



Welcome Address

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Today's Thailand Focus will demonstrate the resilience and ability of the Thai economy and capital market to withstand challenges, to successfully recover from the pandemic, to adapt to new possibilities, and to create businesses for the new economy and global trends, and once again to serve as an appealing investment venue for international investors.

- **Traditional businesses** have been adapting to the new normal environment. For example, “food tech”, which is the core strength and future growth engine of the Thai economy, is now emerging with new industry trends that focus more on health-conscious foods such as plant-based meals and medicine foods. For “tourism”, a new chapter of health and medical tourism and long-term residence has begun and grown.
- **New economy businesses** have been growing and advancing. We have seen in recent years that new breeds of companies have been listed on the stock exchange, for example, those in the digital transformation, and new S-curve industries.

It is important to follow sustainability principles that consider not only ESG factors but also flexible and agile components. To illustrate, you will have a chance to listen to how the energy industry is expanding to telecommunication and digital asset industries. The oil refinery is now having battery and electricity business. Cement producers are developing a new value chain of industrial businesses.