

Thailand

Local currency (LCY) bonds outstanding in Thailand amounted to THB9.1 trillion (US\$281 billion) at end-March, up 1.2% quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q) and 5.7% year-on-year (y-o-y). Growth of LCY corporate bonds outpaced that of LCY government bonds in 1Q14.

Table 1: Size and Composition of the LCY Bond Market in Thailand

	Outstanding Amount (billion)						Growth Rate (%)			
	1Q13		4Q13		1Q14		1Q13		1Q14	
	THB	US\$	THB	US\$	THB	US\$	q-o-q	y-o-y	q-o-q	y-o-y
Total	8,621	295	9,001	275	9,109	281	1.2	11.8	1.2	5.7
Government	6,779	232	6,989	214	7,035	217	0.3	10.2	0.7	3.8
Government Bonds and Treasury Bills	3,098	106	3,414	104	3,461	107	2.5	11.5	1.4	11.7
Central Bank Bonds	3,026	103	2,843	87	2,820	87	(3.0)	3.9	(0.8)	(6.8)
State-Owned Enterprise and Other Bonds	654	22	732	22	754	23	6.3	42.0	3.0	15.2
Corporate	1,842	63	2,011	62	2,075	64	4.6	18.2	3.1	12.6

(-) = negative, LCY = local currency, q-o-q = quarter-on-quarter, y-o-y = year-on-year.

Notes:

1. Calculated using data from national sources.
2. Bloomberg end-of-period LCY-US\$ rates are used.
3. Growth rates are calculated from an LCY base and do not include currency effects.
4. Data as of end-February 2014.

Sources: Bank of Thailand (BOT).

Five notable LCY corporate bond issues were made in 1Q14 by nonfinancial companies such as retail and telecommunication firms.

Table 2: Notable LCY Corporate Bond Issuance in 1Q14

Corporate Issuers	Coupon Rate (%)	Issued Amount (THB billion)
CP All		
10-year bond	5.14	9.93
7-year bond	4.85	5.84
5-year bond	4.30	5.70
Minor International		
5-year bond	3.70	4.50
Kiatnakin Bank		
3-year bond	3.78	4.00
True Corporation		
4-year bond	5.40	4.00
Toyota Leasing (Thailand)		
4-year bond	3.82	3.50

LCY = local currency.
Source: Bloomberg LP.

LCY bonds outstanding of the top 30 corporate issuers in Thailand at end-March amounted to THB1.3 trillion, representing 60.4% of the total LCY corporate bond market in Thailand.

Table 3: Top 30 Issuers of LCY Corporate Bonds in Thailand

	Issuers	Outstanding Amount		State-Owned	Listed Company	Type of Industry
		LCY Bonds (THB billion)	LCY Bonds (US\$ billion)			
1.	PTT	193.4	6.0	Yes	Yes	Energy
2.	Siam Cement	141.5	4.4	Yes	Yes	Diversified
3.	CP All	90.0	2.8	No	Yes	Consumer
4.	Charoen Pokphand Foods	69.3	2.1	No	Yes	Consumer
5.	Bank of Ayudhya	48.1	1.5	No	Yes	Financial
6.	Krung Thai Bank	47.2	1.5	Yes	Yes	Financial
7.	Thai Airways International	43.6	1.3	Yes	Yes	Consumer
8.	True Corporation	40.8	1.3	No	Yes	Communications
9.	Siam Commercial Bank	40.0	1.2	No	Yes	Financial
10.	Thanachart Bank	39.9	1.2	No	No	Financial
11.	Ayudhya Capital Auto Lease	38.8	1.2	No	No	Financial
12.	Toyota Leasing Thailand	31.2	1.0	No	No	Financial
13.	Mitr Phol Sugar	30.2	0.9	No	No	Consumer
14.	Kasikorn Bank	30.1	0.9	No	Yes	Financial
15.	Banpu	29.6	0.9	No	Yes	Energy
16.	Thai Oil	28.0	0.9	Yes	Yes	Energy
17.	TMB Bank	27.7	0.9	No	Yes	Financial
18.	Indorama Ventures	27.6	0.8	No	Yes	Basic Materials
19.	PTT Global Chemical	25.3	0.8	Yes	Yes	Basic Materials
20.	PTT Exploration and Production Company	24.2	0.7	Yes	Yes	Energy
21.	Krung Thai Card	23.0	0.7	Yes	Yes	Financial
22.	DAD SPV	22.5	0.7	Yes	No	Financial
23.	Bangkok Expressway	22.1	0.7	No	Yes	Consumer
24.	Kiatnakin Bank	21.6	0.7	No	Yes	Financial
25.	Tisco Bank	21.4	0.7	No	No	Financial
26.	Bangkok Bank	20.0	0.6	No	Yes	Financial
27.	IRPC	19.6	0.6	Yes	Yes	Energy
28.	Thanachart Capital	19.3	0.6	No	Yes	Financial
29.	Glow Energy	19.1	0.6	No	Yes	Utilities
30.	Minor International	18.9	0.6	No	Yes	Consumer
Total Top 30 LCY Corporate Issuers		1,253.8	38.7			
Total LCY Corporate Bonds		2,074.6	64.0			
Top 30 as % of Total LCY Corporate Bonds		60.4%	60.4%			

LCY = local currency.

Notes:

1. Data as of end-March 2014.

2. State-owned firms are defined as those in which the government has more than a 50% ownership stake.

Source: *AsianBondsOnline* calculations based on Bloomberg data.