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In January 2008, The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) and the Market for Alternative Investment (mai) welcomed three new listings, namely, **PTT Aromatics and Refining PCL (PTTAR)**, **Dimet (Siam) PCL (DIMET)** and **Lohakit Metal PCL (LHK)**.

PTTAR, with almost THB 30 billion (approx. USD 834 million) registered capital, is a blue-chip stock listed in SET's Energy and Utilities sector on January 2. DIMET became the first mai listing of the year when it raised funds for business expansion on January 21. On SET, the year's first listing was LHK; it listed in SET's Industrial Materials and Machinery sector on January 24. The three new listed firms had THB 141 billion (approx. USD 4 billion) in total market capitalization (as of their first trading days), providing investors with a greater variety of investment choices.

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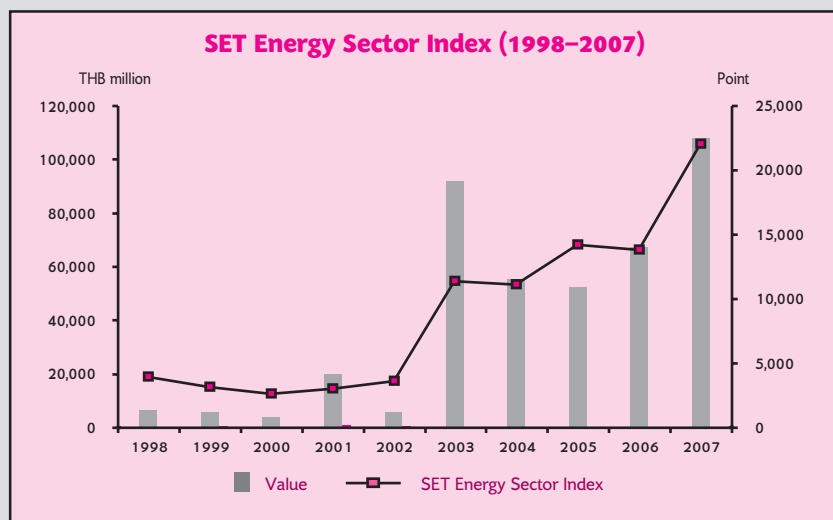


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Thai bourse to promote energy-based exchange-traded fund

To increase liquidity and offer yet another attractive investment option, The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)'s Board of Governors (BoG) approved a second equity exchange-traded fund (equity ETF) to be established by July 2008, based on the SET Energy Sector index.



The new equity ETF, which is the first equity ETF with an underlying sectoral index, will contribute to the increasing variety of investment instruments available on the market, attract new investors, stimulate trade and provide more business opportunities for mutual funds and securities companies, SET Executive Vice President and BoG Secretary Suthichai Chitvanich said.

"Discussions about this new product with local and foreign institutions revealed a great deal of interest in the energy sector because of its high liquidity. Consequently, the new equity ETF should be well-received by both investors and the market as a whole. As of December 28, 2007, the energy sector had recorded market capitalization of 35%, the largest contribution to SET's total market cap.

"This equity ETF will have an initial value of no less than THB 300 million (approx. USD 8.34 million), with the Exchange investing THB 30 million as seed money," Mr. Suthichai added.

SET will set up a working committee to choose a fund manager and/or team. The selection criteria will be similar to those used to pick the fund manager for the SET50 Equity ETF. The process will require the successful candidate to appoint at least one market-maker, have an adequate marketing plan, display a high level of relevant knowledge and be capable of developing an operating system to accommodate equity ETFs by end-July

2008. Basically, the requirements are virtually the same as those used to establish Thailand's first equity ETF, ThaiDEX equity ETF (TDEX).

Investing in an equity ETF is similar to investing in a stock, although trading is attached to a specific index. An ETF can be traded using any broker and can be quoted on a real-time basis. Equity ETFs will have market-makers to assure liquidity. As at end-December 2007, TDEX had recorded a 131% increase in its net asset value, rising to THB 2.40 billion (approx. USD 69.45 million), from THB 1.04 billion (approx. USD 30.09 million) when it started trading on SET in March 2007, and an average daily turnover of THB 85 million. This was an extraordinarily good result, compared to other Asian equity funds.

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PTT Aromatics and Refining poised to be a blue-chip



Mr. Permsak Shevawattananon
Chief Executive Officer

PTT Aromatics and Refining PCL (PTTAR) commenced trading on The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) in the Energy and Utilities sector on January. With almost THB 30 billion (approx. USD 834 million) registered capital, the company has the trading symbol "PTTAR".

PTTAR is the result of the amalgamation between Rayong Refinery PCL (RRC) and The Aromatics (Thailand) PCL (ATC), which were SET-listed firms. The company is the largest integrated aromatics refinery in Thailand and poised to become Asia's market leader in the refinery and aromatics industries, with state-of-the-art technology and low-cost production.

Powerful PTTAR looks destined to be one of the most sought-after blue-chip companies. PTTAR's THB 29.64 billion paid-up capital is made up of 2.96 billion shares with a par value of THB 10.00 each. On its first trading day, the company was ranked as SET's eleventh largest company in market capitalization, worth over THB 140 billion (USD 3.89 billion), PTTAR Chief Executive Officer Permsak Shevawattananon remarked.

"PTTAR fuses the most modern and efficient petroleum refinery business in Thailand and the Asia-Pacific with a leading aromatics business, so we can develop efficient production management and reduce risk factors. I think we can manage the volatility of the world petroleum and aromatics prices. The company will be able to acquire raw materials internally, manage production procedures with a variety of products lineups, and expand its business operations to other related industries, enhancing the overall competitiveness of the company and the national economy," Mr. Permsak said.



PTTAR's pro forma consolidated financial statements (in THB billion)

	Jan.-Sep. 2007	2006
Total assets	129.09	114.10
Total revenues	178.47	251.88
Profit before interest expense, financial charges and income tax expense	18.51	16.39
Net profits	13.58	13.25
Basic earnings per share (in THB)	4.58	4.68

PTTAR's businesses are:

- 1) Petroleum refinery and supply of refined petroleum products; light products such as reformate, middle distillates such as jet fuel and diesel, and heavy products such as fuel oil.
- 2) Production and distribution of aromatics products, such as benzene, paraxylene, orthoxylene, toluene, mixed xylenes and cyclohexane, along with other petroleum products such as light naphtha, raffinate, LPG, condensate residue and heavy aromatics.

Currently PTTAR has two refining units: a complex refinery (with a daily crude refining capacity of 145,000 barrels) and a condensate splitter for reformate production (with a daily production capacity of 70,000 barrels). The company's new condensate splitter with a daily refining capacity of 65,000 barrels will be ready for commercial production by August 2008. PTTAR will have a total refining capacity of 280,000 barrels per day by end-2008. It will then be the largest refinery in Thailand and the fifteenth largest in Asia. PTTAR already ranks as Thailand's largest, and Asia's fifth largest, producer of aromatics; it has an annual production capacity of 2,228,000 tons.

Mr. Permsak added, "Cutting-edge refinery and production technology enable PTTAR to have a variety of quality feedstock selection at competitive prices for the production of jet fuel, diesel, fuel oil and aromatics products, such as benzene, paraxylene and cyclohexane."

The company has four associated companies: PTT Phenol Co., Ltd., PTT Utility Co., Ltd., PTT ICT Solutions Co., Ltd. and Alliance Refining Co., Ltd.

As of September 30, 2007, the firm recorded a net profit margin of 7.61% and returns on equity of 22.66%.

PTTAR's major shareholder is PTT PCL, with a 48.66% stake. The company's dividend payment policy is to pay no less than 30% of its net profits after taxes and reserves.

More information about PTTAR is available on the corporate website at www.pttar.com, SET's website at www.set.or.th and Settrade.com's website at www.settrade.com.

Dimet (Siam) paints color on Thai Alternative Market



DIMET

Mr. Suraphol Rujikamchana
Managing Director

Consolidated financial summary (in THB million)

	Q1/2007 (Jul-Sep 2007)	2006 (Jun 2006 -2007)	2005 (Jun 2005 -2006)
Total assets	229.46	222.17	193.65
Total revenues	72.01	303.48	262.01
Profit before interest charges and tax	6.00	23.91	17.73
Net profits	3.22	12.28	8.70
Basic earnings per share (in THB)	4.59	18.85	43.52

Dimet (Siam) PCL, a manufacturer of high-performance coatings, became 2008's first listing on the Market for Alternative Investment (mai) on January 21. Its trading symbol is "DIMET". At its initial public offering (IPO), the firm raised THB 40 million (approx. USD 1.21 million) to build new storage facilities, support product innovation and increase the capacity of its production and warehouse systems. Dimet (Siam) is second listing resulting from the SME Venture Capital Fund business incubator.

The firm has total paid-up capital of THB 90 million (USD 2.71 million), consisting of 140 million existing common shares and 40 million capital increase shares, with a par value of THB 0.50 each. At its IPO, on January 10, 11 and 14, the company offered 40 million shares to the general public at THB 1.00 per share. Asset Pro Management was its financial advisor and BFIT Securities PCL was its underwriter.

DIMET's IPO price reflects a P/E ratio of 15.26 (based on its latest 12-month earnings from October 1, 2006–September 30, 2007, averaged at 180 million shares). Meanwhile, mai's average P/E ratio as of January 2, 2008, was 12.22. The firm's dividend payment policy is to pay no less than 40% of its net profit after allocating all reserves required by the company's regulations and the law.

DIMET provides high-performance coatings with world-class technology

DIMET manufactures and distributes high performance coatings for industrial and structural use. Its products protect steel materials from corrosion and provide coatings for wood, furniture and buildings. The company distributes the majority of its products under the Watty and PPG Amercoat brands, both domestically and overseas, with orders coming directly from either Watty or PPG.

"Our major customers are oil refineries, power plants and off-shore gas operation platforms in the Gulf of Thailand, such as Bangkok Aviation Fuel Services PCL, Chevron, Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand, Esso (Thailand), PTT PCL, Thai

Oil PCL. Secondary target customers are the furniture exports and real estate development sectors," DIMET Managing Director Suraphol Rujikamchana said.

The company's products are renowned for its premium quality. The company has obtained technology and production know-how from Watty and Ameron, two world's leading coating manufacturers, for over 20 years. With corporate environmental concern, the company, through ongoing research, has developed environment-friendly coating products by minimizing the use of strong solvents. This will significantly reduce contaminated wastes and pollutions.

The company will continue its research and development to use local raw materials to replace imported ones. DIMET, in coordination with Thai Industrial Standard Institute, plans to acquire ISO 14001 by 2008, Mr. Suraphol remarked.

"Since the majority of DIMET's raw materials are imported, the company normally makes agreements with major raw material suppliers once it receives orders, to prevent any incurred loss from material price changes in USD," Mr. Suraphol noted.

The company's sole subsidiary company, Asian Corrosion Control Trading Company Limited (ACCT), is a painting contractor, providing customers with a one-stop service, using DIMET's coating products.

The firm has four major shareholders—Mr. Suraphol Rujikamchana and his group, Mrs. Saovaluck Choke-arpornchai, SME Venture Capital Fund and Mrs. Achara Momin, who respectively hold 20.61%, 11.19%, 11.11% and 10.61% of paid-up capital after the IPO.

"To prepare for the increasing demand, the company plans to spend THB 20 million in its production capacity expansion, from current 4.32 million liters per annum to 6.00 million liters per annum by end-2008. The 40% increase in the firm's production capacity expansion will enable it to be able to work more flexibly and efficiently," Mr. Suraphol concluded.

More information about Dimet (Siam) PCL is available on its corporate website at www.wattyldimet.com, mai's website at www.mai.or.th or Settrade.com's website at www.settrade.com.



Lohakit Metal is first SET-listed company of the year



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Mr. Prasarn Akarapongpisak
Managing Director

A manufacturer and distributor of stainless steel products, Lohakit Metal PCL, has listed in the Industrial Materials and Machinery Sector, under the Industries Group. The first company to list on The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) in 2008, it commenced trading on January 24. It is using "LHK" as its trading symbol. Stainless steel is a metal widely used in household products, industries, and architectures due to its durability and lower maintenance cost compared to normal steel.

LHK...maker of stainless steel products

Lohakit Metal PCL was established in 1989 as Lohakit Metal Service Center Co., Ltd. with fully paid-up capital of THB 20 million. In 2005, the company increased its registered capital to THB 240 million and registered as a public company limited.

The company has two subsidiaries:

- 1) Auto Metal Co. Ltd. manufactures and distributes high-quality stainless steel pipe for automotive usage
- 2) D-Stainless Co. Ltd. distributes special grade cold-rolled stainless steel sheets and coils under the brand "D-Stainless."



Consolidated financial highlights (in THB million)

	9M Accounting year 2008 (Apr 07 – Dec 07)	Accounting year 2007 (Apr 06 – Mar 07)	Accounting year 2006 (May 05 – Mar 06)	Accounting year 2005 (Oct 14, 04 – Mar 31, 05)
Total assets	1,712.98	1,639.82	1,504.50	1,276.51
Total revenues	2,006.04	2,140.01	2,007.12	1,799.63
Profit before interest charges and tax	140.07	152.37	(38.84)	134.55
Net profits	61.74	83.96	(65.24)	85.52
Earnings per share (in THB)	0.26	0.35	(0.27)	0.59

The company is the only Thai importer supported by Nippon Metal Industry Co. Ltd. The special grade stainless steel can be used in numerous industries, such as household appliances, computer parts and food-processing factories.

Sales revenue increased for three consecutive years

The company and its subsidiaries' sales revenues have continued to increase for three consecutive years. The growth has been primarily due to demand for stainless steel products from the construction, furniture, and auto industries. The company and its subsidiaries also applied supply chain strategy to their business plans, and this benefited both suppliers and customers. With competitive prices and on-time delivery, the company was able to expand its customer base.

Mr. Prasarn Akarapongpisak, LHK's managing director, revealed his business plan to support the expansion of the stainless steel market in 2008. He explained, "Our business plan aims to provide innovative stainless steel products, do more

business in the auto sector, and expand the customer base of special grade cold-rolled stainless steel sheets (D-stainless). It is anticipated that many Thai companies will expand this year, such those involved with autos, electricity, electronics and petrochemicals. We should benefit from this."



Building a new plant

LHK currently has total paid-up capital of THB 320 million (approx. USD 8.90 million), consisting of 240 million existing common shares and 80 million capital increase shares, with a par value of THB 1.00 each. At its initial public offering (IPO) on January 15-17, the company raised THB 220.80 million by offering 80 million shares (that is, 25% of capital after IPO) to the general public at THB 2.76 per share. These funds will be put towards building a new plant, purchasing machinery and equipment, and repaying debt. Seamico Securities PCL was its financial advisor for the IPO. LHK's dividend payment policy is to pay no less than 40% of its net profit after taxes.

The company's IPO price reflects a price/earnings (P/E) ratio of 7.67. Its sector's average P/E ratio, as of January 9, 2008, was 8.85.

The Akarapongpisak Group is the firm's principal shareholder, holding 67.50% of paid-up capital after the IPO.

More information on LHK is available on the corporate website at www.lohakit.co.th, SET's website at www.set.or.th or Settrade.com's website at www.settrade.com.

Thai bourse encourages listed companies to raise corporate governance standards



Mr. Suthichai Chitvanich
SET Executive Vice President

“SET expects that listed firms and all stakeholders will perform their roles and duties efficiently — not allowing form to overtake substance.”

In 2008, The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) will encourage listed companies to improve their corporate governance (CG) scores by 4.2%, rising to an average of 74 points. Achieving this target will enhance the CG of public firms and build confidence in the Exchange among local and international investors. SET will also promote investor relations (IR) activities by Thai listed firms to increase communication with investors and gain their trust.

“In 2006, listed companies’ average CG score was 71 points, as assessed by the Thai Institute of Directors (Thai IOD), a 3% increase from 2005’s 69. These scores, together with the 2008 target, demonstrate continued progress in CG development by Thai public firms,” SET Executive Vice President Suthichai Chitvanich said.

CG standards are based on those set by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and on suggestions from the World Bank’s Corporate Governance – Reports on the Observance of Standards and Codes (CG ROSC).

Hundreds of board members to attend CG programs

In 2008, SET’s Corporate Governance Center will continue to promote a greater understanding of good CG among public companies’ executives. The anticipated enrolment increase for Thai IOD’s director training in 2008 is 360—11% more than last year, Mr. Suthichai added.

Last year, 423 SET-listed firms’ board members attended the Director Accreditation Program (DAP), far surpassing its target of 360. As at end-2007, 3,038 or 70% of all 4,340 listed firms’ directors had participated.

“During this year’s DAP, board members will learn about stakeholders’ perceptions of their duties and responsibilities, including the views of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), SET and shareholders. By understanding the importance of CG and its benefits for organizations and shareholders, board members can influence firms to their CG to international standard. SET urges them to apply CG in their business activity and so add value to companies, their shareholders and stakeholders.

“In addition, board members of potential public firms who join the program will be better able to efficiently prepare to list and comply with the bourse’s CG standards,” Mr. Suthichai noted.

SET has asked a number of public companies to provide shareholders with the information necessary to participate in a shareholders’ annual general meeting (AGM) in an accurate and timely manner by using SEC’s AGM checklist as a guideline.

SET provides CG and IR consultancy and education

In 2007, SET CG Center’s advisors visited 74 companies to assist them implement the Exchange’s CG principles and conducted 46 lecture forums and 30 other seminars for Thai organizations.

“In 2008, the center will visit about 54 firms, most of which have relatively low CG scores and/or have never been assessed by Thai IOD. In addition, the center will work with other organizations in undertaking educational activities. It will conduct four seminars offering companies an in-depth understanding of CG and will sponsor all of the Institute of Internal Auditors of Thailand’s monthly CG seminars” Mr. Suthichai said.

To honor companies with outstanding CG performance, the center will award 11 Best Corporate Governance Report Awards to one mai-listed and 10 SET-listed firms at the SET Awards 2008 forum in November.

“This year’s awards criteria have been changed to correspond to the OECD’s updated CG standards and to the World Bank’s recommendations in CG ROSC. The new criteria cover three areas: shareholders’ rights, stakeholders’ roles and boards of directors’ responsibilities.

awards have been revised to emphasize top management’s IR responsibilities.

In 2007, SET CG Center consulted with some listed companies as part of the IR Promotion Program and held several IR forums for listed firms. The center also monitored listed firms’ IR activities and provided them with useful recommendations.

“SET has striven to support listed companies in tangibly improving their CG standards. SET expects that listed firms



SET CG Center conducted numerous lecture forums and seminars for Thai Organizations.

“Some examples of the new criteria include requiring listed companies to give their shareholders an opportunity to submit agenda items or raise questions to be discussed at shareholder meetings, providing stakeholders with appropriate channels for notifying boards of directors when misconduct occurs and allowing non-executive directors to meet among themselves, as necessary, without the presence of board members who are management in order them to debate their concerns. A listed company’ board of directors should clearly state the policies and procedures regarding board positions in other firms and is also required to appoint a corporate secretary,” Mr. Suthichai explained.

SET has published a CG self-assessment manual and guidelines for companies’ reference, plus several other manuals on CG compliance. The Exchange is also involved with the Faculty of Commerce and Accountancy at Thammasat University and the Professor Sangvian Indaravijaya Foundation in teaching CG as an elective undergraduate course, starting in the second semester of the 2007 academic year. This is the first time the subject has been taught at tertiary level in Thailand. SET will continue to promote the course and attract more students, Mr. Suthichai said.

To promote a better understanding of IR and encourage listed companies to conduct relevant activities, SET will host IR discussion forums and training programs for spokespersons and IR personnel from listed and potential listing firms, as well as publishing a new edition of the IR handbook. At the SET Awards 2008, there will be four Best Investor Relations Awards to three SET-listed companies and one mai-listed firm displaying excellent IR. The criteria for these

and all stakeholders will perform their roles and duties efficiently — not allowing form to overtake substance. CG is not a burden but a plus, benefiting companies and stakeholders, leading to higher credibility for Thai listings and the Thai capital market locally and internationally,” Mr. Suthichai concluded.

Updates and additional information about CG is available on SET’s website at www.set.or.th.



A glimpse into indices:

Getting ready for FTSE SET Index Series



Dr. Santi Kiranand

SET Senior Vice President

The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) will introduce the FTSE SET Index Series (FTSE SET) on April 2, providing investors with an internationally-accepted market index.

To understand the new Index Series, readers should be familiar with the basics of an index and its key roles and functions. In an interview with *The SET Newsletter*, **SET Senior Vice President Santi Kiranand, Ph.D** offered his insights on the functions of indices and how the FTSE SET Index will benefit investors.

🔒 What is an index?

It's a statistical measure of change in an economy or a securities market. In the case of financial markets, an index is a hypothetical portfolio of securities representing a particular market or a portion of it. Each index has its own calculation methodology and is usually expressed in terms of a change from a base value. Thus, the percentage change is more important than the actual numeric value.

🔒 Why is an index important?

An index has two major purposes:

- 1) As a benchmark for statistical measurement, as is the case with the Consumer Price Index, Standard & Poor's 500, and the SET Index;
- 2) As an underlying portfolio for other financial products. Some examples are the SET50 Index which is the basis for the SET50 Index Futures, SET50 Index Options and ThaiDEX SET50 ETF

These indices can be used as benchmarks to evaluate the performance of portfolio or constituents of an index. As an underlying asset, an index helps to increase investment opportunities and to provide a wider range of investment innovations.

🔒 What makes a good index?

- A good index should have at least five major characteristics:
- Easy to understand – transparent structure and published ground rules
 - Easy to anticipate – clear, predictable rules-driven design
 - Independent – not reflective of any vested interests or specific user groups
 - Representative – accurately reflecting the underlying asset class
 - Reliable – given the same circumstances and data, the index will consistently return the same result

Moreover, an underlying index should have some additional characteristics. An index which can be replicated in a portfolio at a low cost is likely to become popular

because it makes new product creation possible at a reasonable cost. An underlying index's liquidity also plays an important role in attracting market interest. Since index liquidity shows tradability, the more liquid an index's constituents are, the more well-received the underlying index is likely to be. Thai stock market's SET50 Index, for example, has been popular because its constituents are the 50 securities with the largest market capitalization and which are actively traded. Consequently, a variety of investment tools are synthesized to use the SET50 Index as their underlying index.

🔒 What indices now exist for the Thai stock market?

At present the SET Index Series indices are most widely-accepted indices in the Thai exchange. The series consists of SET, SET50, SET100, SET Industry Group and Sectoral indices. Moreover, SET will introduce the FTSE SET Index Series (FTSE SET) in April 2008. It is the result of a collaboration between SET and FTSE International, a world leader in the creation and management of indices. The initiative delivers another underlying index for new financial products and so contributes to financial instrument variety and the market's general attraction. Products, including exchange-traded funds, derivatives and other funds, can use the FTSE SET Index as their underlying benchmark. Because the index is calculated from a group of specific securities, this will, in turn, increase liquidity for the underlying securities as well.

The FTSE SET will comprise six indices: FTSE SET Large Cap, FTSE SET Mid-Cap, FTSE SET Small Cap, FTSE SET All Shares, FTSE SET Mid/Small Cap and FTSE SET Fledgling. Constituents of FTSE SET will be classified using the industrial classification benchmark (ICB) standard. They must also meet liquidity and free-float screening criteria.

🔒 Is the development of the FTSE SET Index Series complete?

Not quite. Currently, SET is in the process of managing the information display, education and marketing, to ensure

that people understand the new index, realize its importance and use it in managing their portfolios.

On January 24, SET and FTSE co-hosted a workshop to promote an understanding about using indices in asset allocation. The “Developing Asset Allocation Strategies Using Indices” forum provided participating institutional investors and practitioners in the securities industry with insights about global trends in asset allocation using indices and increasing popularity of index fund investment. Moreover, SET will soon host an educational seminar to promote a public understanding about the new FTSE SET

Read more about the constituents of the FTSE SET Index Series in the next issue of *The SET Newsletter*. Additional information about SET indices is available at www.set.or.th.

Index Series, together with a discussion forum where securities practitioners and representatives from listed companies will share their insights and benefits of the new Index Series. The event will be held on March 14 at the SET main building.

SET and FTSE will set up a joint advisory committee of capital market experts to recommend index improvements and ensure that calculations are accurate and realistic. The committee will review index constituents each June and December.

Thai bourse approves new listing criteria to promote fundraising and competitiveness



the capital market and increase the local market's competitiveness with other Asian markets.

The BoG's decision came after reviewing a special working committee's report which recommended a number of listing criteria amendments. The group had consulted financial advisors, newly-listed companies and the SET New Listing Committee before producing a range of proposals which are friendlier and more flexible for both regulators and firms planning to list. The suggested criteria are also clearer, more up-to-date and comparable with overseas market regulations, SET Executive Vice President and BoG Secretary Suthichai Chitvanich said.

“Having compared the Exchange's listing rules with international criteria and noted that local requirements are similar to those overseas, the committee made four recommendations on financial status and operations, free-float, silent period and discretionary relaxation of criteria. They also suggested that another committee examine the proposed decisions on relaxation before submitting them to the BoG and that action proceed on a case-by-case basis with public disclosure,” Mr. Suthichai added.

The recommended amendments are:

Financial status and operation

The required market capitalization of companies to be listed on the Market for Alternative Investment (mai) will be decreased to THB 1.0 billion from THB 1.5 billion. Consideration of potential listed firms' profit will include only net profit from normal operations.

Free-float

The minimum required free-float from companies with over THB 3.0 billion paid-up capital will now be 20%, not 25%, of paid-up capital. Moreover, the definition of “strategic shareholders” will be changed. A strategic shareholder will now be identified as the firm's management or those who hold more than 5% of the company's shares. Thus, non-strategic shareholders will become those who are not part of the firm's management or who do not hold more than 5% of the company's shares.

Silent period

The “silent period” will now apply only to strategic shareholders, as defined in the above section (Free-float). The proportion of shares affected by the silent period will be lowered to 55% of paid-up capital from 65%. Also, the silent period will now operate for one year, not one-and-one-half years.

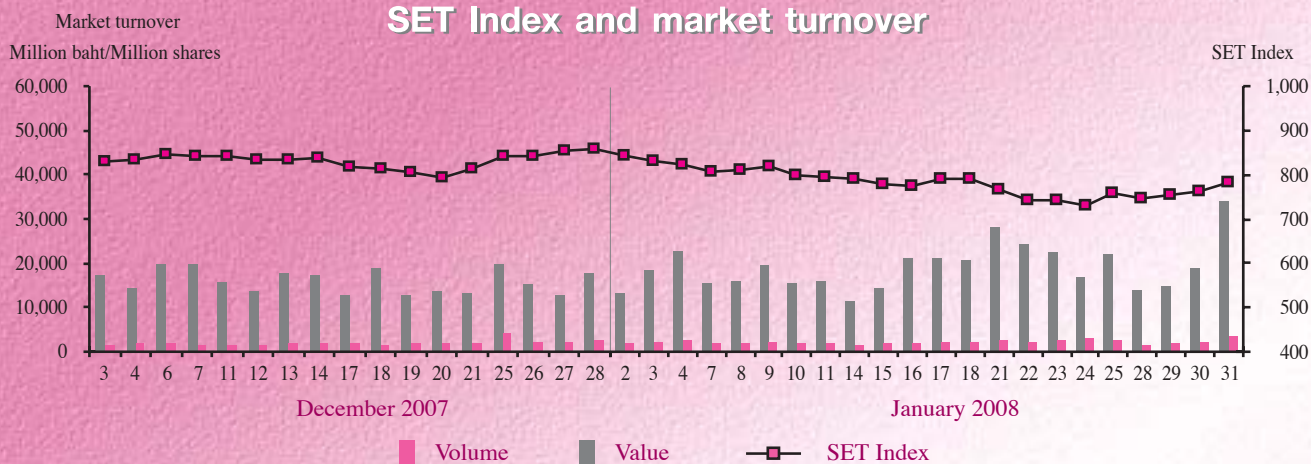
Discretionary relaxation of listing criteria

The Exchange will consider relaxing listing requirements when such action is believed to benefit the Thai capital market. Criteria that could be subject to relaxation include company size, operational status, and public offering and/or free-float criteria. Any decision to relax the rules must go through a transparent process overseen by a committee comprised of five independent members—from Association of Investment Management Companies, Securities Analysts Association, Thai Investors Association and Thai Listed Companies Association—together with the SET President. The committee will assess proposed relaxation decisions before re-presenting them to the BoG. These will subsequently be made public.

The listing rule amendments will become effective from February 25, 2008 onwards. On that day, SET and SEC will review the listing application submission process with the financial advisors to ensure high quality service for this year's potential listings.

Additional information about SET rules and regulations is available on SET's website at www.set.or.th.

SET Index and market turnover



		January 2008	December 2007	Change (%)
The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)				
Total volume	(million shares)	43,847.01	30,073.57	45.80
Daily average volume	(million shares)	1,993.05	1,769.03	12.66
Total value	(million baht)	4,166,124.8	2,683,088.2	55.27
Daily average value	(million baht)	18,936.93	15,782.87	19.98
SET Index				
• Close		784.23	858.10	-8.61
• High (date)		842.97 (2)	858.10 (28)	-1.76
• Low (date)		728.58 (24)	791.71 (20)	-7.97
SET50 Index				
• Close		567.17	630.73	-10.08
• High (date)		6,169.0 (2)	630.73 (28)	-2.19
• Low (date)		521.07 (24)	575.75 (20)	-9.50
SET100 Index				
• Close		1,220.29	1,355.47	-9.97
• High (date)		1,326.83 (2)	1,355.47 (28)	-2.11
• Low (date)		1,123.84 (24)	1,240.53 (20)	-9.41
TDEX				
Total volume	(million shares)	347.74	186.26	86.70
Daily average volume	(million shares)	15.81	10.96	44.25
Total value	(million baht)	1,976.40	1,142.20	73.03
Daily average value	(million baht)	89.84	67.19	33.71
Net asset value (NAV)	(million baht)	3,033.29	2,396.41	26.58
• Close		5.68	6.35	-10.55
• High (date)		6.37 (2)	6.40 (28)	-0.47
• Low (date)		5.28 (22)	5.83 (20)	-9.43
Market for Alternative Investment (mai)				
Total volume	(million shares)	2,942.11	1,975.29	48.95
Daily average volume	(million shares)	133.73	116.19	15.10
Total value	(million baht)	9,843.48	8,370.05	17.60
Daily average value	(million baht)	447.43	492.36	-9.13
mai Index				
• Close		261.51	272.37	-3.99
• High (date)		270.77 (2)	272.37 (28)	-0.59
• Low (date)		250.46 (22)	261.87 (17)	-4.36
Bond Electronic Exchange (BEX)				
Total volume	(shares)	40,600	3,000	1,253.33
Total value	(million baht)	42.55	2.69	1,481.78
Total outstanding value	(million baht)	3,786,824.13	3,833,808.49	-1.23
Thailand Futures Exchange (TFEX)				
SET50 Index Futures				
Total volume	(contracts)	187,918	126,659	48.37
Daily average volume	(contracts)	8,542	7,451	14.64
Total value	(million baht)	105,468.64	76,513.39	37.84
Daily average value	(million baht)	4,794.03	4,500.79	6.52
Month-end open interest	(contracts)	17,687	13,609	29.97
SET50 Index Options				
Total volume	(contracts)	10,613	2,428	337.11
Daily average volume	(contracts)	482	143	237.06
Total value	(million baht)	57.98	6.42	803.12
Daily average value	(million baht)	2.64	0.38	594.74
Month-end open interest	(contracts)	8,528	181	4,611.60

Trading turnover by type of investors*

Unit : Million baht

Type of investors	January 2008				December 2007			
	Buy	%	Sell	%	Buy	%	Sell	%
Foreign investors	108,214.78	25.38	143,359.36	33.62	71,979.22	26.01	87,617.41	31.67
Local institutional investors**	76,730.75	17.99	66,929.85	15.69	47,576.84	17.20	37,083.16	13.40
Local retail investors	241,510.42	56.63	216,166.74	50.69	157,122.82	56.79	151,978.31	54.93
Total	426,455.95	100.00	426,455.95	100.00	276,678.88	100.00	276,678.88	100.00

* Including transactions of mai

** Including securities companies, mutual funds, banks, finance firms, insurance companies, juridical entities and provident funds

Top ten securities with highest market value in January 2008

Rank	Securities	Market value	
		Million baht	% of total
1	PTT	918,468.53	14.98
2	PTT Exploration and Production	484,720.78	7.90
3	Advanced Info Service	276,604.95	4.51
4	The Siam Cement	247,200.00	4.03
5	Bangkok Bank	225,243.46	3.67
6	Kasikornbank	198,640.60	3.24
7	Thai Oil	155,042.12	2.53
8	PTT Chemical	145,915.73	2.38
9	The Siam Commercial Bank	144,446.46	2.36
10	Bank of Ayudhya	134,843.35	2.20
Total		3,275,470.00	47.80

Top ten most actively traded securities (main board) in January 2008

Rank	Securities	Number of securities	Turnover value		
			Million baht	% of total	
1	PTT	196,058,200	62,462.80	15.88	
2	PTT Aromatics and Refining	871,256,900	35,249.99	8.96	
3	PTT Exploration and Production	228,492,000	33,766.14	8.58	
4	Banpu	74,369,200	29,086.02	7.39	
5	The Siam Commercial Bank	SCB	280,798,200	21,782.38	5.54
6	Thai Oil	TOP	203,107,100	15,323.54	3.89
7	Thoresen Thai Agencies	TTA	369,630,600	13,879.46	3.53
8	Bangkok Bank	BBL	102,471,200	11,494.74	2.92
9	Kasikornbank	KBANK	130,539,800	10,451.61	2.66
10	The Siam Cement	SCC	35,001,300	7,570.11	1.92
Total		2,491,724,500	241,066.77	61.27	

* Excluding transactions on Foreign Board and mai

Top ten most actively traded securities (foreign board) in January 2008

Rank	Securities	Number of securities	Turnover value		
			Million baht	% of total	
1	Bangkok Bank	BBL-F	86,269,859	9,859.30	49.37
2	Kasikornbank	KBANK-F	52,554,890	4,241.40	21.24
3	The Siam Cement	SCC-F	13,741,372	2,978.24	14.91
4	Banpu	BANPU-F	3,186,800	1,305.09	6.54
5	Bank of Ayudhya	BAY-F	16,771,100	395.71	1.98
6	Land and Houses	LH-F	47,587,389	381.90	1.91
7	Advanced Info Service	ADVANC-F	1,295,300	119.92	0.60
8	Tisco Bank	TISCO-F	4,035,300	109.04	0.55
9	PTT Aromatics and Refining	PTTAR-F	2,531,684	105.35	0.53
10	Siam City Bank	SCIB-F	5,405,800	81.55	0.41
Total		233,379,494	19,577.49	98.03	

* Excluding transactions of mai

Top ten outstanding non-voting depository receipts (NVDRs) in January 2008

Rank	Securities	Number of NVDRs	% of paid-up capital	
1	Raimon Land	RAIMON	1,300,839,495	47.47
2	Golden Land Property Development	GOLD	232,675,215	36.93
3	LPN Development	LPN	516,512,914	35.00
4	Delta Electronics (Thailand)	DELTA-W2	1,400	26.68
5	Banpu	BANPU	62,390,690	22.96
6	Tisco Bank	TISCO	123,784,593	22.73
7	Bangkok Bank	BBL	414,767,951	21.73
8	Asia Plus Securities	ASP-W1	103,007,658	21.71
9	Thoresen Thai Agencies	TTA	134,881,261	20.95
10	Pranda Jewelry	PRANDA	80,108,025	20.24

SET explains new securities rules

SET, in collaboration with Thailand's Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Listed Companies Association hosted a January seminar to promote understanding about the new duties and liabilities that directors and executives of public companies will face due to amendments to the Securities and Exchange Act (1992). These will probably become effective in March 2008, although the date has yet to be specified.



In attendance were over 400 securities professionals and representatives from listed companies. They learned how firms must prepare to comply with the new law and how securities professionals must assume new legal obligations and responsibilities. The event was held at the SET main building on January 25. ✍️

Leading analysts gather at the Securities Analysts' Forum 2008



On January 21, more than 20 leading analysts shared insights into economic and stock market trends for this year at the Securities Analysts' Forum 2008. It was co-hosted by the Association of Securities Companies, Securities Analysts Association and SET. It offered participants investment planning assistance.

The many discussions and seminars covered stock investment trends and securities analysis techniques for a variety of instruments. They included discussions of stocks, exchange-traded funds and derivatives. Analysts suggested that the stocks to watch will be in the tourism, healthcare and entertainment sectors.

The forum was held at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, close to the SET main building on Ratchadaphisek Road, Bangkok. ✍️

Officials from Taiwan, Lao PDR visit SET

On January 17, senior executives of SET and the Thailand Securities Depository (TSD) welcomed Taiwan Depository & Clearing Corporation Chairman Fu-Chen Ju and other delegates. The visit strengthened the collaboration between the officials of the two depositories following a memorandum of understanding signed in April 2007.

On January 28, a delegation from the Lao PDR, led by Bosengkham Vongdara, vice minister of information and culture, visited the SET. During the visit, the delegates observed SET's operations and discussed SET's roles in developing the Thai securities market and other topics. ✍️



Visitors from Taiwan



Visitors from Lao PDR

Forum focuses on impact of U.S. sub-prime crisis

SET, together with the Bank of Thailand, Ministry of Finance, SEC and The Economic Reporters Association, hosted a discussion forum on "The global economic outlook after the U.S. sub-prime crisis" at the SET main building on January 30.

The forum's highlight was a special lecture by Dr. Supavud Saicheua, managing director and head of the research group of Phatra Securities PCL. He provided attendees with insights about the impact of the crisis on global capital flows and the economic landscape. He emphasized that the global impact will last for over one year and called for less dependence on US currency and more investment in the country's private sector. ✍️

