



Welcome Address

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There are opportunities lie in every crisis. Thai capital market has proved its resiliency with a quick recovery after the outbreak. Despite the pandemic, the Stock Exchange of Thailand has successfully delivered the following results:

- **Most preferred venue for IPOs;** IPO value of USD 5 billion in 2020, ranked among top10 in the world, top5 in Asia and number one in ASEAN with a continued momentum of IPO deal flow for the first half of this year which already exceeding USD 3 billion.
- **Most liquid exchange in ASEAN;** A surge in average daily turnover from USD 2.2 billion last year to well above USD 3 billion in this year with a good mix of investor base and steady supplies of new listed companies.
- **The leader in sustainability practice;** Recognitions and reflection of strong commitment towards sustainability practice of Thai listed companies. For example, 21 SET-listed companies are included in The Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), the highest number in ASEAN.

Sustainable business and investment, leveraging on digital technology, and regional and global connectivity will be focused in SET's strategy for thriving to the next normal.

- **ESG data platform;** SET is developing an online disclosure platform with structured data template to promote availability of comparable ESG data for investors and other data users, creating value from a listed company disclosure.
- **Global product platform;** SET will develop global products issuing and trading platforms to connect with investment opportunities abroad through ETFs and DR. The platform will provide convenience to intermediaries and customers to offer and invest in cross border assets in the local market.
- **Digital infrastructure;** SET will further improve the capital market's digital infrastructure with new services. A digital asset platform, scheduled to be launched in 2022, will offer new businesses and provide investors with a more diverse range of investment alternatives.