

Economic and Monetary Conditions March 2023

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1. Executive Summary

In March 2023, the Thai economy slowed down compared to the previous month. The value of merchandise exports excluding gold declined from the previous month, which was in line with weaker manufacturing production and private investment. Private consumption remained stable after durable goods had a good expansion in the preceding period. However, activities in the service sector continued to improve, following a good outturn in the number of Thai and foreign tourists. Spending of the central government also expanded from both current and investment expenditures.

On the economic stability front, headline and core inflation declined due to the high base last year together with lower domestic retail oil prices which moved in line with the global oil prices. Fresh food prices also declined due to increased supply. The labor market improved consistent with the economic recovery, while the current account registered a larger surplus thanks mainly to improvement in the trade balance.

Details of the economic conditions are as follows:

The value of merchandise exports, excluding gold and after seasonal adjustment, decreased from the previous month in several categories, especially exports of agro-manufacturing products and machinery to the US. Export in some categories, however, continued to increase, such as electronic products and agricultural products. The former was due to exports of hard disk drives (HDDs) to the US, which picked up in line with its production and delivery cycle. The latter was due to a good export in durian to China.

Manufacturing production, after seasonal adjustment, also declined from the previous month in several categories, especially in food and beverages after expanding well in the preceding period. Production in electronics component also reduced due to weaker trading partners' demands and inventories remained high. Nevertheless, production in some categories increased such as pickup truck, as well as hard disk drive, which saw a good production in larger types of storage and was in line with increasing exports.

The value of merchandise imports, excluding gold and after seasonal adjustment, decreased due to lower imports of crude oil after a surge in the previous period. Import value of natural gas also declined mainly due to lower price. Meanwhile, imports of consumer goods, raw materials, and intermediate goods increased compared to the previous month.

Private investment indicators, after seasonal adjustment, decreased from the previous month. Investment in machinery and equipment softened mainly due to lower sales of domestic machinery and a decline in registered commercial cars. Investment in construction also decreased following a lower outturn of permitted area for construction, despite higher sales of construction materials. This was in line with subdued demand in both high-rise and low-rise residential buildings.

Private consumption indicators, after seasonal adjustment, was stable from the previous month. Spending in service sectors continued to increase in line with increasing numbers of Thai and foreign tourists. However, consumption of durable goods declined due to lower sales of passenger cars after a good performance in the preceding period. Nonetheless, factors supporting household spending continued to improve both in terms of employment and consumer confidence.

The number of foreign tourist arrivals, after seasonal adjustment, increased from the previous month mainly due to the recovery of Chinese tourists after China allowed group tours to travel

to Thailand. Tourists from Europe (excluding Russia) and Malaysia continued to pick up, while tourists from some countries decreased, especially those from the Middle East, due to the Ramadan period.

Public spending, excluding transfer payments, expanded from the same period last year from both current and capital expenditures by the central government. The current expenditures expanded from disbursement of compensation for public servants and expenses related to election management, while the capital expenditures expanded mainly from disbursement in transportation projects. For state-owned enterprises, investment expenditures contracted due to the high base last year.

On the stability front, headline inflation declined in both energy and raw food categories due to the high base last year, as well as a decrease in raw food prices, following increased supply. Core inflation also decreased especially in processed food category due to the high base last year. Labor market continued to improve to a level close to the pre-COVID-19 pandemic, as reflected by increasing number of insured persons in the social security system. The current account registered a surplus thanks to improvement in the trade balance, while the net services, income, and transfers account registered a smaller surplus. In terms of exchange rates, the baht against the US dollar, on average, depreciated, following a shift in market expectations towards a tighter monetary policy by the US Federal Reserve in early March. During the second half of the month, however, the baht against the US dollar became volatile due to concerns over financial institution problems in the US and Europe.

In the first quarter of 2023, the Thai economy continued to improve from the previous quarter, mainly driven by improvement in both foreign and Thai tourists which bolstered services and private consumption. The value of merchandise export increased in line with manufacturing production and private investment. Public expenditure also expanded from the previous year from both current and capital expenditures, while investment expenditures of state-owned enterprises contracted from the same period last year. On the economic stability front, headline and core inflation decreased mainly due to the high base effect from last year. Labor market improved in line with the economic recovery. The current account recorded higher surplus due to an increase in tourism revenue, while surplus in the trade balance remained close to the previous quarter.

2.1 Supply

Farm income expanded from the same period last year due to higher agricultural production. Economic activities in the service sector increased from the previous month on the back of increases in Thai and foreign tourists. Manufacturing production, however, declined in several categories, especially in food and beverages as well as electronic components. Meanwhile, economic activities in the real estate sector contracted in the first quarter of 2023 due to subdued domestic demand.

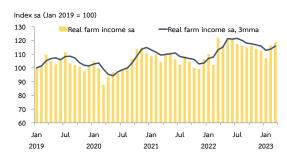
Agricultural sector

Nominal Farm Income

(0/1/10)			20	22		2023			
(%YoY)	2022	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar	
Nominal farm income ^P	13.6	11.2	17.0	15.9	16.2	6.0	13.2	0.4	
Agricultural production ^P	1.8	3.6	0.5	-3.5	3.0	7.4	8.7	9.9	
Agricultural price	11.6	7.3	16.4	20.1	12.9	-1.3	4.2	-8.7	

Note: Farm income does not include government subsidies and transfers. P = Preliminary data Source: Office of Agricultural Economics and calculated by Bank of Thailand

Real Farm Income



Source: Office of Agricultural Economics and calculated by Bank of Thailand

Manufacturing sector

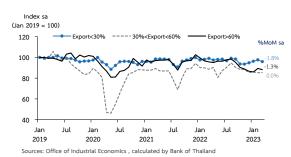
Manufacturing Production Index

	Weight			20	22			20	23	
(%YoY)	2016 ^R	2022	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar ^P	%MoM sa
Food & Beverages	20.3	2.1	0.9	3.5	7.4	0.0	-0.7	3.6	-5.9	-5.9
Automotives	13.8	11.5	2.7	20.3	35.8	8.5	6.2	5.3	6.7	1.2
- Passenger Cars	4.7	0.7	-13.8	14.8	15.0	14.6	35.7	49.2	29.9	-0.3
- Commercial Vehicles	7.2	18.1	10.9	25.6	53.4	6.5	-3.3	-8.8	0.9	4.4
- Engine	1.3	11.9	11.2	12.6	25.9	1.9	-2.3	-0.9	-5.2	-1.1
Petroleum	9.5	8.7	14.5	3.4	17.3	-8.7	7.5	7.3	6.1	0.3
Chemicals	9.1	-4.4	-0.9	-7.9	-2.8	-13.1	-8.8	-6.3	-7.3	0.4
Rubbers & Plastics	8.8	-1.1	1.1	-3.3	2.4	-8.7	-4.7	-3.5	-2.4	0.3
Cement & Construction	5.5	3.0	0.0	6.3	9.6	3.2	-0.8	0.6	-0.8	-1.1
IC & Semiconductors	5.5	1.3	0.8	1.8	6.5	-2.7	-4.6	-0.8	-6.1	-4.5
Electrical Appliances	3.8	-0.6	-2.0	1.0	10.2	-7.6	-4.2	-4.7	1.0	1.8
Textiles & Apparels	3.5	-1.5	-0.1	-3.0	9.9	-14.1	-25.4	-25.3	-21.0	-0.5
Hard Disk Drive	3.4	-29.1	-21.4	-37.5	-32.4	-42.5	-37.6	-35.4	-30.8	9.5
Others	16.7	-5.3	-4.3	-6.4	1.1	-13.3	-11.5	-11.5	-12.1	-0.9
MPI	100	0.4	0.2	0.5	7.7	-6.0	-3.9	-2.4	-4.6	-1.2
MPI sa ∆% from last period	100	-	2.6	-1.6	2.0	-5.7	0.6	1.5	-1.2	-
Capacity Utilization (SA)	100	-	63.4	62.1	64.0	60.2	60.9	61.6	60.8	-

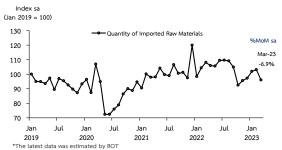
Note: the new MPI series as adjusted by the OIE Coverage and base year at 2016)

R = 2021 Revision P = Preliminary data
Source: Office of Industrial Economics and seasonally adjusted by Bank of Thalland
Production index of petroleum does not include the production of diesel 810 and 820

MPI Classified by Export Share



Other Indicators of Manufacturing Production



Sources: NSO, OIE, Customs Department and seasonally adjusted by Bank Of Thailand

Capacity Utilization (sa)

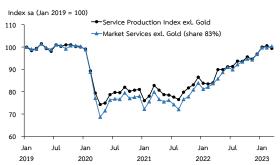
	Share			20	22			2023	
(%)	2016 ^R	2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar ^P
Food & Beverages	20.3	54.4	54.6	53.9	54.9	54.0	53.6	55.4	51.7
Automotives	13.8	75.2	73.4	70.6	79.0	77.8	76.3	75.4	76.6
Petroleum	9.5	82.0	83.5	84.6	86.9	73.1	85.8	86.5	85.8
Chemicals	9.1	70.3	74.8	71.4	69.8	64.9	67.5	68.6	68.6
Rubbers & Plastics	8.8	49.9	51.5	52.0	50.0	46.2	47.3	47.1	48.0
Construction & Non-metal	5.5	61.6	61.5	61.5	61.7	61.5	60.2	61.1	60.5
IC & Semiconductors	5.5	77.5	77.7	76.1	80.1	75.8	69.2	71.6	68.0
Electrical Appliances	3.8	64.1	63.9	63.9	68.0	60.9	60.9	61.5	61.7
Textiles & Apparels	3.5	40.1	41.5	41.3	41.2	36.6	33.9	34.6	33.1
Hard Disk Drive	3.4	61.0	72.2	63.7	57.9	50.6	51.6	53.1	55.5
Others	16.7	54.7	56.9	55.8	54.6	51.7	51.5	51.5	51.5
CAPU sa	100.0	62.8	64.0	62.8	64.0	60.2	60.9	61.6	60.8

Note: the new Capacity Utilization series as adjusted by the OIE (coverage and base year at 2016) R = 2021 Revision $\,$ P = Preliminary data

Source: Office of Industrial Economics, calculated by Bank of Thailand

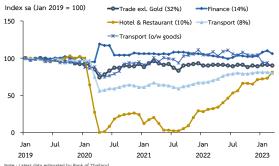
Service sector

Service Production Index (SPI)



Note: Listed data estimated by Bank of Thalland
Market Services actualing gold covered all service sectors' economic activities except 1) Public Administration and Defence,
Compulsory Social Security, 2 Education, 3) Health and Social Work, and 40 Gold trading activities.
Source: Office of the National Economic and Social Powler, and and Social Work of Commerce, Computer Open Market Powler Source: Office of the National Economic and Social Powler, and Social Work, and 40 Gold trading activities.

Service Production Index (SPI) by Sectors



Note : Latest data estimated by Bank of Thalland Source: Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB), Ministry of Commerce, National Statistical Office, The Revenue Department, The Office of Industrial Economics, and Winistry of Tourism and Sports

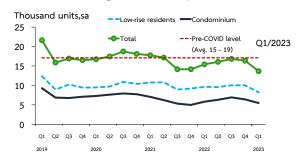
Table of Service Production Index (SPI) by Sector

	Charac			20	22			20	23	
(%YoY)	Share (2016)	2022	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar ^P	%MoN sa
Trade exl Gold	32.2	-0.8	-1.7	0.1	4.0	-3.4	0.3	1.7	-1.3	-2.0
Transportation	7.7	19.7	12.7	26.7	31.1	22.7	17.4	18.4	13.5	-1.2
(o/w) Goods	2.5	6.7	10.9	2.5	8.0	-2.6	-13.0	-10.2	-18.4	-4.8
(o/w) Passenger	5.2	38.7	16.5	61.7	66.6	57.3	59.1	57.8	58.7	0.2
Hotel & Restaurant	10.3	321.0	219.0	414.3	1,894.7	228.8	159.4	152.1	161.2	9.6
Finance	14.0	-3.8	-3.2	-4.4	-4.8	-4.0	4.5	6.4	3.6	-3.2
Non-Market Services	17.0	-0.5	-0.3	-0.8	1.1	-2.7	9.1	15.5	9.8	-12.5
SPI	100.0	12.8	11.1	14.4	16.1	12.9	14.6	15.6	13.4	-1.6
SPI exl Gold	100.0	13.3	9.9	16.5	19.1	14.2	19.3	20.4	18.4	-1.2
Market Services exl Gold	83.0	15.9	13.7	17.9	19.7	16.2	15.7	15.6	14.1	0.6

Note : Share to total service in GDP Source: Bank of Thailand

Real estate sector

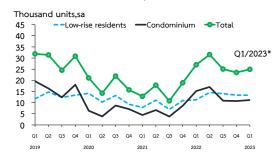
New Mortgage Loans from Commercial Banks in Bangkok and Vicinity Area*



^{*} seasonally adjusted by Bank of Thailand

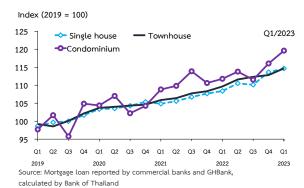
Source: Bank of Thailand

Newly Launched Properties in Bangkok and Vicinity Area



*preliminary data Source: Agency for Real Estate Affairs (AREA) and calculated by Bank of Thailand

Housing Price Index



2.2 Domestic Demand

Private consumption indicators remained stable while investment indicators declined from the previous month. Public spending, excluding transfer payments, expanded from the same period last year due to increases in both current and capital expenditures of the central government.

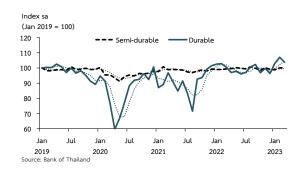
Private Consumption

Private Consumption Indicators (PCI)

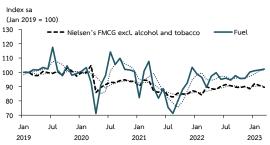
			20	22		2023					
%YoY	2022	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar ^P	%MoM sa		
Non-durables index	2.1	0.0	4.4	6.9	1.9	2.8	3.6	2.6	-0.2		
Semi-durables index	1.1	0.6	1.5	2.6	0.6	0.5	1.2	0.7	0.1		
Durables index	7.5	6.7	8.2	20.8	-1.2	2.6	4.3	3.0	-3.1		
Services index	22.9	18.4	27.2	32.7	22.4	25.1	24.2	28.2	1.5		
(less) Net tourist expenditure	1055.4	495.8	1509.4	9476.2	857.0	557.6	169.2	132.8	9.7		
PCI	8.5	7.2	9.8	14.6	5.3	4.7	3.9	6.0	-0.2		

Note: %MoM is calculated from seasonally adjusted data P = Preliminary Data Source: Bank of Thailand

Durable and Semi-durable Indices

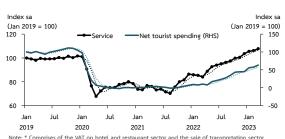


Nielsen's FMCG Index & Fuel Index



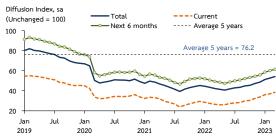
Source: The Nielsen company and Department of Energy Business, calculated by Bank of Thailand

Service Index* & Net Tourist Spending Index**



Note: * Comprises of the VAT on hotel and restaurant sector and the sale of transportation sector ** Expenditure of non-resident in Thailand subtracted by expenditure of resident abroad Source: Bank of Thailand

Consumer Confidence Index



Source: The University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, calculated by Bank of Thailand

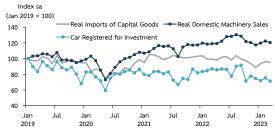
Private Investment

Private Investment Indicators

			20	22			20	23	
% YoY	2022	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Q1 ^P	Feb	Mar ^P	%МоМ
Permitted Construction Area (4mma)	6.3	9.6	2.9	3.5	2.4	-6.7	-6.7	-10.2	-3.2
Construction Materials Index	3.4	-0.3	7.5	10.4	4.7	-0.5	0.2	-0.8	1.0
Real Imports of Capital Goods	-2.8	-0.1	-5.5	-1.7	-9.1	-5.4	-2.6	-3.6	-0.6
Real Domestic Machinery Sales	8.4	7.2	9.5	17.6	2.2	1.6	3.4	1.1	-1.6
Newly Registered Motor Vehicles for Investment	5.9	5.3	6.7	21.5	-7.7	-14.6	-10.7	-17.7	-5.4
Private Investment Index	2.6	3.5	1.9	6.4	-1.9	-1.4	0.1	-1.6	-1.0

Note: %MoM is calculated from seasonally adjusted data P = Preliminary Data Source: Bank of Thailand

Investment in Machinery and Equipment



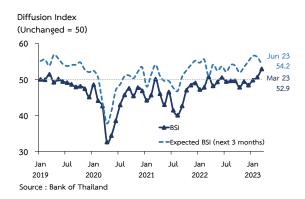
Note: All data is in real terms. Source: Department of Land Transport, Customs Department, Revenue Department, calculated by Bank of Thailand

Investment in Construction



Note: All data is in real terms.
Source: NSO, Department of Public Works and Town & Country Planning, calculated by Bank of Thailand

Business Sentiment Index



Fiscal position and public expenditure

Fiscal Position (Cash Basis)

				FY	21			FY	22		FY	23	EV	23
Billion baht	FY21	FY22												
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Feb	Mar ^p
Revenue	2,441	2,551	618	488	642	694	533	572	787	659	640	522	151	178
(%YoY)	(4.3)	(4.5)	(-4.6)	(-9.4)	(19.1)	(12.7)	(-13.8)	(17.3)	(22.6)	(-5.0)	(20.1)	(-8.7)	(5.3)	(-6.4)
Expenditure ^{1/}	3,131	3,056	953	665	700	814	974	663	712	706	988	752	256	265
(%YoY)	(2.0)	(-2.4)	(19.7)	(-12.7)	(-11.2)	(12.2)	(2.3)	(-0.3)	(1.8)	(-13.2)	(1.4)	(13.5)	(51.7)	(-9.9)
Budgetary B/L	-690	-505	-334	-177	-58	-120	-441	-91	75	-47	-348	-230	-104	-87
Non-Budgetary B/L	-768	-448	-81	-267	-231	-189	-168	-163	-22	-95	-33	-2	7	36
Cash B/L (CG)	-1,458	-953	-416	-444	-289	-310	-610	-254	53	-142	-381	-232	-98	-51
Primary balance ^{2/}	-1,292	-768	-350	-433	-217	-292	-533	-237	133	-131	-296	-217	-94	-43
Net Financing	1,475	988	317	322	398	438	358	278	175	178	130	54	-4	8
Treasury B/L	589	624	473	351	460	589	337	361	588	624	372	194	237	194

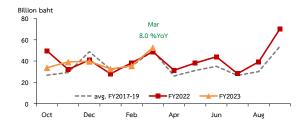
Note: P = Preliminary data 1/ includes cash payments for operating and purchase of non-financial assets, except loan repayment

2/ Excludes loan principal and interest payment

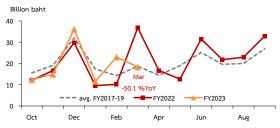
Central Government <u>Current</u> Expenditure (Excl. Subsidies/Grants and Other)



Central Government <u>Capital</u> Expenditure (Excl. Subsidies/Grants and Other)



State Owned Enterprises Capital Expenditure



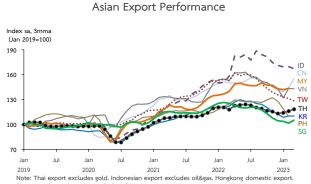
Source: Comptroller General's Department, Fiscal Policy Office and Bank of Thailand

2.3 The Global Economy and External Sector

The value of merchandise exports, excluding gold and after seasonal adjustment, declined from the previous month in several categories, especially in agro-manufacturing products and machinery. Foreign tourist figures increased in several nationalities, particularly tourists from China, after China allowed group tours to travel to Thailand. The current account registered a surplus as trade balance improved, while the net services, income, and transfers displayed a smaller surplus.

The global economy





Singapore domestic export excludes oil.
Source: CEIC, Customs Department, calculated by Bank of Thailand

External sector

Export Value

Feb 2023 = 22.4 Bn USD (-4.1%YoY) Mar 2023 = 27.1 Bn USD (-5.8%YoY) Ex Gold = 22.2 Bn USD (-1.8%YoY) Ex Gold = 25.5 Bn USD (-2.2%YoY)

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	Share			20	122		2023					
%YoY	2022	2022	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar	Mar (%MoMsa		
Agriculture	6.7	-1.7	8.1	-11.7	-13.2	-10.0	6.9	8.2	8.8	2.7		
Fishery	0.6	-2.1	2.8	-6.3	1.1	-13.5	-13.2	-3.8	-8.6	-5.7		
Manufacturing	89.0	4.8	10.4	-0.5	7.9	-8.3	-3.3	-2.9	-2.5	0.5		
Agro-manufacturing	13.9	8.6	12.0	5.1	13.5	-2.9	-0.1	1.0	1.4	-4.5		
Electronics	11.9	3.8	9.3	-1.2	5.1	-7.2	-8.0	-11.3	-1.6	13.1		
Electrical Appliances	9.2	2.8	3.3	2.2	7.4	-2.8	4.6	0.4	8.0	0.8		
Automotive	14.3	-1.6	-4.8	1.7	8.4	-4.1	2.1	2.7	-0.2	-0.6		
Machinery & Equipment	8.2	5.2	6.3	4.2	10.3	-1.7	-0.1	-0.5	-1.4	-1.8		
Petroleum Related	12.2	1.4	19.5	-14.1	-3.6	-24.2	-15.5	-18.3	-14.7	1.7		
Total (BOP Basis)	100.0	5.5	11.9	-0.6	6.7	-7.5	-4.6	-4.1	-5.8	5.6		
Ex. Gold	-	4.4	9.6	-0.6	6.4	-7.3	-2.4	-1.8	-2.2	-0.5		
Ex. Gold & Petroleum Related	-	4.8	8.2	1.5	8.0	-4.6	-0.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.7		

%MoM calculated from seasonally adjusted data, using data since 2007 (subject to revision). P = Preliminary data Note: Data above are recorded by custom basis, except total export value which is recorded by BOP basis. Custo basis considers recording as goods pass through Customs, while BOP basis considers changes in ownership betwee residents and non-residents. Source: Compiled from Customs Department's data

Import Value

Feb 2023 = 21.1 Bn USD (1.8%YoY) Mar 2023 = 22.8 Bn USD (-5.7%YoY) Ex Gold = 20.5 Bn USD (4.2%YoY) Ex Gold = 22.4 Bn USD (-6.5%YoY)

	Share		20	22	20	22		20	023	
%YoY	2022	2022	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar	Mar (%MoMsa)
Consumer	11.8	6.4	8.3	4.6	12.2	-2.0	9.9	11.8	12.7	1.8
Raw material & Intermediate	66.7	17.6	27.8	8.4	21.1	-3.9	-1.6	1.4	-14.1	-8.3
o/w Fuel	19.6	59.9	84.6	41.5	83.7	8.8	6.6	15.7	-38.4	-29.3
o/w Raw mat & Interm ex. Fuel	47.0	5.8	14.0	-1.9	4.4	-8.3	-4.6	-4.4	-2.9	1.2
Capital	16.6	2.4	8.4	-3.2	-0.0	-6.2	-0.3	3.9	3.0	2.2
Others	5.0	22.8	-13.3	72.6	140.2	16.2	-14.0	-27.3	33.7	-32.1
Total (BOP Basis)	100.0	15.3	19.7	11.1	23.2	-0.3	1.3	1.8	-5.7	-5.5
Ex. Gold	-	14.7	21.3	8.6	18.7	-1.0	2.0	4.2	-6.5	-5.0
Ex.Gold&Fuel	-	6.6	11.4	2.1	7.3	-3.2	0.9	1.1	3.1	1.7

%MoM calculated from seasonally adjusted data, using data since 2007 (subject to revision). P = Prelimina Note: I/ Data above are recorded by custom basis, except total import value which is recorded by BOP bas Custom basis considers recording as goods pass through Customs, while BOP basis considers changes in owr between residents and on-residents. Source: Compiled from Customs Department's data

Balance of payments

Balance of Payments

Billion USD	2021							2023 ^P			
BILLION USD	Р	2022	Н1	H2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar		
Trade Balance	32.4	10.8	9.7	1.1	-1.9	3.0	2.9	1.3	4.3		
Exports (f.o.b.)	270.6	285.4	147.6	137.8	72.0	65.8	69.8	22.4	27.1		
%YoY	19.2	5.5	11.9	-0.6	6.7	-7.5	-4.6	-4.1	-5.8		
Imports (f.o.b.)	238.2	274.6	137.9	136.7	73.8	62.8	66.9	21.1	22.8		
%YoY	27.7	15.3	19.7	11.1	23.2	-0.3	1.3	1.8	-5.7		
Net Services, Income & Transfers	-43.0	-28.0	-20.2	-7.9	-5.8	-2.0	1.0	0.0	0.5		
Current Account	-10.6	-17.2	-10.5	-6.8	-7.7	0.9	4.0	1.3	4.8		
Capital and Financial Account	-6.0	2.2	3.6	-1.3	-3.5	2.2					
Overall Balance	-7.1	-10.2	-7.4	-2.9	-8.2	5.3	2.7	-1.8	0.8		

Source: Bank of Thailand P = Preliminary data

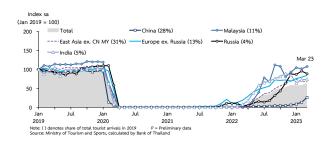
Foreign tourist arrivals

Inbound Tourists by Country of Origin

Thousand persons *		20	122		2023	
(Share in 2019)	2022	Q3	Q4	Q1 ^P	Feb ^P	Mar ^P
China (27.9%)	273.6	89.5	126.7	517.3	155.7	269.8
Malaysia (10.7%)	1,948.5	774.2	973.7	921.0	305.4	326.9
Asia ex. China & Malaysia (30.7%)	3,678.3	1,271.4	1,860.5	1,996.0	638.5	650.1
Russia (3.7%)	435.0	32.0	331.6	566.7	186.1	177.8
Europe ex. Russia (12.6%)	2,262.9	610.4	1,063.8	1,438.6	498.4	437.1
India (4.9%)	997.9	336.3	425.8	322.6	99.8	119.5
US (2.8%)	453.7	120.3	227.8	248.5	81.9	84.1
Others (6.6%)	1,103.0	374.0	455.1	466.8	147.7	153.8
Total	11,153.0	3,608.1	5,465.0	6,477.5	2,113.6	2,219.0
(%YoY)	(2506.6)	(7847.7)	(1497.8)	(1201.7)	(1281.8)	(952.5)
(%QoQsa, %MoMsa)	-	(116.7)	(42.1)	(10.8)	(1.1)	(8.7)

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Sports

Tourists Classified by Nationality



2.4 Monetary and Financial Conditions

Total corporate financing increased from the previous month mainly due to higher issuances of debt. Net loans extended to the household sector slightly edged up from consumer loans. On the exchange rate, the baht against the US dollar in March 2023 was on average depreciated, following a shift in market expectations towards a tighter monetary policy by the Fed in the early March.

Interest rates

Commercial Bank Interest Rates*

2020	2021				2022				2023	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	25 Apr
0.49	0.44	0.42	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.5	0.98	1.15	1.31
0.89	0.89	0.81	0.91	0.89	0.84	0.84	0.93	1.04	1.26	1.28
0.56	0.56	0.54	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.56	0.57	0.72	0.80	0.84
5.36	5.36	5.36	5.49	5.49	5.49	5.49	5.55	6.00	6.56	6.80
6.69	6.59	6.59	6.71	6.71	6.71	6.71	6.71	7.19	7.67	7.76
6.84	6.79	6.79	6.79	6.79	6.79	6.79	6.79	6.76	6.89	6.96
6	6	6.04	6.08	6.08	6.08	6.08	6.13	6.30	6.81	7.00
7.09	7.09	7.09	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.74	8.11	8.21
7.93	7.93	7.91	7.91	7.91	7.91	7.91	7.91	7.91	8.00	8.00
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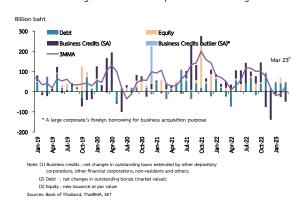
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Government Bond Yields

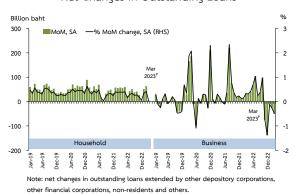


Corporate financing

Changes in Total Corporate Financing

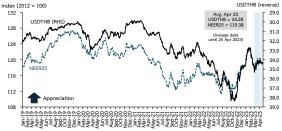


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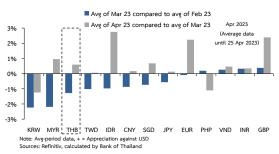
Exchange rates

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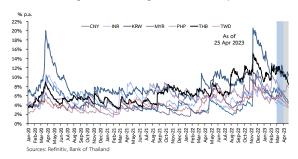


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Exchange Rate Movement



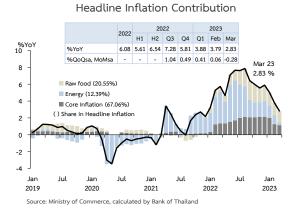
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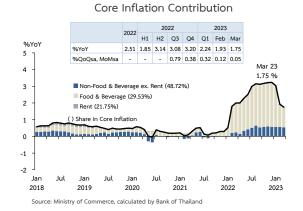


2.5 Financial Stability

Headline and core inflation declined due to the high base last year together with lower domestic retail oil prices which moved in line with the global oil prices. Fresh food prices also declined due to increased supply in several categories. Labor market continued to improve, especially within trade and tourism sectors.

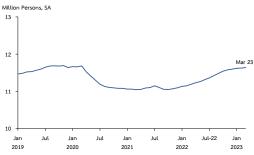
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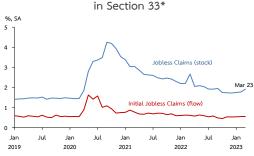
Labor market

Total Contributors in Section 33*



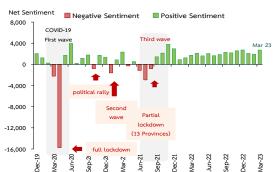
Note: * Section 33 refers to employees who are not less than 15 years of age and not more than 60 years Source: Social Security Office, calculated by Bank of Thailand

Ratio of Jobless Claims to Total Contributors in Section 33*



Note: * Employees who contribute to social security system (Section 33) account for 31% of total employment. Source: Social Security office, calculated by Bank of Thailand

Social Listening of Self-employed



Note: The index is calculated based on the number of Positive Posts minus the number of Negative Posts, which can reflect the direction of self-employed activities quite well. However, it may not reflect the size of the change, in addition, the index is quite sensitive to other issues such as the number of coronavirus cases, politics, government measures, which makes the data quite volatile at times.

3. Link to related statistics and contents

Agricultural sector

Agricultural prices: Agricultural prices

Agricultural production: Agricultural products

More information: Office Of Agricultural Economics www.oae.go.th

Manufacturing sector

Manufacturing production: Manufacturing production index (MPI)

Capacity utilization rate: Capacity utilization rate

More information: Office of Industrial Economics http://www.oie.go.th/view/1/Home/EN-US

Real estate sector

Property Indicators: Property Indicators (EC EI 009 S2)

More information: Real Estate Information Center www.reic.or.th/

Public finance

Central government revenue: Government revenue

Central government expenditure (GFSM2001): Government expenditure (EC_PF_011)

Fiscal Position (GFSM2001): Fiscal position in cash basis (EC_PF_009)

More information: Fiscal Policy Office www.fpo.go.th

Labor market

Labor force survey: Labor force survey (EC RL 009 S4)

Employment: Number of employed persons classified by occupation (EC RL 012)

Average wage: Average wage classified by industry (EC RL 014 S2)

More information: National Statistical Office www.nso.go.th

Inflation

Inflation: Consumer price index (CPI)

More information: Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices www.price.moc.go.th

Other reports of Monetary Policy Group, Bank of Thailand

Monthly report on Business Sentiment Index: <u>Business Sentiment Index</u>

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