



THAI ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

for March 2024

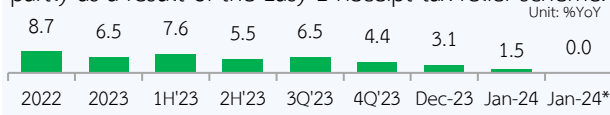
Highlight:

The Thai economy is showing signs of improvement, but overall expansion is still low. Exports have improved, while industrial production has contracted less. However, many industries remain constrained by the slow recovery in global demand and structural problems in production. Private investment has gradually improved and the tourism sector continues to support the expansion of private consumption. Government spending contracted mainly due to lower investment.



Private Consumption

Private consumption indicators, after seasonal adjustment, were stable compared with the previous month. Expenditure increased in most product categories, particularly for passenger cars, which rose following the delivery of cars ordered at the Motor Expo. Expenditure on non-durable consumer goods increased, partly as a result of the Easy E-Receipt tax relief scheme.



Note: %MoM is calculated from seasonally adjusted data.

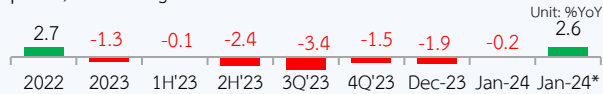
Farm Income

Agricultural income fell compared to the same period last year as a result of lower production due to the effects of the drought, particularly in oil palm and Rice. Prices of agricultural products rose in line with the tight supply resulting from lower production.

Item (%YoY)	Farm Income		Agricultural Price		Agricultural Production	
	Dec-23	Jan-24	Dec-23	Jan-24	Dec-23	Jan-24
Agriculture	-2.8	-0.6	0.2	4.0	-3.0	-4.4
Paddy	5.9	-2.1	10.7	11.0	-4.3	-11.8
Rubber	14.3	29.9	14.9	30.3	-0.6	-0.3
Durian	-67.1	-20.7	-14.7	-14.7	-61.4	-7.0
Palm kernel	-21.6	-20.2	8.3	35.7	-27.7	-41.2
Swine	-20.5	-28.1	-35.3	-32.8	22.9	7.0

Private Investment

Private investment indicators, after seasonal adjustment, declined from previous month. This was due to a rise in capital goods imports and investment in the construction category, which increased due to both permitted area and sales of construction materials. The increase in the permitted area for construction was mainly due to the area used for the construction of industrial plant, reflecting the continued demand for investment.



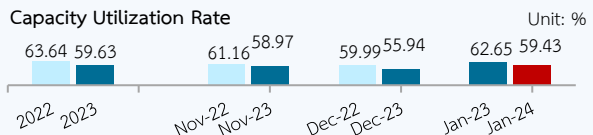
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MPI and Capacity Utilization (Cap-U)

The manufacturing production index continued to fall in seasonally adjusted terms. Production of the automotive industry is still declining, but is trending upwards, as is production of HDDs. Petroleum production fell due to the temporary shutdown of refineries for maintenance.

MPI (%YoY)	2023	2H23	Dec-23	Jan-24	%MoM
Overall MPI	-3.8	-4.1	-2.7	-4.4	-0.2*
Automotive	0.8	-7.0	-16.6	-9.3	14.0
Petroleum	8.6	11.1	10.2	-6.5	-10.4
Hard disk drive	-29.8	-24.0	-20.0	-13.1	-34.5

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



Note: MPI stands for Manufacturing Production Index

Exports

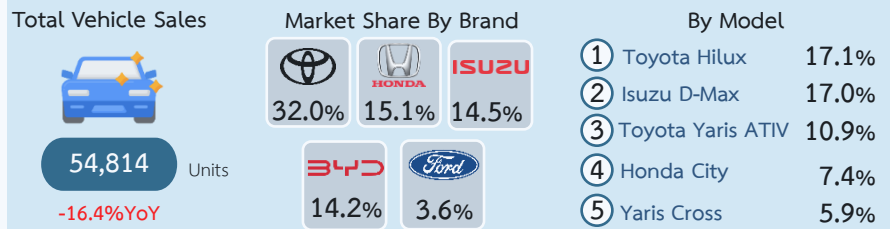
- In January, Thai exports expanded by 10.0%YoY for the 6th consecutive month, with exports expanding well in all major markets, especially ASEAN and the US. Major products that expanded well include rice, electronics, rubber products, etc.
- Overall, exports contracted by 1.0%YoY in 2023, as exports to key trading partners such as ASEAN and China contracted. Major products that declined include rubber, cassava, preserved seafood, electrical appliances, jewelry, chemicals and textiles, etc.

Market	Share (%) Jan 24	Jan-Dec 2023		Jan-24	
		USD Mn	%YoY**	USD Mn	%YoY**
Total	100.0	284,562	-1.0	22,650	10.0
ASEAN	26.6	66,847	-7.1	6,016	17.5
U.S.A.	17.2	48,865	2.8	3,896	13.7
China	9.9	34,164	-0.8	2,235	2.1
EU	9.6	25,912	-3.4	2,167	3.6
Japan	8.5	24,670	0.1	1,936	1.0
Australia	4.9	12,106	8.2	1,099	32.4
Commodity Price & Exchange Rate	Jan-Dec 2023		Jan-24		
	USD Mn	%YoY	USD Mn	%YoY	
Dubai oil price (USD/bbl)	82.0	-15.5	78.9	-1.5	
Gold price (USD/troy oz)	1,942.7	7.9	2,034.0	7.2	
Exchange rate (THB/USD)	34.8	-0.7	35.2	5.9	
NEER index	119.8	3.7	119.7	-1.8	

Domestic Vehicle Sales

In January, car sales fell by 16.4%YoY, due to a decline in sales of 1-tonne pickup. This is partly due to the decline in purchasing power in the agricultural sector as a result of lower farm incomes. In addition, interest rates have risen, affecting consumers' decisions to buy cars. At the same time, the high level of household debt has led financial institutions to tighten their lending standards. Nevertheless, Passenger car sales still grew by 2.4%YoY.

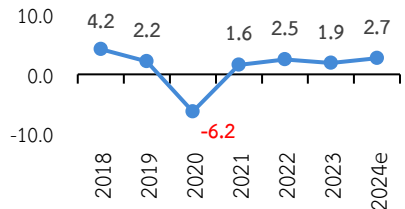
Domestic vehicle sales, Jan-2024



Domestic car sales in 2023 were 775,780 units, down 8.7%YoY, mainly due to a decline in commercial vehicle sales in the 1-tonne pickup group, while passenger car sales continue to expand. Toyota remains the market leader, followed by Isuzu and Honda. Looking at car models in January 2024, the Toyota Hilux pickup was the best-selling vehicle with a market share of 17.1%, followed by the Isuzu D-Max with 17.0% and the Toyota Yaris ATIV with 10.9%.

Domestic Vehicle Sales by Body Type	Jan-Dec 2023		Jan-24	
	Unit	%YoY	Unit	%YoY
Passenger car	292,506	10.3	23,412	2.4
Commercial car	483,274	-17.3	31,402	-26.5
Pickup 1 ton	264,738	-31.8	14,864	-43.5
SUV	114,177	37.7	10,952	38.1
Other	104,359	-7.7	5,586	-34.2
Overall	775,780	-8.7	54,814	-16.4

Thai GDP Forecast by NESDC (%YoY)



	%YoY	2021	2022	2023	2024e
Private Consumption		0.6	6.2	7.1	3.0
Government Consumption		3.7	0.1	-4.6	1.5
Private Investment		2.9	4.7	3.2	3.5
Public Investment		3.5	-3.9	-4.6	-1.8
Value of Merchandise Exports*		19.2	5.4	-1.7	2.9
Headline Inflation (%)		1.2	6.1	1.2	1.4

*BOP Basis

Note: Data as of Feb 2024

Tourism

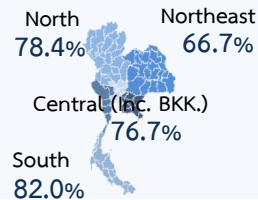
Foreign tourist arrivals continued to grow by 41.5%YoY in January, mainly due to an increase in Chinese, European and Indian tourists, partly as a result of the government's visa exemption measures to support tourism, and the direction of the baht depreciation. However, Malaysian tourist arrivals slowed down slightly after a strong acceleration in the previous period. Tourism receipts accelerated from the previous month as the number of tourists and average length of stay increased.

International tourist arrivals, Jan-2024



The average occupancy rate of hotels nationwide fell slightly to 77.4% in January from the previous month. This was due to the end of the New Year travel season for Thai tourists. The region with the highest occupancy rate is the Southern Region, followed by the Central Region and the Northern Region. The southern region continues to have a high occupancy rate, partly because it is a popular destination for Europeans during the winter.

Occupancy Rate, Jan-2024



Export of Goods

For Mar 2024

Major products	Share Jan 2024 (%)	Jan-Dec 23		Jan-24	
		USD million	%YoY*	USD million	%YoY*
Total exports	100.0	284,562	-1.0	22,650	10.0
Agriculture	9.1	26,802	0.2	2,070	14.0
- Rice	2.7	5,144	29.3	602	45.9
- Rubber	1.4	3,649	-29.2	327	5.5
- Tapioca	1.1	3,704	-16.4	244	-27.0
- Fruits	1.3	6,942	22.8	290	30.1
- Fishery	0.6	1,525	-8.4	129	46.7
Agro-industrial	7.3	22,401	-1.7	1,644	3.8
- Prepared or preserved seafood	1.2	3,478	-9.6	269	5.2
- Cane sugar and molasses	0.9	3,477	9.8	210	-16.6
- Wheat products and other food preparations	0.9	2,432	-3.3	193	6.2
- Beverages	0.8	2,046	2.6	171	18.6
Manufacturing	79.8	223,692	-1.0	18,083	10.3
- Automotive	13.9	41,117	8.5	3,150	-4.7
- Electronics	16.2	46,267	2.6	3,669	18.1
- Electrical appliances	10.1	28,667	-2.4	2,298	-1.2
- Precious stones and jewelry	5.1	14,787	-2.2	1,166	59.1
- Unwrought gold	2.1	5,979	-15.5	469	194.2
- Rubber products	4.7	13,248	-4.4	1,074	3.7
- Petro-chemical products	2.9	8,877	-16.9	664	-0.3
- Chemicals	2.8	8,055	-16.0	629	-1.6
- Machinery & equipment	3.1	8,784	0.3	695	7.6
- Apparels & Textile	2.1	6,034	-11.9	482	4.2
- Metal & steel	4.8	6,955	-0.7	1,082	106.3
Mining & Fuel	3.8	11,667	-1.9	853	7.1

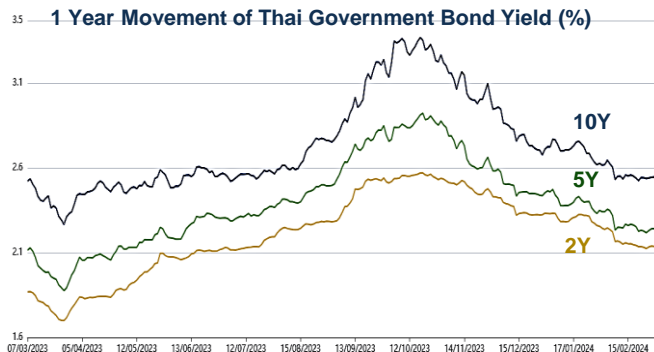
Products	Jan-24	
	USD million	%YoY
Automotive	3,150	-4.7
- Passenger car	969	-7.7
- Pick up and trucks	682	-11.5
- Motorcycle	288	-18.3
- Spark-ignition reciprocating internal combustion	302	9.1
- Parts & accessories	798	6.7

Products	Jan-24	
	USD million	%YoY
Electronics	3,669	18.1
- Computer parts	1,479	32.2
- HDD	569	39.7
- Electronic integrated circuits	722	-1.9
- Telecommunication	596	56.2
- Semi-conductor devices, transistors, diodes	322	-9.5

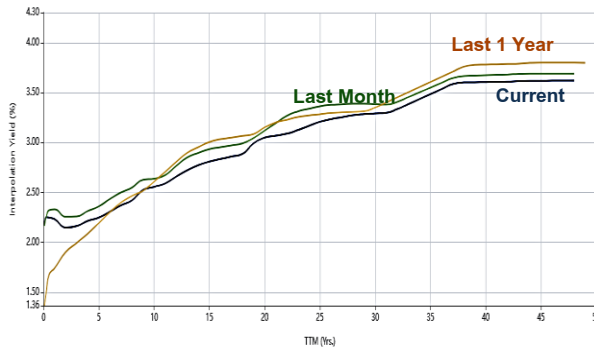
Thai Financial Market Data (1/2)

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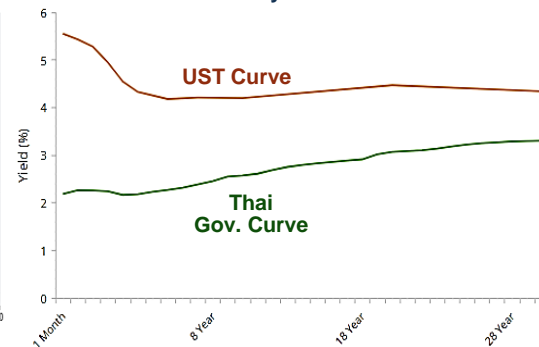
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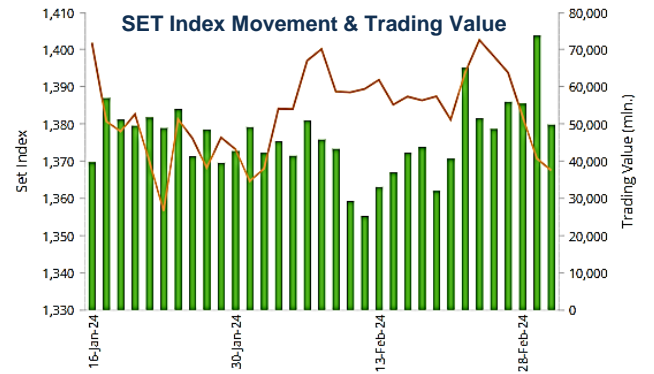
Shift in Thai Government Yield Curve Current vs Last Month vs Last 1 Year



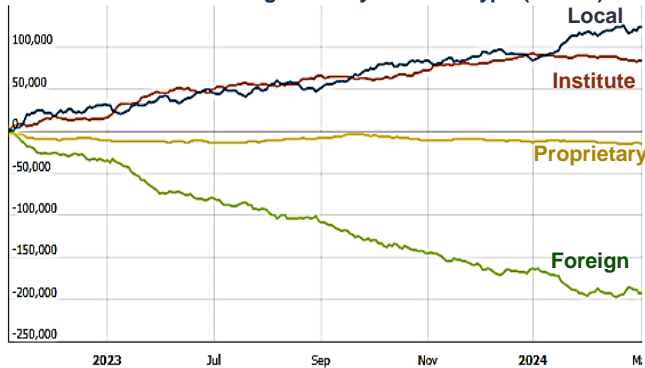
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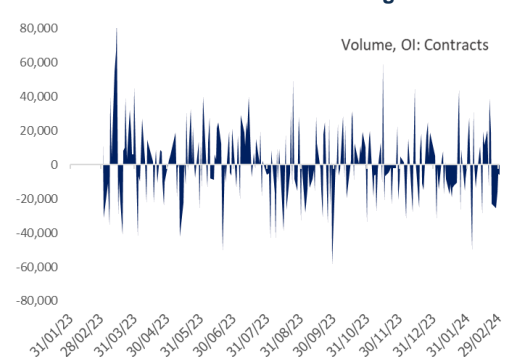
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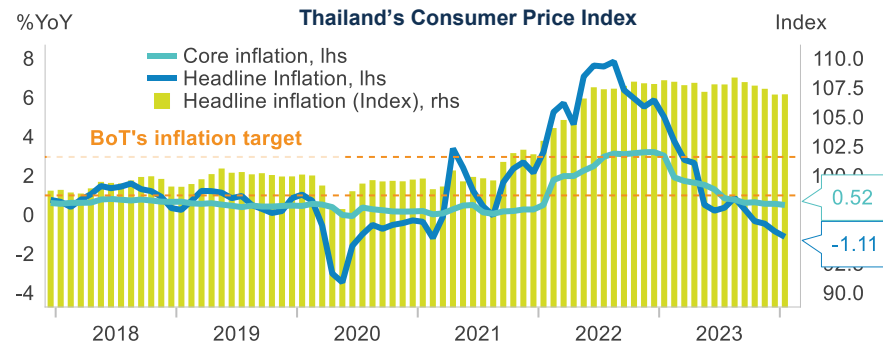
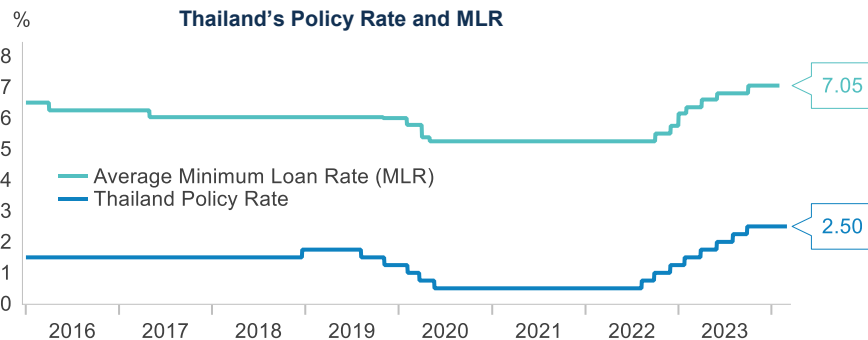
1 Year - SET Trading Value by Investor Type (M.THB)



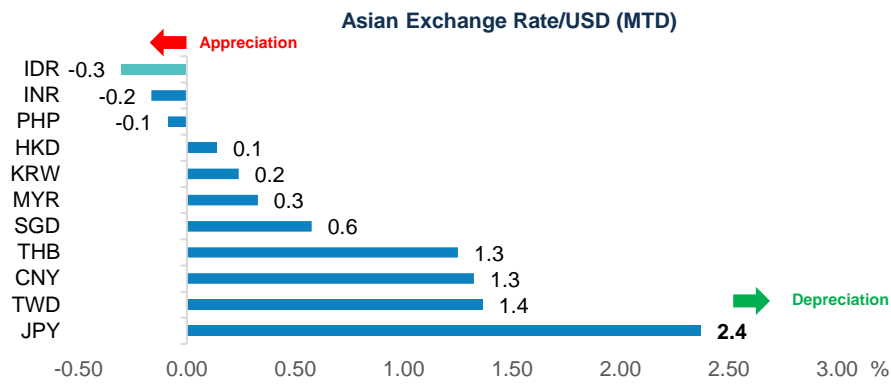
1 Year - TFXE Net Volume of Foreign Investor



Policy Rate and Inflation



Exchange Rate



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