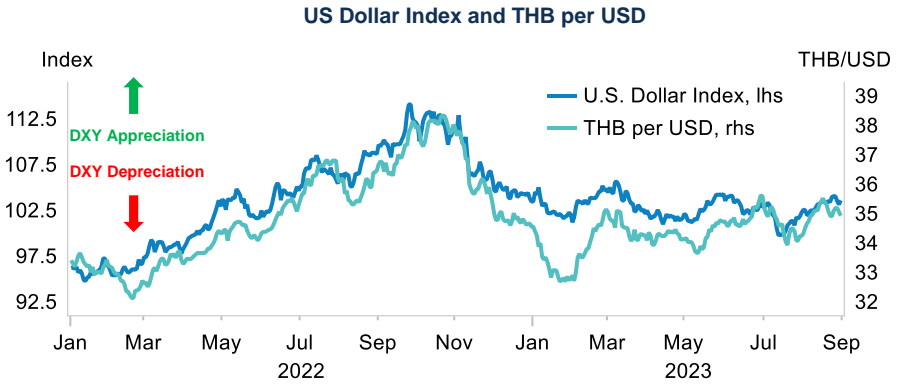
Thai Equity Market



Policy Rate and Inflation



Exchange Rate



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