

Economic and Financial Outlook

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Executive Summary



Global Economy

- 2022 Outlook downgraded as Omicorn spreaded in Europe, PMI data in November showed continuing impacts of supply shock that pressured manufacturing outlook in Western hemisphere. Service sector in Europe subjected to rising cases of Covid-19 which prompted stricter government measures.
- Inflation pressure spiked in November in many countries like the United States, European Union, and China. Supply chain disruption and rising energy price caused broad-based increases. However, due to Omicron variant, inflation pressure should drop next year.
- Tightening U.S. labor market as the unemployment rate decreased slightly to 4.2% as more people quit their jobs and leave the labor force in November. Retail sales remained elevated at 20% growth in November despite rising prices.
- Chinese industrial production increase slightly in November while retail sales dropped due to government measures in response to growing Covid-19 cases. Chinese central bank cut lending rate to provide more liquidity.

Domestic Economy

- As of Oct 2021, Thai economy continued to recover after the third wave outbreak has been resolved, yet exports and investment gained softer momentum.
- Supple side: Manufacturing and services slightly improved, whereas agriculture turned worse due to agricultural prices in some categories.
- Demand side : Merchandise exports were in a recovery trend but experienced soft momentum. Meantime, imports contracted mainly in agricultural products. Foreign tourists steadily improved but still at low level.
- Consumption rebounded particularly in durables but retail sales remained fragile in line with persisting weak supportive factors. Thai visitors continuously rebounded with improved outbreak situation.
- Private investment marginally slowed down from previous month but with better sentiment. This is in line with a slight drop in construction sector. Real estate sector also remained weak especially in condominium projects with greater tailwind from the easing of LTV measures and improving economy.
- Government continued to accelerate budget disbursement and the stimulus package in order to support economic recovery.
- Inflation in Oct 2021 jumped due to energy prices.

Financial Market

- After bullish month of USDTHB in Nov, the currency pair has dropped from 33.90 to 33.40. The volatility of the pair might be retreated. Foreign inflow and outflow into Thailand is withdrawn to normal level. As omicron variance has elevated risks especially in Thailand which tourism sector is important part, we see Bank of Thailand to continue support the economy by maintaining MPC rate throughout 2022. Widespread of new covid-19 variance is needed to be closely watch as this will impact numbers of tourist, trade balance and current account. For now, THB is likely to continue depreciate against USD.
- We saw major central banks tuning their monetary policy to cope with high inflation. Firstly, The Fed's just announced it would end its pandemic-era bond purchases in March and pave the way for three quarter-percentage-point interest rate hikes by the end of 2022 as the economy nears full employment and the U.S. central bank copes with uncomfortably high inflation. Then, Britain followed by raising its policy rate to deal with excess inflation which is projected to reach 6% next year. More hawkish stance of central banks will become main event from now, though there're risks from omicron variance.

PART 1 Global Economy

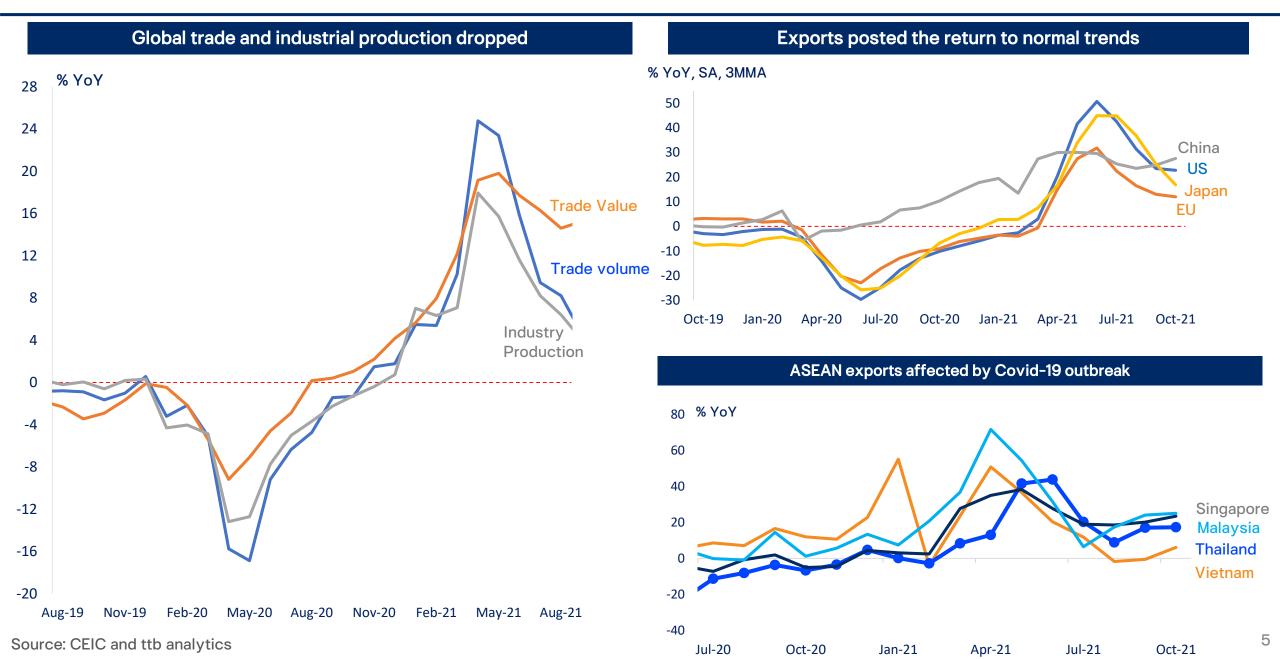


Manufacturing PMI										Service PMI											
	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21		Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21				
Australia	59.7	60.4	58.6	56.9	52.0	56.8	58.2	59.2	Australia	58.8	58.0	56.8	44.2	42.9	45.5	51.8	55.7				
China	51.9	52.0	51.3	50.3	49.2	50.0	50.6	49.9	China	56.3	55.1	50.3	54.9	46.7	53.4	53.8	52.1				
India	55.5	50.8	48.1	55.3	52.3	53.7	55.9	57.6	Japan	49.5	46.5	48.0	47.4	42.9	47.8	50.7	53.0				
Indonesia	54.6	55.3	53.5	40.1	43.7	52.2	57.2	53.9	India	54.0	46.4	41.2	45.4	56.7	55.2	58.4	58.1				
Japan	53.6	53.0	52.4	53.0	52.7	51.5	53.2	54.5	United States				59.9								
South Korea	54.6	53.7	53.9	53.0	51.2	52.4	50.2	50.9		-	70.4	64.6		55.1	54.9	58.7	58.0				
Thailand	50.7	47.8	49.5	48.7	48.3	48.9	50.9	50.6	Germany	49.9	52.8	57.5	61.8	60.8	56.2	52.4	52.7				
United States	60.5	62.1	62.1	63.4	61.1	60.7	58.4	58.3	France	50.3	56.6	57.8	56.8	56.3	56.2	56.6	57.4				
Germany	66.2	64.4	65.1	65.9	62.6	58.4	57.8	57.4	Italy	47.3	53.1	56.7	58.0	58.0	55.5	52.4	55.9				
France	58.9	59.4	59.0	58.0	57.5	55.0	53.6	55.9	United Kingdom	61.0	62.9	62.4	59.6	55.0	55.4	59.1	58.5				
Italy	60.7	62.3	62.2	60.3	60.9	59.7	61.1	62.8	Spain	54.6	59.4	62.5	61.9	60.1	56.9	56.6	59.8				
United Kingdom	60.9	65.6	63.9	60.4	60.3	57.1	57.8	58.1													
Spain	57.7	59.4	60.4	59.0	59.5	58.1	57.4	57.1													

- PMIs which are early indicators for economic activities suggested that most countries have positive outlooks toward manufacturing • and service sector in the expansion zone (above 50).
- November PMIs data showed recovery in Asian manufacturing. However, the impact of supply crunches still existed in developed • countries which caused manufacturing PMIs to drop further. Service sector in India and Japan improved significantly due to lifting of government measures. Further outlook may drop from Omicron virus in European countries.

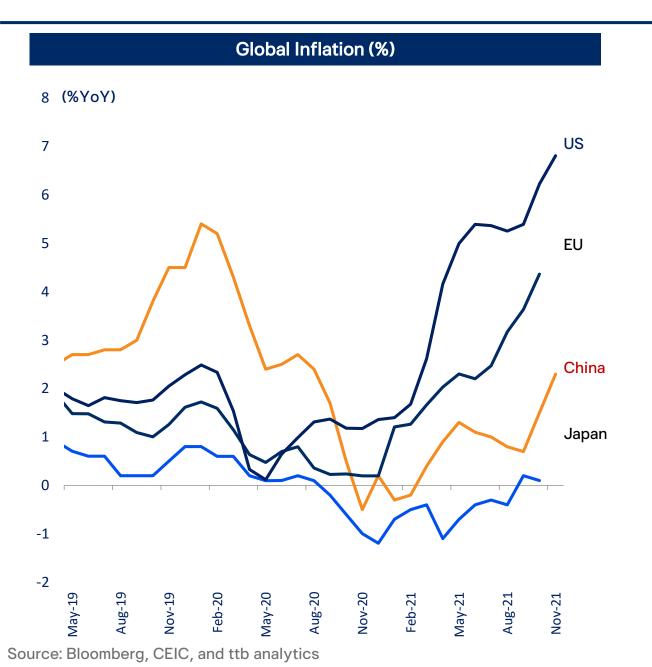
Global trade volume and production returned to normal, Asian exports growth continued





Global inflations skyrocketed due to rising energy price in November





US Inflation (%) _{7.5} (%YoY) 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 CPI -PCE 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 May-18 Nov-18 May-19 Nov-19 May-20 Nov-20 May-21 Nov-21

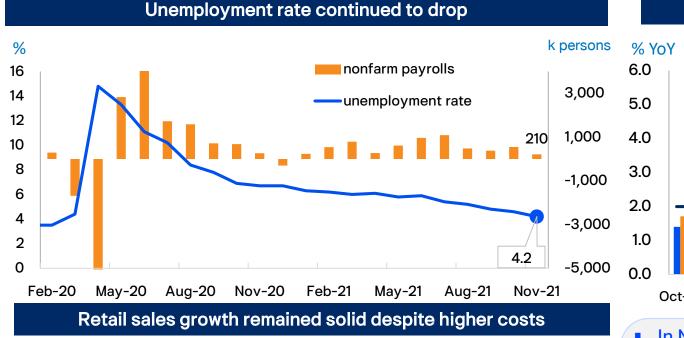
US Inflation expectation reached 17-year high

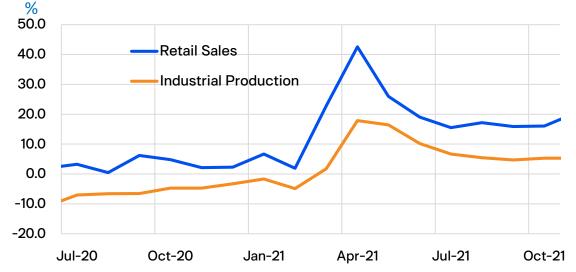


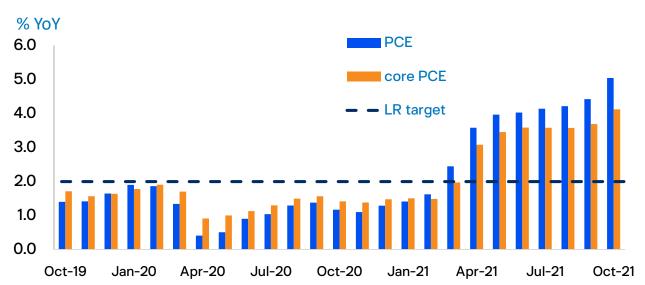
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U.S. labor markets tightened as unemployment dropped, broad-based inflation persists









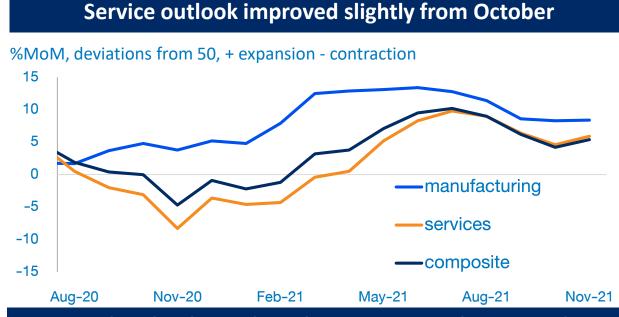
Inflation climbed due to rising oil price

- In November, nonfarm payroll increased by 210,000 new jobs. Despite having a small payroll number, the unemployment rate decreased to 4.2%, supported by large number of people leaving a labor force. It was already below the unemployment rate in March 2020 at the start of the pandemic. It suggested tightened labor markets in 2022.
- Retail sales growth surprisingly remained high despite rising base of 2020. In November, retail sales grew 20% (seasonally adjusted) in comparison to 2% growth last year. Industrial production slightly contracted from last month to 5%.
- In October, price continued to rise from both goods and service sector as energy price spiked from limited supply. PCE rose 5.0% yoy while core PCE rose 4.1%.

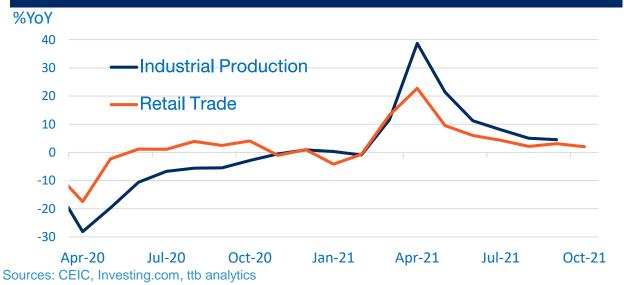
Sources: CEIC, US BLS, ttb analytics

European inflation remained high, service outlook bounced despite rising Covid-19 cases





Retail and Industrial production returned to normal

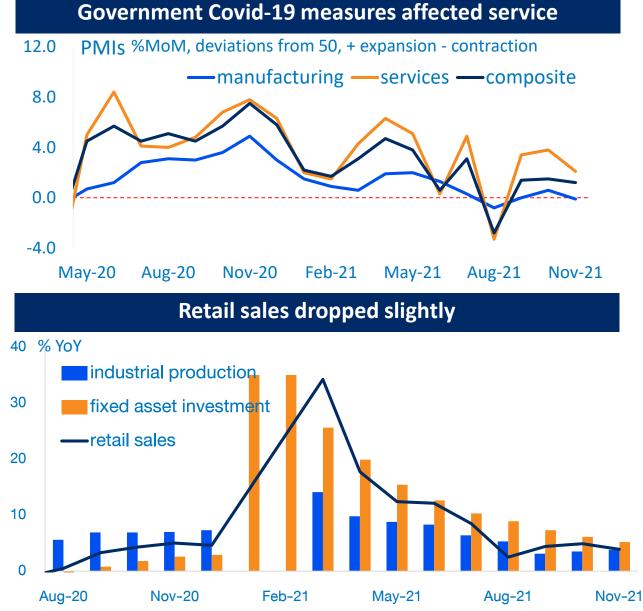




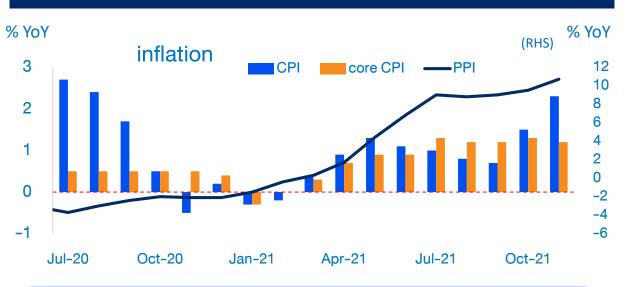
- In November, service outlook surprisingly advanced due to weak government response towards Covid–19 in Europe. Manufacturing sector outlook dropped from supply chain issues and rising production costs.
- European Union inflation continued to grow significantly 4.4% in October with support from food and energy price. Core inflation increased from last month to 2.4%, the highest level in the year.
- Retail trade and industrial production in October remained stable from last month. Retail trade grew 2% in October while industrial production rose 5% in September

China's service outlook decreased from Covid-19 measures, inflation showed solid sign





Inflation rose from energy price

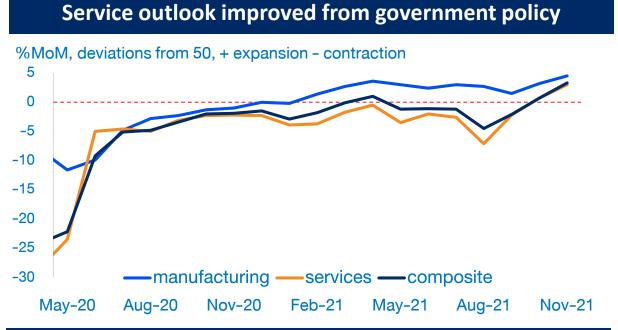


- In November, overall economic activities expanded. However, service outlook decreased due to rising government measures against Covid-19. The measures are likely to last throughout the winter Olympics.
- In November, industrial output rose 3.8% slightly above September growth at 3.5%. Retail sales dropped to 3.9% growth. Fixed-asset investment remained weak at 5.2%
- Inflation jumped in October due to rising prices of energy and energyrelated goods. CPI grew 1.5% YoY. PPI growth remained high at 10.7% from rising commodities prices.

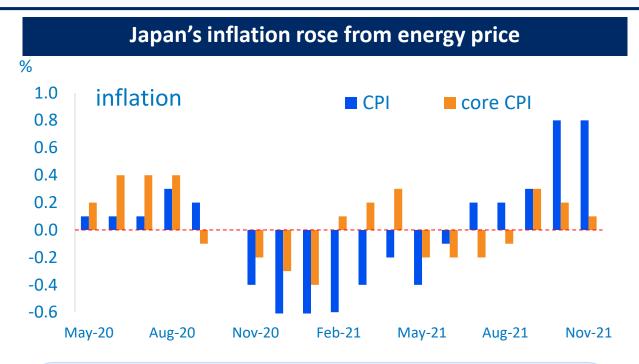
Sources: CEIC, Bloomberg, and ttb analytics

Japan's inflation remained high in Novermber, industrial production remained low





Trade and Production dropped near normal level %YoY 30 20 -Trade Index —Industrial Production Index 10 0 -10 -20 -30 Jul-20 Oct-20 Jan-21 Apr-21 Jul-21 Oct-21 Jan-20 Apr-20 Sources: CEIC, Investing.com, ttb analytics

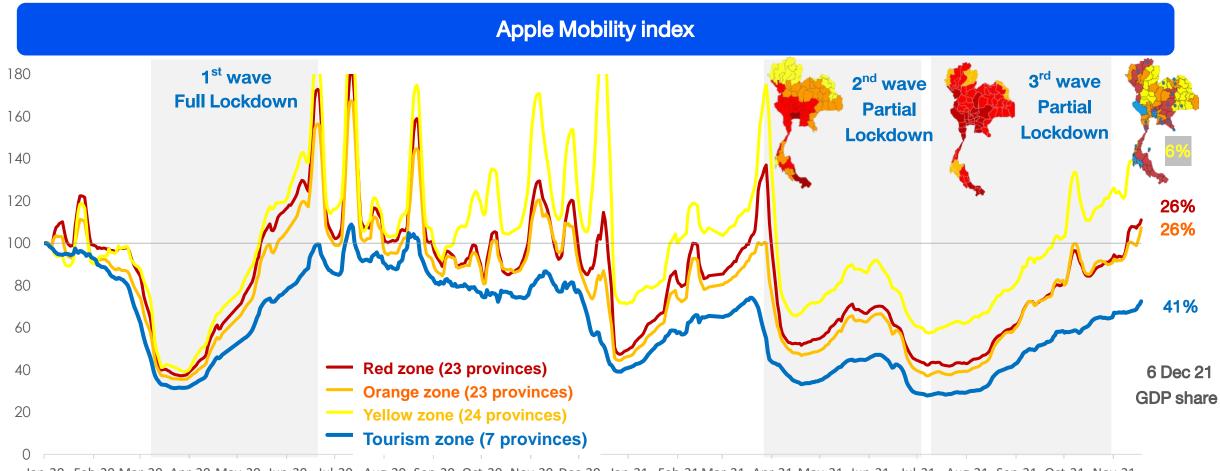


- Manufacturing and service outlooks continued to advance in November. The composite PMI advanced to expansion zone for the highest point since the Covid-19 pandemic began.
- Trade began to taper as the effect from low bases last year disappeared. Shortage in semi-conductors cased industrial production to drop significantly to contract at 3.2% in October.
- Inflation remained high in November due to high energy price. CPI expanded highest in a year at 0.8% while core CPI dropped slightly to 0.1% growth.

PART 2

Domestic Economy



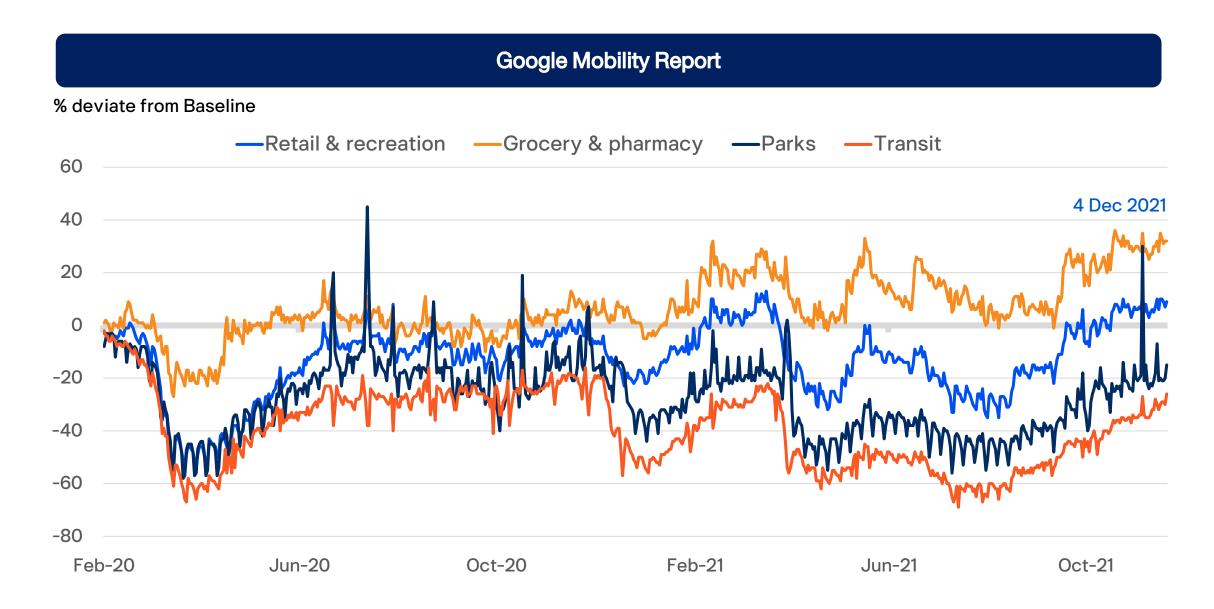


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Source: Apple Mobility Index

Note: applied 2018 GPP weight with 7 days moving average for each controlled group



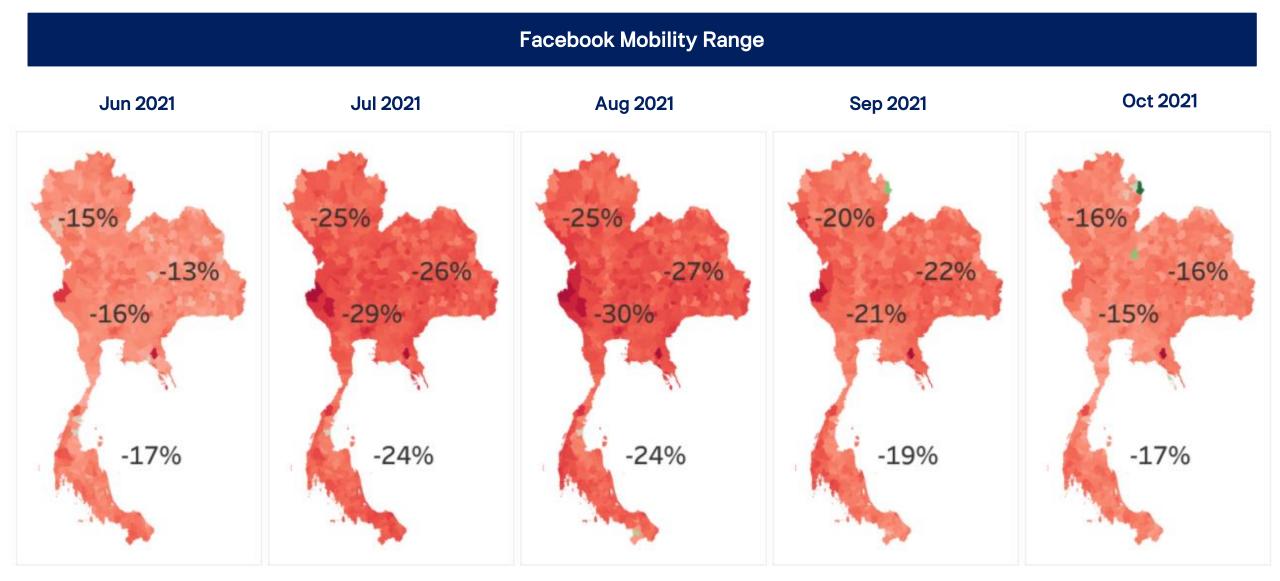


Coincident Economic Index (sa)

		Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-2
	Coincident Economic Index (sa)	97.2	98.1	98.4	98.7	98.9	98.9	98.3	99.7	100.0	99.2	99.7	99.7	98.7	97.9	98.7	99.3
	Import Volume index (exclude Gold)	78.3	82.3	87.7	87.4	90.6	95.3	96.8	100.3	100.5	102.4	108.1	103.3	103.5	109.5	101.0	103.9
	Manufacturing Production Index	89.1	92.8	95.6	97.1	96.3	97.2	98.1	97.7	99.6	99.1	99.1	99.0	93.2	89.1	96.4	99.0
	Gross Value Added Tax at 2000 price (Million bal	48,148.2	48,810.9	47,046.6	48,011.0	49,182.9	48,529.4	43,574.3	57,897.0	59,214.8	51,210.2	53,977.5	54,982.7	53,541.0	54,174.6	52,320.4	52,128.3
	Domestic Automobiles Sales (Unit)	64,541.9	72,136.2	77,482.2	73,144.1	72,252.7	75,022.4	64,399.8	64,399.3	66,497.0	65,847.0	62,894.6	64,379.2	57,957.0	43,514.2	56,890.8	63,978.0
)	Sales Benzene, Gasohol & Diesel Index	105.9	103.0	107.8	99.8	100.7	100.0	82.1	97.2	104.6	87.6	80.9	86.4	70.5	68.0	78.3	83.5
	VAT Hotel & Restaurant Index	38.6	34.0	44.7	45.3	49.8	25.0	20.0	34.7	38.3	20.2	18.8	28.2	21.5	21.1	27.7	30.5
_	Imports of Capital Goods at 2010 price (Million U	3,337.1	3,391.6	3,568.0	3,418.2	3,737.5	3,968.4	3,877.7	4,183.1	4,144.7	4,075.7	3,995.6	4,159.1	4,158.7	4,197.0	4,165.2	4,071.7
	Domestic Machinery Sales at 2010 price (Million	64,607.0	70,084.7	73,207.7	73,953.0	75,336.7	76,161.9	78,170.4	78,907.6	79,256.6	82,152.0	82,889.4	84,402.3	81,358.9	75,521.3	82,871.6	82,794.7

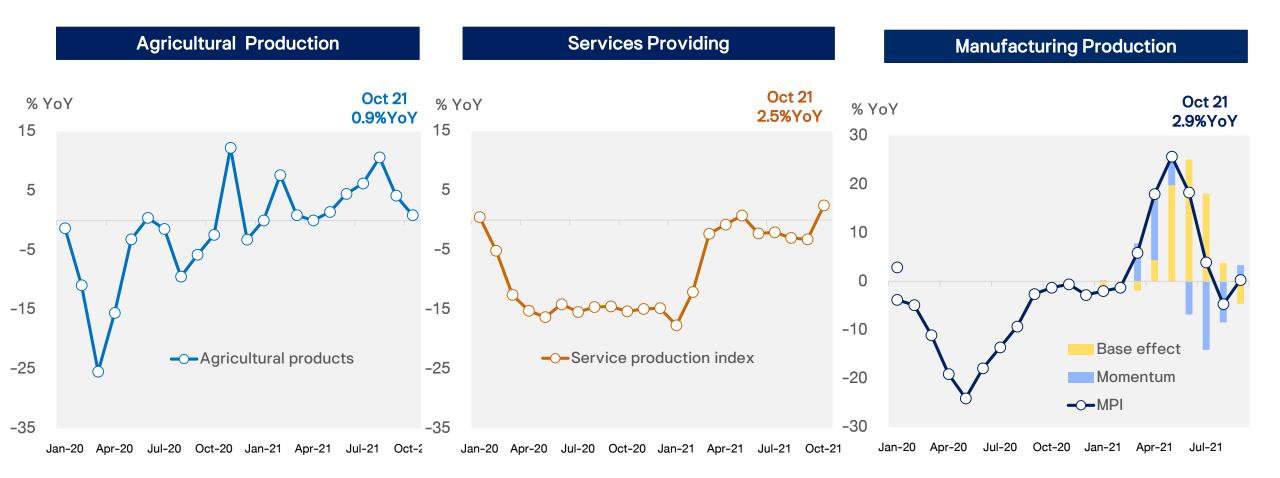
		Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
	Service Production Index	84.5	85.4	86.8	82.9	85.2	87.6	82.3	81.4	87.0	82.2	82.2	82.4	82.7	82.8	84.0	85.0
	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	92.7	93.9	93.9	93.4	94.0	94.4	91.1	90.6	91.6	91.1	92.2	92.7	91.2	89.4	90.8	95.6
	Transportation and storage	60.8	62.9	63.8	64.4	63.9	64.7	62.0	64.9	73.0	66.0	66.2	66.4	63.0	61.4	64.3	66.1
	Accommodation and food service activities	16.5	18.4	18.8	22.7	27.0	25.3	11.4	14.8	17.9	11.7	2.4	2.2	1.8	1.7	3.8	8.0
es	Information and communication	94.6	93.8	96.7	90.0	98.1	112.5	99.7	88.7	115.2	99.7	108.5	102.9	92.9	109.8	112.1	105.6
Services	Financial and insurance activities	114.9	115.1	95.0	93.3	98.0	99.8	96.7	97.2	99.6	93.7	96.3	98.7	96.8	97.0	99.1	96.4
Se	Real estate activities	95.2	97.4	120.9	94.5	96.9	106.0	105.0	101.3	102.0	93.5	97.4	99.3	116.7	116.4	84.9	84.4
	Professional, scientific and technical activities	93.7	88.5	97.0	97.7	93.3	109.7	97.5	94.5	113.6	102.1	101.6	107.1	102.9	97.5	110.8	124.1
	Administrative and support service activities	66.4	72.6	74.6	72.4	74.6	80.1	72.6	72.3	83.8	76.3	75.8	79.3	86.6	70.4	82.7	85.5
	Public administration and defence; compulsory soci	102.9	102.9	112.3	100.3	103.7	103.8	101.5	98.2	107.4	103.6	102.2	99.4	103.5	108.7	114.6	106.6
	Service Production Index	84.5	85.4	86.8	82.9	85.2	87.6	82.3	81.4	87.0	82.2	82.2	82.4	82.7	82.8	84.0	85.0





Source: BOT Regional Activity Tracker







Improvement appeared in Automobiles, Machinery, Petroleum and plastic products

Contribution	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
Food products (16.2%)	-0.6	-0.8	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	-1.7	-0.5	0.5	1.7	0.1	1.1	0.4	-0.6	-0.5	0.8	0.2
Beverages (3.8%)	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	-0.5	0.2	2.3	0.5	0.3	-0.5	-0.8	-0.5	-0.3
Tobacco products (0.5%)	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.4	-0.3
Textiles (1.6%)	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Wearing apparel (1.9%)	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4	-0.8	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Leather products (0.9%)	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.2
Paper products (2.9%)	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Coke and refined petroleum products (9.6%)	-0.5	-0.8	-0.9	0.8	0.5	-0.9	-1.1	-1.8	-1.2	0.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7	-0.3	0.6
Chemicals (8%)	-0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.9	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.7	-0.5	0.0	0.3
Pharmaceutical products (1.2%)	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Rubber and plastics products (8.9%)	-1.4	-0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.4	0.3	2.1	2.3	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.5
Other non-metallic mineral products (5.5%)	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	0.0
Basic metals (3.6%)	-0.3	-0.5	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3
Fabricated metal products (1.9%)	-0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1
Computer and electronic products (8.9%)	-0.4	-1.1	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.7	1.4	2.0	2.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.1
Electrical equipment (3%)	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.9	1.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2
Machinery and equipment (2.7%)	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	1.4	2.4	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.5
Motor vehicles (13.9%)	-6.6	-4.0	-1.7	-0.3	1.4	0.7	-0.4	0.7	1.1	37.4	21.4	12.7	4.5	-1.2	-1.0	0.6
Other transport equipment (1.1%)	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.2	1.6	1.4	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3
Furniture (1.5%)	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.5
Others (2.4%)	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.6	1.6	2.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
MPI (%YoY)	-13.6	-9.3	-2.6	-1.3	-0.6	-2.8	-2.0	-1.3	5.9	18.0	25.7	18.3	3.9	-4.7	0.3	2.9

Thai exports were in a recovery trend, yet being stable in some products and faced a decline to China



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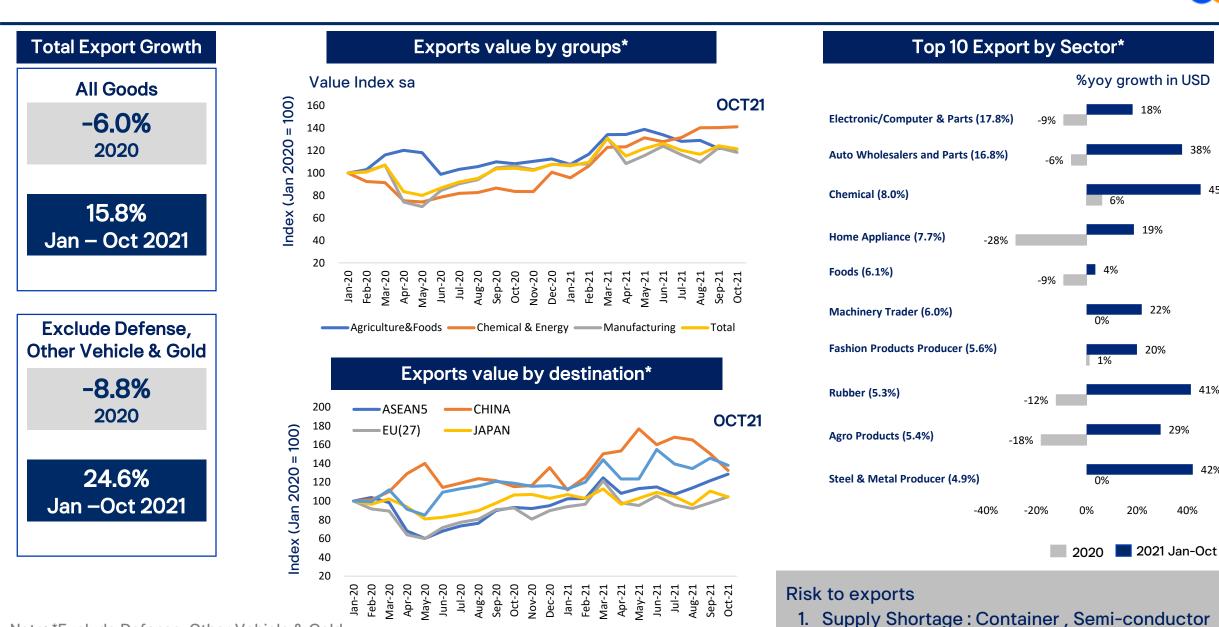
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2. Operation halt due to cluster outbreak

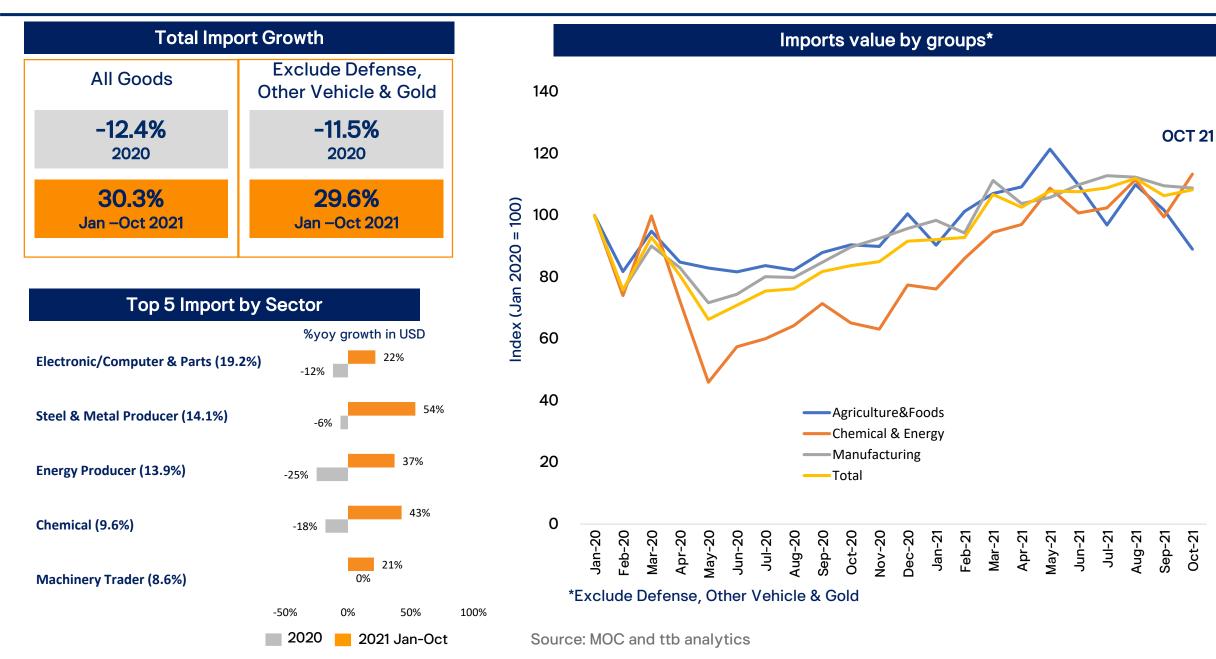


Note: *Exclude Defense, Other Vehicle & Gold

Source: MOC and ttb analytics

Thai imports declined only in Agriculture and Food, while others remained relatively stable





Tourists steadily improved but at low level; European group was the majority



(Oct21)

504 persons

1,322 persons



- As of Oct2021, foreign tourist inbounds recorded a increased from last month (Spending per trip is around 60,000-70,000 baht per a tourist).
- European tourists were the main group, whereas East Asian and Americans were relatively the second.
- The newest variant, omicron, can pose some impacts on inbounds at the end of Q4 but it doesn't change the border openness plan of the government.

Source: CEIC, TAT Intelligence Center and ttb analytics

Pilot phase (1 Oct 2021) : continue with 4 beaches and reopening of new designated areas in Krabi – Khlong Muang and Thap Khaek

First phase (1 Nov 2021) : extend to Bangkok, Krabi, Phang-Nga as well as other 10 designated areas

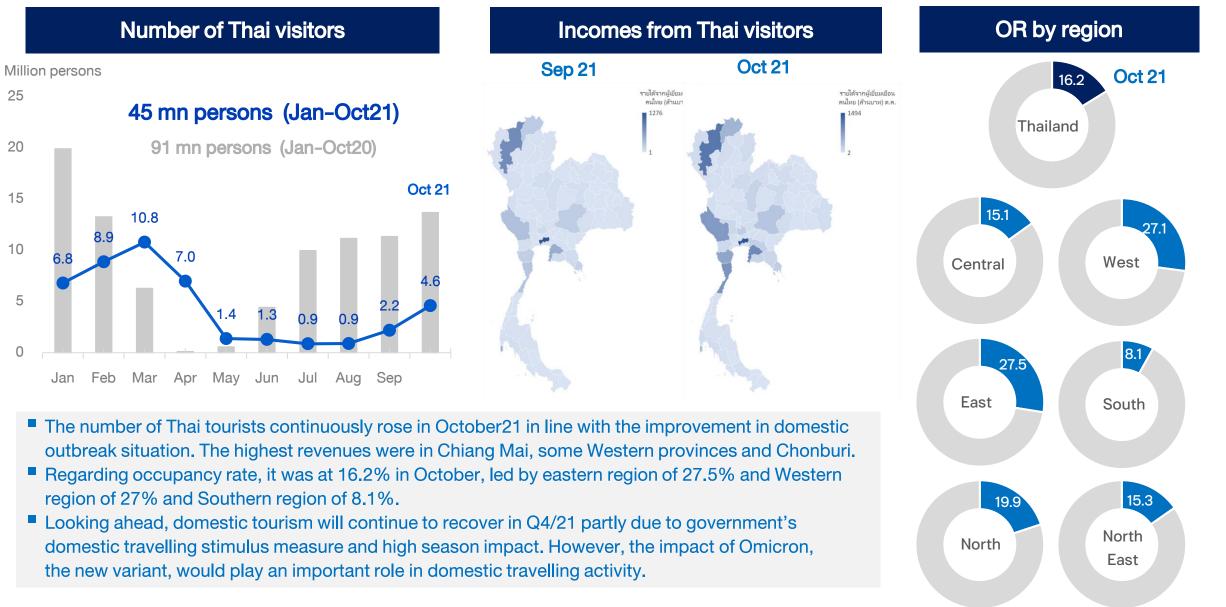
Second phase (1 Dec 2021) : reopen another 20 provinces

Third phase (1-15 Jan 2022): reopen another 13 provinces

Note: Phuket Sandbox started on 1 July 2021 and its Extension started on 6 Aug 2021 for 7 days on Phuket and then travel on a sealed route to Surat Thani, Phang nga and Krabi.

Thai tourism activity continuously rose in line with domestic outbreak situation

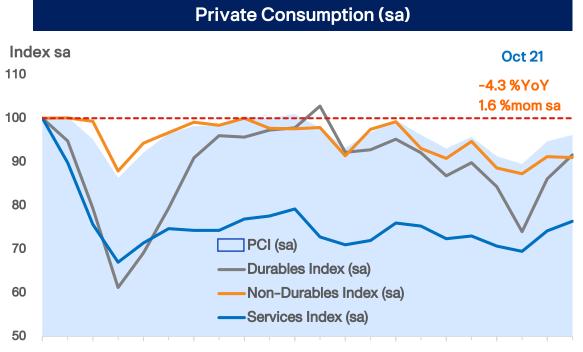




Source: ministry of tourism and sports and ttb analytics

Consumption rebounded particularly in durable goods, but retail sales remained vulnerable

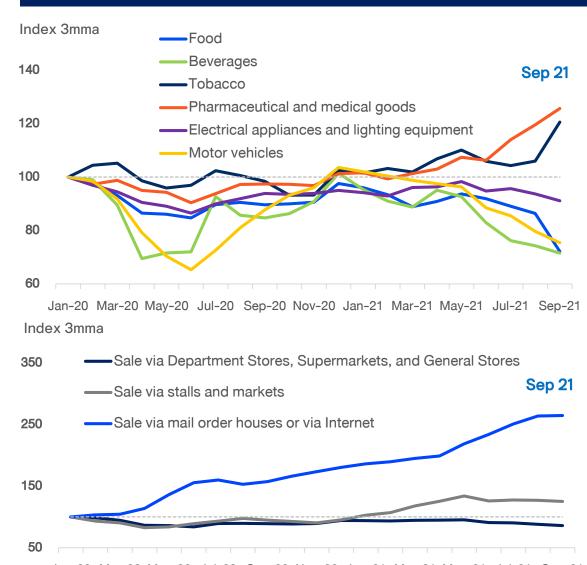




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- Private consumption improved from last month, especially durables, due to better domestic outbreak condition which has led to the nationwide easing of containment measures.
- However, Non-durables were weak in line with vulnerable retail sales whose only pharmaceutical &medical goods as well as tobacco being above pre-pandemic.
- Online sales registered strong growth; however. the sales at department stores, supermarket and general stores remained below the pre-crisis level.

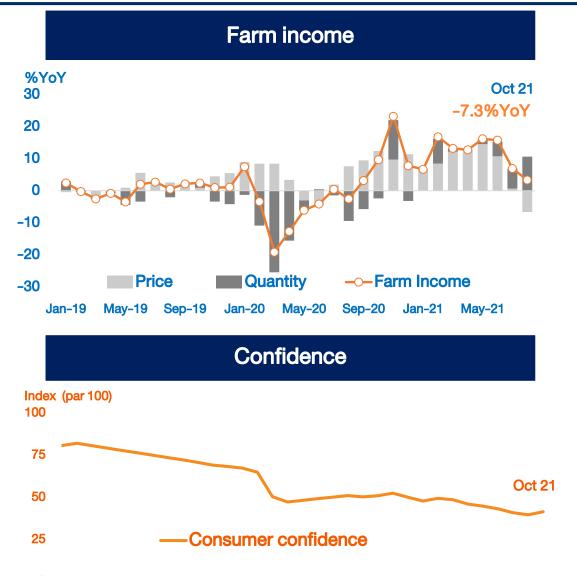
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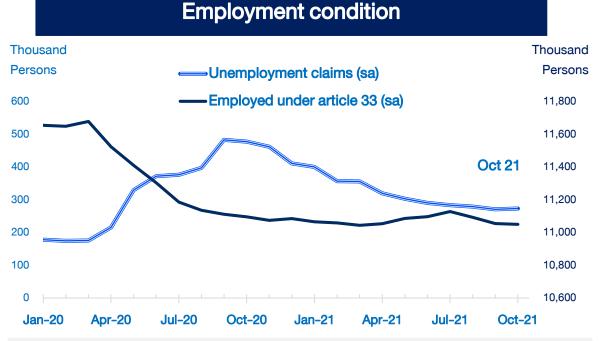


Retail Sales

Overall supportive factors for consumption were in weak condition







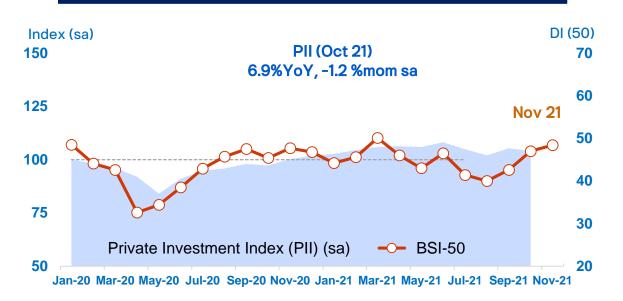
Most of consumption supportive factors remained weak

- Employment situation was fragile, represented by lower numbers of employment under article 33 and a slow decline in unemployed. Meantime, farm incomes growth dropped further significantly due to a drag in agricultural prices, but better productions in fruits do partly help sustaining incomes of some farmer groups. Consumer confidence slightly improved but still at low level, resulting in precautionary spending.
- Government's stimulus measures such as half-half payment scheme have been continuously playing its roles in sustaining consumption.

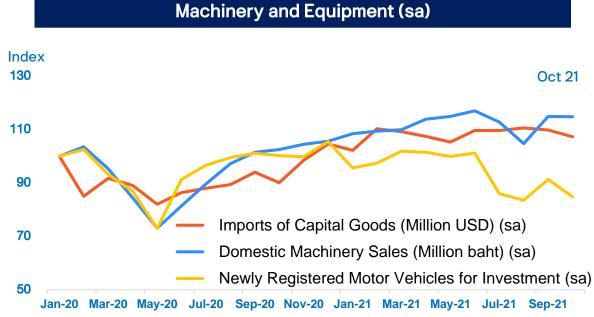
Investment marginally slowed down with better business sentiment in a month ahead



Private Investment (sa) and BSI



- Private investment though slightly slowed down in all categories from last month but was overall in a recovering path after a drop in 3rd wave outbreak. This slow improvement has come with better business sentiment and improved outbreak situation domestically.
- Capacity utilization marginally edged up and slightly above long-term utilization trend, signaling the investment was in a recovering phase in accordance with better merchandise exports and domestic activities.



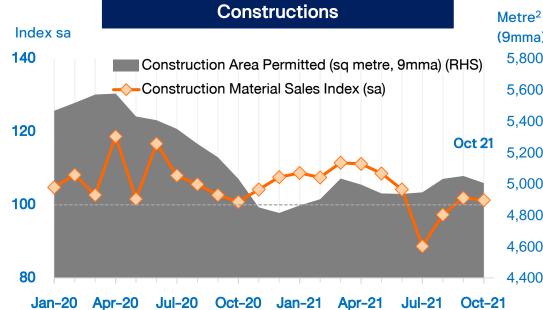
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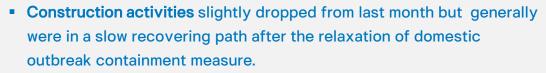


Source: Bank of Thailand, CEIC and ttb analytics

Construction slightly dropped; Real estate in weak condition with slowly rebound in period ahead

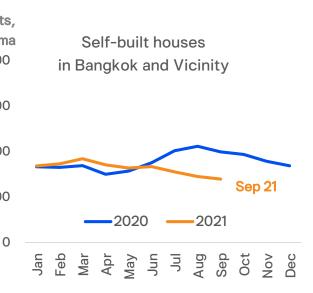






- Real estate activities were weak in all categories, especially condominium projects around Bangkok which significantly dropped from last year's level. Meanwhile those in other provinces dropped greatly after acceleration during mid year.
- Real estates would slowly improve in further period in line with economic recovery and the easing LTV measures by the BOT. However, the housing credit indicated the improvement would be mainly in personal housing but might see a drop in real estate projects.



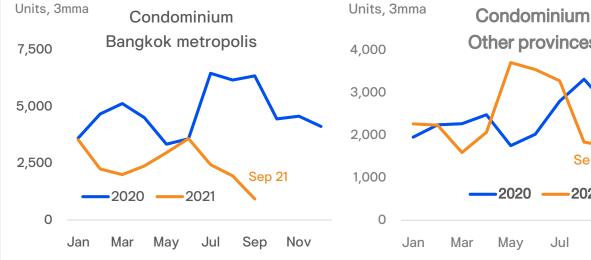


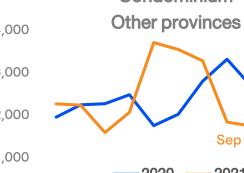
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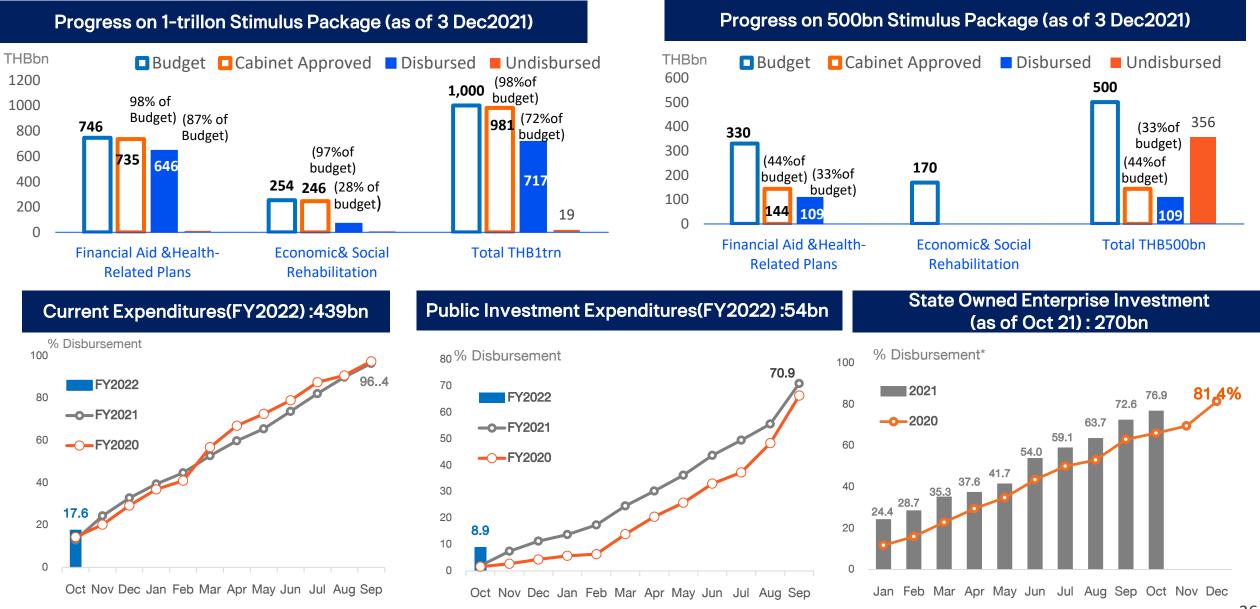




Real estates activities and credits

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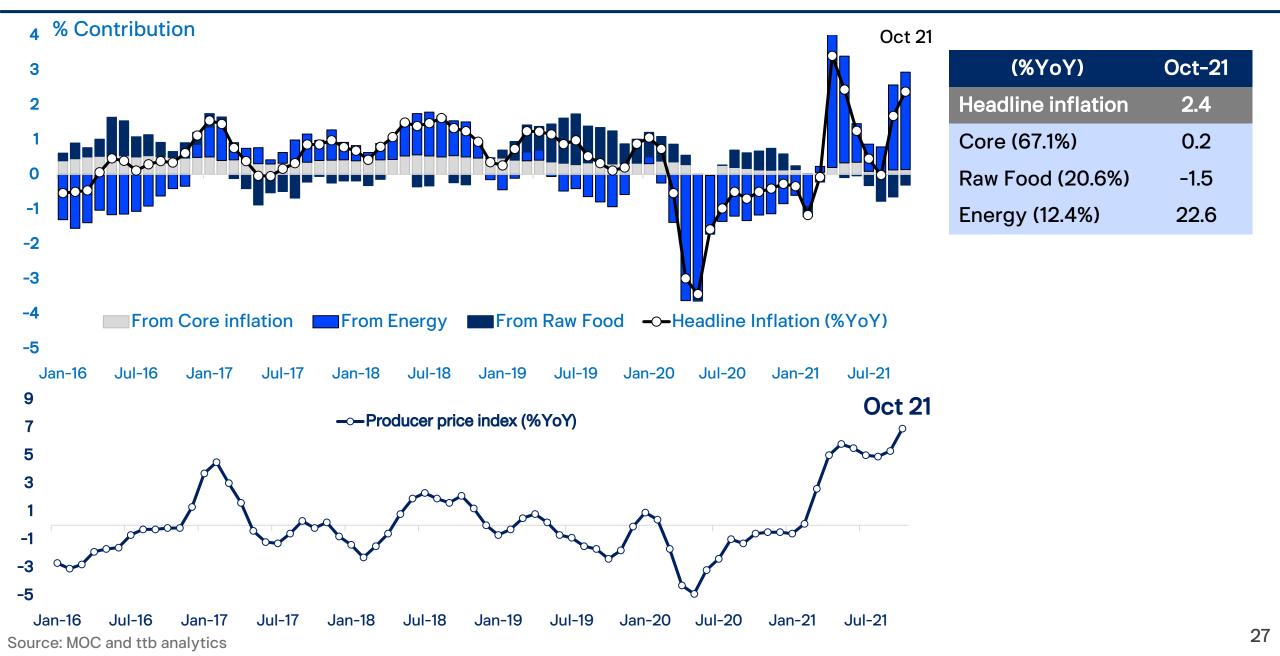
Source: NESDC, FPO, SEPO and ttb analytics

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* Accumulated disbursement /Full year Plan

Headline inflation jumped mainly due to energy prices; core inflation remained muted



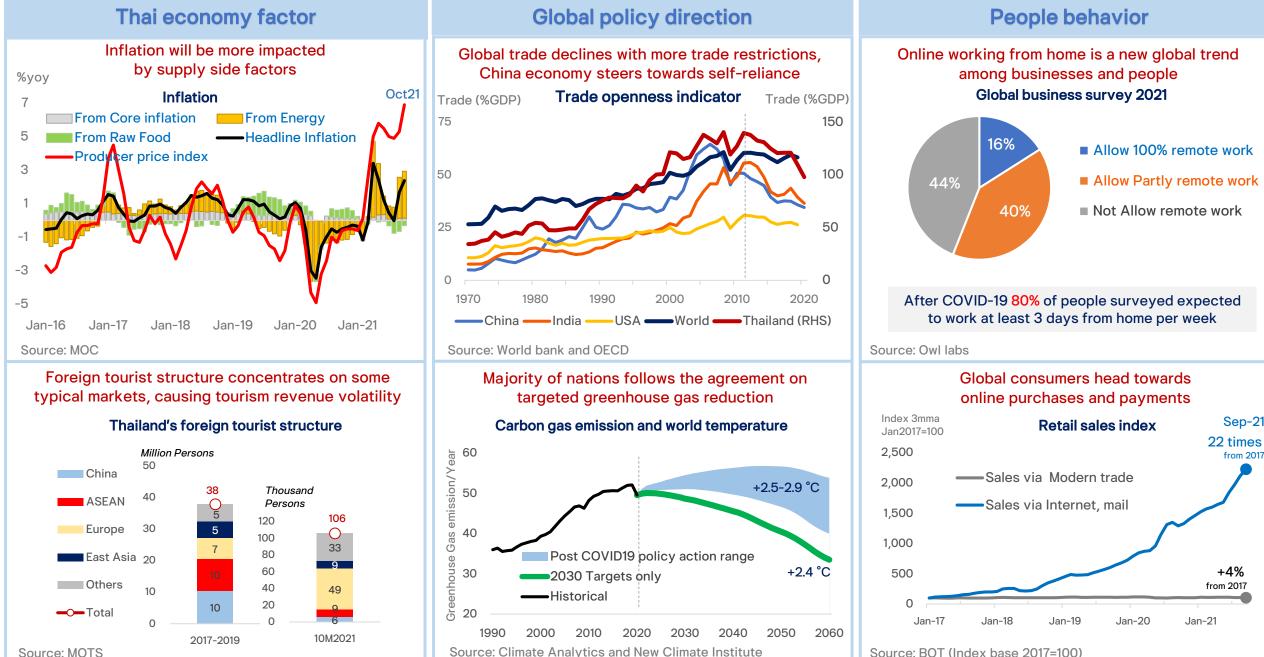


Heading towards 2022 with 3 Challenging factors on Thai economy



Sep-21

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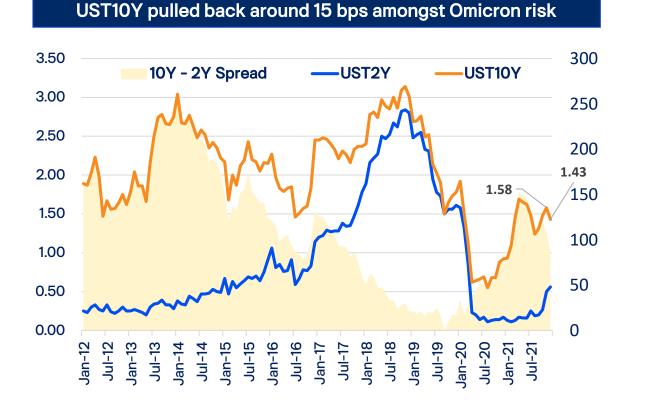
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PART 3 Financial Market

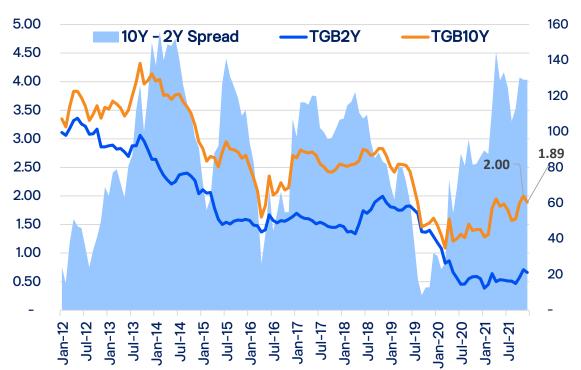
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Fed's Powell turns more hawkish, called current inflation non transitory





TGB10Y less sensitive to Omicron risk compared to UST



- Fed announced accelerating its wind down of bond purchases in latest meeting. Though there is risk of Omicron, Fed seems to concern about current inflation which might not going back to lower level soon. Amidst Omicron uncertainty, we expect Fed to start its rate hike in H1/2021, as new schedule of tapering may end around Mar-22. We've seen current drop of yield as a short term adjustment.
- For Thai MPC, though Omicron may even more put pressure to economy, there's little chance of MPC rate cut for current situation. We still expect no hike of MPC rate in the next year. TGB curve will continue to be steepen at slower path as a result of Omicron risk.

Fed's Powell turning more hawkish might further affect on weak Asian currencies





- Current spot: 33.35 USDTHB is less volatile now, pulled back from 33.90 to 33.40 level in Dec-21 as Foreign fund flow is back to normal level.
- The Fed's just announced new faster tapering plan which will be finished on Mar-21 and adjusted new dot plot to signal 3 hikes in 2022.
- Omicron variance is needed to be closely watched as it will eventually affect the recovery of tourism sector in Thailand which will be translated to current account situation in 2022. Risk factor of USDTHB is likely to be Thailand trade balance in 2022.

Other projections : despite economic recovery, strong dollar trend should still dominate THB



EURUSD : likely to drop as weaker fundamental than USD.

- As the asset purchase program (APP) will end in March, the European Central Bank set to reduce the amount of assets it buys each month from April which seen as a fairly steep tapering plan. (+)
- ECB is more concerned on the spread of new coronavirus variants but partly react to contain persistent inflation. (-)
- The ECB without plan to hike its rate in 2022 obviously differs in its stance from US and UK counterparts. Fed almost certain to raise interest rates from nearzero by H1/2022. (-)

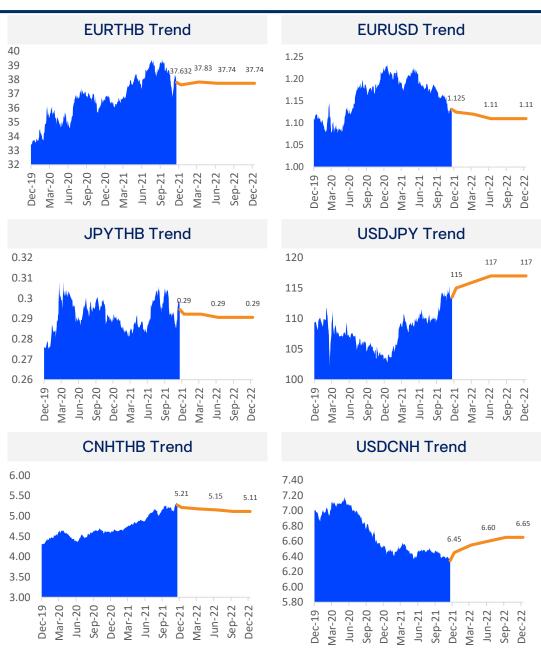
USDJPY: USDJPY continue to appreciate.

- Bank of Japan dialed back emergency pandemic-funding but maintained ultraloose policy and extended financial relief for small firms. (-)
- Bank of Japan expects consumer inflation to accelerate to around 2% in Q1/2022, which will eventually reach its 2% target. (-)
- For economic perspective, the recovery of Japan has been slower than initially expected adding that growth is seen recovering to pre-pandemic levels in the first half of 2022. (-)

USDCNY : USDCNH expected to turn.

- China's economy still faces downward pressures and PBoC's just cut its benchmark interest rate so that China's central bank will likely move cautiously on loosening monetary policy to support the economy. (-)
- Economic growth is widely expected to slow further in the fourth quarter from a one-year low of 4.9% in the third quarter. Though factory activity unexpectedly grew as some bottlenecks such as raw material prices and power rationing ease in Nov, the problem still there such as slowing economic growth and soaring factory inflation fuel concerns over stagflation. Debt crisis in the real estate sector put its economy to be more fragile to risk. (-)
- Though some negative factors are in global scale, these factors has more impact to China than other major peers. (-)

Source: Bloomberg, CEIC, and ttb analytics







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