

## Thailand

Total local currency (LCY) bonds outstanding in Thailand amounted to THB14.7 trillion (USD443.5 billion) at the end of the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2021. Overall growth eased to 1.1% quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q) in Q4 2021 from 2.5% q-o-q in the third (Q3) quarter, driven by weaker growth in both the government and corporate bond segments. Government bonds outstanding rose 1.6% q-o-q in Q4 2021, down from 2.2% q-o-q in the previous quarter. The corporate bond segment posted marginal growth of 0.01% in Q4 2021 versus 3.4% q-o-q in Q3 2021.

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

	Outstanding Amount (billion)						Growth Rate (%)			
	Q4 2020		Q3 2021		Q4 2021		Q4 2020		Q4 2021	
	THB	USD	THB	USD	THB	USD	q-o-q	y-o-y	q-o-q	y-o-y
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,923</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>14,563</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>14,728</b>	<b>443</b>	(0.7)	5.2	1.1	5.8
Government	10,232	342	10,552	313	10,716	323	(0.3)	8.3	1.6	4.7
Government Bonds and Treasury Bills	6,020	201	6,683	198	6,883	207	5.0	21.9	3.0	14.3
Central Bank Bonds	3,365	112	2,926	87	2,898	87	(9.1)	(9.5)	(1.0)	(13.9)
State-Owned Enterprise and Other Bonds	846	28	943	28	936	28	2.8	6.7	(0.7)	10.6
Corporate	3,692	123	4,011	119	4,011	121	(1.8)	(2.5)	0.01	8.6

(-) = negative, LCY = local currency, q-o-q = quarter-on-quarter, Q3 = third quarter, Q4 = fourth quarter, THB = Thai baht, USD = United States dollar, y-o-y = year-on-year.

Notes:

1. Bloomberg end-of-period LCY-USD rates are used.

2. Growth rates are calculated from an LCY base and do not include currency effects.

Source: Bank of Thailand.

New issuance of corporate bonds totaled THB366.7 billion in Q4 2021, down from THB470.5 billion in Q3 2021. The contraction in issuance deepened, accelerating to 22.1% q-o-q in Q4 2021 from 1.4% q-o-q in the previous quarter, as uncertainties brought about by the prolonged pandemic continued to dampen investor confidence. True Corporation led all issuers of new corporate debt during the quarter, with its total issuance reaching THB30.0 billion.

Table 2: Notable Local Currency Corporate Bond Issuances in the Fourth Quarter of 2021

Corporate Issuers	Coupon Rate (%)	Issued Amount (THB billion)	Corporate Issuers	Coupon Rate (%)	Issued Amount (THB billion)
True Corporation			Bangkok Mass Transit System		
1.2-year bond	0.00	2.0	3-year bond	2.00	2.0
1.3-year bond	0.00	3.0	5-year bond	2.70	1.5
1.4-year bond	0.00	1.0	7-year bond	3.12	2.5
2-year bond	2.75	1.5	10-year bond	3.66	4.2
3-year bond	3.20	6.2	Indorama Ventures		
4-year bond	3.60	4.2	5-year bond	2.48	3.0
5-year bond	4.05	4.9	7-year bond	3.00	2.0
7-year bond	4.60	7.2	10.5-year bond	3.60	5.0
Siam Cement			CP ALL		
4-year bond	2.65	25.0	Perpetual bond	4.60	10.0
Ayudhya Capital					
2-year bond	1.13	1.3			
10-year bond	3.00	10.0			

THB = Thai baht.

Source: Bloomberg LP.

The aggregate LCY bonds outstanding of the top 30 corporate issuers in Thailand amounted to THB2,358.8 billion at the end of Q4 2021, comprising a 58.8% share of the total LCY corporate bond market. CP ALL was the top issuer, with total outstanding LCY bonds of THB252.5 billion at the end of December. Food and beverage firms held the largest share of outstanding corporate bonds among all sectors, amounting to a combined THB383.3 billion.

Table 3: Top 30 Issuers of Local Currency Corporate Bonds in Thailand

	Issuers	Outstanding Amount		State-Owned	Listed Company	Type of Industry
		LCY Bonds (THB billion)	LCY Bonds (USD billion)			
1.	CP ALL	252.5	7.6	No	Yes	Commerce
2.	Thai Beverage	173.1	5.2	No	No	Food and Beverage
3.	Siam Cement	165.0	5.0	Yes	Yes	Construction Material
4.	True Corporation	160.9	4.8	No	No	Communications
5.	Charoen Pokphand Foods	131.2	4.0	No	Yes	Food and Beverage
6.	PTT	124.4	3.7	Yes	Yes	Energy and Utilities
7.	Berli Jucker	109.6	3.3	No	Yes	Commerce
8.	Bank of Ayudhya	97.8	2.9	No	Yes	Banking
9.	True Move H Universal Communication	88.1	2.7	No	No	Communication
10.	CPF Thailand	79.1	2.4	No	No	Food and Beverage
11.	Indorama Ventures	73.0	2.2	No	Yes	Petrochemicals and Chemicals
12.	Minor International	67.8	2.0	No	Yes	Hospitality and Leisure
13.	Toyota Leasing Thailand	67.6	2.0	No	No	Finance and Securities
14.	Bangkok Commercial Asset Management	62.2	1.9	No	Yes	Finance and Securities
15.	Banpu	61.3	1.8	No	Yes	Energy and Utilities
16.	Frasers Property Thailand	49.3	1.5	No	Yes	Property and Construction
17.	TPI Polene	47.5	1.4	No	Yes	Property and Construction
18.	Gulf Energy Development	47.5	1.4	No	Yes	Energy and Utilities
19.	Muangthai Capital	47.2	1.4	No	Yes	Finance and Securities
20.	BTS Group Holdings	45.1	1.4	No	Yes	Diversified
21.	Krungthai Card	44.5	1.3	Yes	Yes	Banking
22.	Krung Thai Bank	44.0	1.3	Yes	Yes	Banking
23.	dtac TriNet	43.5	1.3	No	Yes	Communications
24.	Global Power Synergy	41.5	1.2	No	Yes	Energy and Utilities
25.	Bangchak	40.5	1.2	No	Yes	Energy and Utilities
26.	Bangkok Expressway & Metro	40.1	1.2	No	Yes	Transportation and Logistics
27.	ICBC Thai Leasing	39.0	1.2	No	No	Finance and Securities
28.	Sansiri	38.8	1.2	No	Yes	Property and Construction
29.	Land & Houses	38.6	1.2	No	Yes	Property and Construction
30.	CH Karnchang	38.4	1.2	No	Yes	Property and Construction
Total Top 30 LCY Corporate Issuers		2,358.8	71.0			
Total LCY Corporate Bonds		4,011.2	120.8			
Top 30 as % of Total LCY Corporate Bonds		58.8%	58.8%			

LCY = local currency, THB = Thai baht, USD = United States dollar.

Notes:

1. Data as of 31 December 2021.

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 LP data.