# INVESTMENT STRATEGY

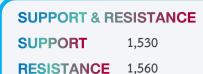
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July 14, 2022

# **ONGOING ISSUES HURT SET INDEX**

U.S. inflation rate in June was 9.1% (versus 8.8% expected), raising interest rate hike concern again. U.S. interest rate is projected to be hiked by 0.75-1% at the Fed meeting on July 27. SET Index will face negative sentiment as U.S. stock markets fall while THB weakens further and triggers fund outflow. Considering Thailand's CPI that rose 0.92% mom on average, the inflation rate is expected to rise to 8.8% in July and 10% in August. Thus, the MPC is expected to raise the interest rate at the three remaining meetings in 2022.

SET Index is expected to drop around 1,530-1,560 pts. We buy GPSC while hold 10% in cash. Top picks are CPF, GPSC, and OSP.



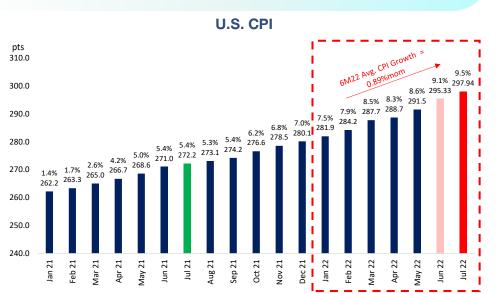
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#### **TOP PICKS**

| CPF  | FV@B 32.00 |
|------|------------|
| GPSC | FV@B 82.50 |
| OSP  | FV@B 37.00 |

#### **PORTFOLIO**

| iPSC   | +10%   | 6       |                    | CAS   | H -10  | )%     |        |
|--------|--------|---------|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Stocks | Start  | Weight  | D,                 | eturn | Pr     | Fair   |        |
| JIUCKS | Date   | Weigili | K                  | SIOTT | Cost   | Last   | Value  |
| KBANK  | lut 80 | 10%     | $\bigtriangledown$ | -0.3% | 147.00 | 146.50 | 174.00 |
| CPF    | 16 Jun | 10%     | $\bigtriangledown$ | -1.0% | 26.25  | 26.00  | 32.00  |
| OSP    | 15 Jun | 10%     |                    | 1.5%  | 34.00  | 34.50  | 37.00  |
| TPIPL  | 27 Jun | 5%      | $\bigtriangledown$ | -1.9% | 1.54   | 1.51   | 2.39   |
| TRUE   | 04 Jul | 10%     |                    | 0.4%  | 4.64   | 4.66   | 5.70   |
| BLA    | 07 Jul | 10%     |                    | 1.9%  | 38.50  | 39.25  | 52.00  |
| CRC    | 20 Jun | 15%     |                    | 1.2%  | 34.58  | 35.00  | 44.75  |
| SPALI  | 12 Jul | 10%     | $\mathbf{\nabla}$  | -0.5% | 19.00  | 18.90  | 26.90  |
| CASH   | 20 Apr | 20%     | _                  | 0.0%  | NA.    | NA     | NA     |



Source: Bloomberg / ASPS Research

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MARKET TALK

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### U.S. JUN CPI UP 9.1%. THAI, U.S. OCT CPIS MAY RISE 10%

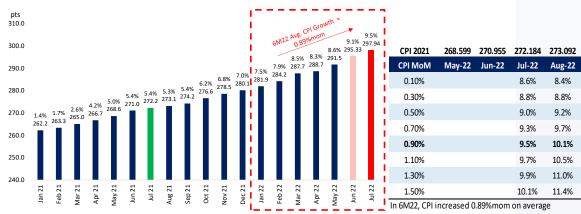
U.S. consumer price index (CPI) in June increased 9.1%yoy, the highest in 40 years, higher than 8.6%yoy in May and 8.8%yoy expected. Core CPI (excluding food and energy) rose 5.9%yoy, down from 6.0%yoy but higher than 5.8%yoy expected.

### U.S. JUN CPI UP 9.1%YOY

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| 21) 07/13 19:30 석 🗘 | LI CPI MOM                 | Jun 1.1% 1.3% 1.0%                  |
|                     | CPI Ex Food and Energy MoM | Jun 0.5% 0.7% 0.6%                  |
| 23) 07/13 19:30 🕁 🗘 | LI CPI YoY                 | Jun 8.8% 9.1% 8.6%                  |
| 24) 07/13 19:30 🔄 🗘 | CPI Ex Food and Energy YoY | Jun 5.7% 5.9% 6.0%                  |

Source: Bloomberg / ASPS Research

Assuming that CPI rises further by 0.89%mom (6M22 average), CPI in July 2022 is expected at 297.94, an increase of 9.5%yoy from 272.2 in July 2021; CPI in August 2022 is projected to rise 10.1%yoy.



#### **U.S. INFLATION RATE PROJECTION IN JUL**

Source: Bloomberg / ASPS Research

Similarly, Thailand's CPI is projected to increase sharply from a very low base in the same period last year, rising 8.8%yoy in July 2022 (from 99.8) and jumping 10.0%yoy in August 2022 (from 99.6).



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#### THAILAND'S INFLATION RATE PROJECTION IN JUL

Source: Bloomberg / ASPS Research

CPIs of the US and Thailand may rise further, pressuring the economy and market earnings, so down revision is likely. Fed may hike the interest rate faster, which will strengthen USD while weaken THB further; foreign fund inflow will slow down due to higher risk of Fx loss.

Inflation rates of the US and Thailand are expected to make new highs, weakening the economy and market earnings and causing fluctuation in risky assets. SET Index today is expected around 1,530-1,560 pts.

# U.S. RATE HIKES HURT FUND FLOW. SET INDEX BELOW 1,570 GOOD FOR LONG-TERM INVESTMENT

U.S. inflation rate in June was 9.1%yoy (higher than 8.8% expected), raising concern that Fed may hike the interest rate faster. CME Group's Fed Watch Tool sees 78% probability that U.S. interest rate will be hiked by 1% at the late-July meeting (up from 0.75% hike initially expected).

## FED WATCH TOOL

| MEETING PROBABILITIES |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |  |  |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|
| MEETING DATE          | 225-250 | 250-275 | 275-300 | 300-325 | 325-350 | 350-375 | 375-400 | 400-425 | 425-450 |  |  |
| 7/27/2022             | 22.0%   | 78.0%   | 0.0%    |         |         |         |         |         |         |  |  |
| 9/21/2022             | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 2.6%    | 28.7%   | 68.6%   | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 0.0%    |         |  |  |
| 11/2/2022             | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 1.4%    | 16.4%   | 49.7%   | 32.5%   | 0.0%    | 0.0%    |  |  |
| 12/14/2022            | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 1.0%    | 12.1%   | 40.2%   | 37.4%   | 9.3%    | 0.0%    |  |  |

Source: CME Group Fed Watch Tool

USD Index strengthened to 108, while oil price plummeted more than 8%.

THB weakened, so foreigners stop buying Thai stocks to avoid Fx loss.

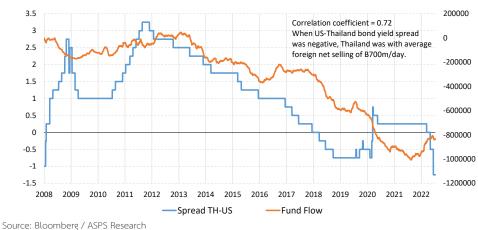


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MARKET TALK

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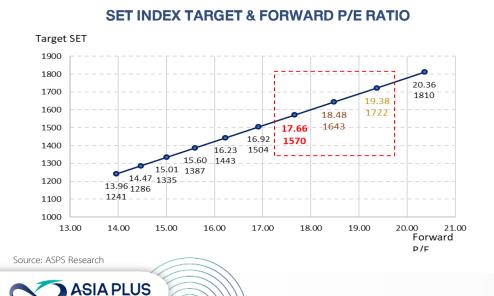
Thailand's interest rate is now 1.25% lower than U.S. interest rate, which means Thai-US interest rate spread is -1.25%. If U.S. interest rate is hiked by 1%, Thai-US interest rate spread will widen to -2.25%. Thai-US interest rate spread and foreign trading value in Thailand has 0.72 correlation; wider spread means higher foreign selling pressure.



THAI-US INTEREST RATE SPREAD VS FOREIGN TRADING VALUE

The Bank of Thailand (BOT) states that fund outflow is still thin, while THB depreciation was mainly caused by USD appreciation, so Thailand's interest rate may be hiked slowly by 0.25% each (not 0.5%). We set end-2022 SET Index targets based on conservative assumptions and interest rate as follows:

- 1) Market earning yield gap of 4.4%, versus the ten-year average of 4.2%
- 2) 2022 EPS forecast of B88.9, lower than Bloomberg Consensus of B95
- 3) In case of interest rate hikes, we see SET Index target at 1,722 pts for one hike, 1,643 pts for two hikes, and 1,570 pts for three hikes.



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SET Index is volatile now. When SET Index is under 1,570 pts, it is advisable to accumulate for long-term investment. We recommend holding less in cash when SET Index is under 1,500-1,545 pts.

We recommend holding some in cash. Top picks are anti-commodity plays GPSC and OSP and CPF that benefits from weak THB.

# B5/LITER DIESEL EXCISE TAX 2 MORE MONTHS. PTT BOARD TO DONATE B1BN TO OIL FUND 3 MONTHS

On July 11, the Fuel Fund Executive Committee announced that diesel price will be capped at B34.94/liter since the B5/liter excise tax cut will be extended for two months, from July 20 to September 20, in order to reduce living cost burden; this cut is in line with a recent drop in oil price.

On July 11, the Board of Directors of PTT approved a contribution of B3bn (B1bn/month for three months) to the special oil funds to reduce living cost burden. B3bn contribution makes up only 2.5-3.0% on PTT's 2022 earnings forecast. Stocks affected by the government may face negative sentiment as intervention may happen any time. The government is negotiation with refinery firms on contribution to oil fund. Refineries are projected to donate money to the oil fund, similar to parent company PTT (probably concluded in July). Oil price and GRM are dropping from 2Q22. These issues have short-term negative sentiment on refinery plays.

#### PRICE STRUCTURE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT IN THAILAND

PRICE STRUCTURE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT IN BANGKOK 12-Jul-22

| UNIT:BAHT/LITRE | EX-REFIN. | TAX      | M. TAX   | OIL     | CONSV. | WHOLESALE | VAT    | WS&VAT  | MARKETING | VAT    | RETAIL |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|
|                 | (AVG)     | B./LITRE | B./LITRE | FUND    | FUND   | PRICE(WS) |        |         | MARGIN    |        |        |
| ULG             | 28.4939   | 6.5000   | 0.6500   | 7.1800  | 0.0050 | 42.8289   | 2.9980 | 45.8269 | 1.5262    | 0.1068 | 47.46  |
| GASOHOL95 E10   | 27.6216   | 5.8500   | 0.5850   | 0.0900  | 0.0050 | 34.1516   | 2.3906 | 36.5422 | 3.2783    | 0.2295 | 40.05  |
| GASOHOL91       | 27.1751   | 5.8500   | 0.5850   | 0.0900  | 0.0050 | 33.7051   | 2.3594 | 36.0645 | 3.4724    | 0.2431 | 39.78  |
| GASOHOL95 E20   | 27.2207   | 5.2000   | 0.5200   | -0.8200 | 0.0050 | 32.1257   | 2.2488 | 34.3745 | 4.2668    | 0.2987 | 38.94  |
| GASOHOL95 E85   | 27.4760   | 0.9750   | 0.0975   | -0.5300 | 0.0050 | 28.0235   | 1.9616 | 29.9852 | 4.1634    | 0.2914 | 34.44  |
| H-DIESEL B7     | 33.5773   | 1.3400   | 0.1340   | -3.8200 | 0.0050 | 31.2363   | 2.1865 | 33.4228 | 1.4179    | 0.0993 | 34.94  |
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| FO 600 (1) 2%S  | 20.8303   | 0.6400   | 0.0640   | 0.0600  | 0.0050 | 21.5993   | 1.5120 | 23.1113 |           |        |        |
| FO 1500 (2) 2%S | 18.5057   | 0.6400   | 0.0640   | 0.0600  | 0.0050 | 19.2747   | 1.3492 | 20.6239 |           |        |        |

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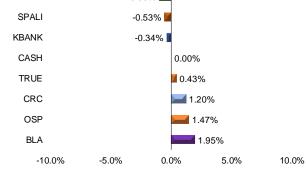
#### **MARKET TALK TOP PICKS**

| Stocks | Start Date | Weight | Accumulated | Pri       | ce     | Fair Value | PER   | Dividend | Cut Loss/   | Strategist Comment  |
|--------|------------|--------|-------------|-----------|--------|------------|-------|----------|-------------|---|
|        |            |        | Return      | Avg. Cost | Last   |            | 2022F | Yield    | Stop Profit |   |
| KBANK  | 08 Jul     | 10%    | -0.34%      | 147.00    | 146.50 | 174.00     | 8.30  | 2.73     | 137.00      | KBANK's 2Q22 profit is expected to grow 3%qoq (net interest income is driven by loan growth) and 30%yoy (lower provision).                            |
| CPF    | 16 Jun     | 10%    | -0.95%      | 26.25     | 26.00  | 32.00      | 13.82 | 2.50     | 24.75       | Chicken and pork prices in Thailand are rising in 2Q22, boosting CPF's 2Q22 net profit.   |
| OSP    | 15 Jun     | 10%    | 1.47%       | 34.00     | 34.50  | 37.00      | 28.27 | 3.18     | 29.75       | OSP's 2Q22 profit is expected to grow qoq and yoy. Production is<br>expected to improve after packaging ramp-up (lighter glass bottle).               |
| TPIPL  | 27 Jun     | 5%     | -1.95%      | 1.54      | 1.51   | 2.39       | 9.31  | 5.30     | 1.48        | TPIPL's 2Q22 profit is expected to shine. Petrechemical business will<br>shine longer as EVA-Ethylene spread jumps and THB weakens.                   |
| TRUE   | 04 Jul     | 10%    | 0.43%       | 4.64      | 4.66   | 5.70       | NM    | 0.00     | 4.40        | TRUE-DTAC merger is expected to enhance competitiveness, reduce<br>overlapping cost, and strengthen financial position.                               |
| BLA    | 07 Jul     | 10%    | 1.95%       | 38.50     | 39.25  | 52.00      | 17.83 | 1.53     | 37.50       | BLA's 2022 net profit is expected to grow 18%yoy as insurance<br>business rebounds. 2Q22 net profit is projected to stay strong further<br>from 1Q22. |
| CRC    | 20 Jun     | 15%    | 1.20%       | 34.58     | 35.00  | 44.75      | 31.97 | 0.00     | 33.00       | CRC's 2Q22 profit is expected to grow yoy and prossibly grow qoq, driven by same store sales (SSS) growth from all goods in Apr-May.                  |
| SPALI  | 12 Jul     | 10%    | -0.53%      | 19.00     | 18.90  | 26.90      | 6.32  | 6.08     | 18.00       | SPALI's 2Q22 profit is expected to rebound, driven by revenue from 1Q22 backlog and transfers of new low-rise projects in 2Q22.                       |
| CASH   | 20 Apr     | 20%    | 0.00%       | N.A.      | N.A.   | N.A.       | N.A.  | N.A.     | N.A.        | Cash  |

Last Tuesday we cut CASH by 10% and switched to SPALI by 10% Today we cut CASH by 10% and switch to GPSC



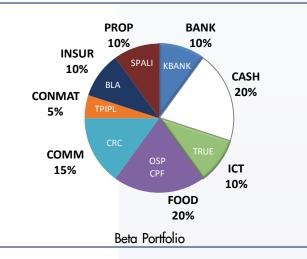
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Accumulated returns



Stock Classification







# **STOCK CALENDAR**

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|   |                              |         | July 2022           |                                  |                           |        |
|---|------------------------------|---------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Mon                                     | day                          | Tuesday | Wednesday           | / Thurse                         | day                       | Friday |
|   | 11                           | 12      | 13                  | 3                                | 14                        | 15     |
| ew list - Warrant                       | New list - Warrant           |         |                     | New list - Warrant               | Par decrease              |        |
| P-W4 233.119m units, B1 par             | CI-W2 266.636m units, B1 par |         |                     | NVD-W2 86.287m units, B1 par     | TYCN B7.50 par (from B10) |        |
| DRT-W3 151.800m units, B0.50 par        |                              |         |                     | NVD-W3 86.287m units, B1 par     |                           |        |
|   | Delist                       |         |                     |                                  | Conversion                |        |
| ir decrease                             | MILL-W4                      |         |                     | XE                               | PRG-W1 1.0278:1w @B4.8647 | 7      |
| <b>TSGIF</b> B9.492 par (from B9.554)   |                              |         |                     | 7UP-W4 1:1w @B2.25 (final, "SP") | PRG-W2 1:1w @B5.00        |        |
|   | Last trading day             |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
| )                                       | 7UP-W4                       |         |                     | New shares trading               |                           |        |
| ANLY @B8.50                             |                              |         |                     | NINE 240,000,000 shrs (xr)       |                           |        |
|   | New shares trading           |         | PUBLIC HOLIDAY      | SENA 3,484,518 shrs (w)          |                           |        |
| N                                       | BC 169,316 shrs (w)          |         | (Asarnha Bucha Day) | SMT 187,600 shrs (w)             |                           |        |
| CL 1existing: 1ECL-W4@B0                | BIOTEC 55,161,525 shrs (w)   |         | (Hourina Daona Day) | STGT 1,918,500 shrs (w)          |                           |        |
| SE TOXISTING. TEOE WYGEDO               | DIMET 423,000,000 shrs (pp)  |         |                     | XO 843,000 shrs (w)              |                           |        |
| ew shares trading                       | TTB 7,112,826 shrs (w)       |         |                     | x 0 040,000 3113 (w)             |                           |        |
| Q 4,922 shrs (w)                        | UREKA 5,847,953 shrs (pp)    |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
| (N 4,789,272shrs (pp)                   | URERA 5,647,955 Shi's (pp)   |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
|   | Conversion                   |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
| 3,766,300 shrs (w)                      |                              |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
| RU 1,066,128 shrs (w)                   | SFLEX-W1 1:1w @B4.50         |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
| PG 5,668,284 shrs (w)                   |                              |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
|   |                              |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
| onversion                               |                              |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
| LL-W4 1.434:1w @B1.534 (final)          |                              |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
|   | 18                           | 19      |                     | )                                | 21                        | 22     |
| ir decreaes                             | Conversion                   |         | Conversion          |                                  | Last trading day          |        |
| <b>FARAF</b> B8.7601 par (from B8.8901) | GEL-W5 1:1w @B0.50           |         | CPG-W1 1:1w @B8.00  |                                  | ALL-W1                    |        |
| PNPF B9.8504 par (from B9.9124)         |                              | E       | CF-W4 1:1w @B2.00   |                                  |                           |        |
|   |                              |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
| onversion                               |                              |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
| JW-W1 1:1w @B3.00                       |                              |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
| WZ-W6 1:1w @B0.10                       |                              |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
| WZ-W7 1:1w @B0.10                       |                              |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |
|   | 25                           | 26      | 27                  | 7                                | 28                        | 29     |
| Ξ                                       | XD                           |         | Conversion          |                                  |                           |        |
| L-W1 2.20:1w @B1.2725 (final, "SP")     | VGI @B0.02                   | C       | SC-P 1:1            |                                  |                           |        |
|   |                              | P       | IMO-W2 1:1w @B1.75  | PUBLIC HOLIDAY                   | SPECIAL HOLIDA            | Y      |
|   |                              |         |                     |                                  |                           |        |

|   |   | August 2022  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Monday  | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
| XD<br>EPG @B0.19                                | . 2                                     | Last trading day<br>PACE-W3<br>XD<br>BTS @B0.16<br>BLAND @B0.03<br>KYE @@B8.55<br>TMW @B0.90 | XE<br>PACE-W3 1:1w @B0.25 (final, "SP")<br>XW<br>MACO 4 existing: 1MACO-W4 @free | XD<br>PTL @B0.34   |
| 8<br>Conversion<br>7UP-W4 1:1w @B2.25 (final)   | 9<br>Delist<br>7UP-W4                   | 10   |  | 12<br>PUBLIC HOLIDAY<br>H.M. Queen Sirikit The Queen Mother's Birthday |
| 15  |   | 17<br>Conversion<br>ALL-W1 2.20:1w @B1.2725 (final)  | 18<br>Delist<br>ALL-W1<br>XW<br>BR 2 existing: 1BR-W1 @free                      | 19   |
| 22  | 23<br>XW<br>JP 2 existing: 1JP-W1 @free | 24<br>XW<br>MBAX 3 existing: 1MBAX-W2 @free  | 25   | 26   |
| 29<br>Conversion<br>PACE-W3 1:1w @B0.25 (final) | 30<br>Delist<br>PACE-W3                 | 31   |  |  |

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