

The "Policy Transmission Lag" Phase

- Post-election policy lag limits liquidity, keeping Thai equities range-bound near term.
- Lowflation and easing bias support finance and defensive yield sectors through transition.
- We recommend **BDMS**, **BGRIM**, and **MTC**.

NFP Confirms "Soft Landing," Now CPI Watch

Global markets open the week digesting Friday's US Non-Farm Payrolls (Feb 6), which delivered a "Goldilocks" print of +80,000 jobs (vs consensus 71k) with unemployment steady at 4.4%. This data was strong enough to banish recession fears but too cool to reignite wage inflation, keeping the US 10-Year Yield sticky at 3.9–4.0%. However, this "relief sigh" is not a "risk-on" signal. Global allocators will remain in a holding pattern until the US CPI (Friday, Feb 13) confirms the disinflation trend. We expect flows to be neutral-to-light early in the week, with risk appetite capped until the inflation print clears the deck.

The "Policy Transmission Lag" Begins

With the Feb 8 election concluded, Thailand enters a "Policy Transmission Lag." While the bureaucracy continues to function, the timeline for a new administration is protracted: the Election Commission has up to 60 days to certify results, followed by the opening of Parliament and Cabinet formation, likely pushing full executive authority to May or June. Markets are efficient: they have already priced the election excitement and will now discount this interim friction. We anticipate the SET Index will trade sideways-to-down as it digests this period where fiscal disbursement continues on autopilot, but new policy initiatives are paused.

Commerce "Consolidation," Not Collapse

We advise tactical rotation in the Commerce Sector (CPALL). Historically, consumption stocks rally into the election on liquidity hopes and consolidate afterwards as the "peak campaign spend" evaporates. This is not a fundamental reversal—the businesses remain strong—but a removal of the short-term liquidity premium. We recommend trimming overweight positions to lock in "Event Alpha" and rotating capital into sectors less correlated with the immediate political transition.

The "Easing Bias"

While we cannot guarantee the timing of new stimulus, the macro backdrop of "Lowflation" (-0.66% Jan CPI) creates a structural "Easing Bias" that favors Non-Bank Finance (MTC, TIDLOR). Regardless of the coalition's final shape, the economic necessity will force a policy mix of debt restructuring and liquidity support. We view Finance not as a political bet, but as a macro beneficiary of the inevitable lower-rate environment required to jumpstart the economy during this transition lag.

Recommendations: The "Election & Yield"

To navigate this "Policy Transmission Lag," we recommend building a portfolio resilient to political friction and focused on structural compounding. Our top pick is Healthcare (**BDMS**) as a structural defensive anchor, supported by strong earnings visibility and low political correlation. We advise accumulating Finance (**MTC**) on dips as a policy-bias play aligned with easing trends. For cash parking, Power (**BGRIM**) offers attractive bond-proxy yield. Fund these positions by trimming Commerce (**CPALL**) on post-election strength and avoid Electronics until U.S. CPI risk clears.

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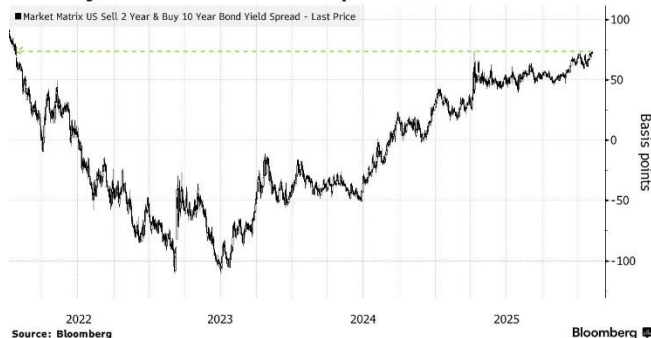
Exhibit 1: Thailand Post-Election Government Formation Timeline 2026



Sources: Thansettakij

Exhibit 2: 2Y-10Y Treasury Spread Approaches Cycle Steepest Level

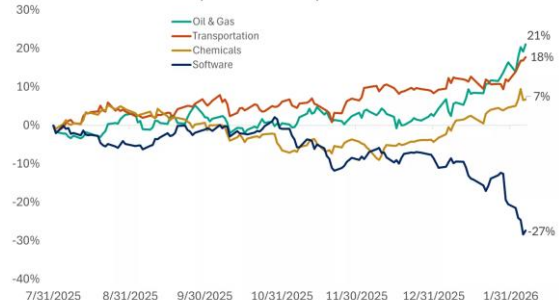
Treasury Yield Curve Nears Steepest Since 2022



Sources: Bloomberg

Exhibit 3: Cyclical Sectors Lead as Technology Momentum Fades

"Old economy" sectors outperform while tech stumbles



Sources: NIDA

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Neutral: The industry is expected to perform in line with the relevant primary market index over the next 12 months.
Underweight: The industry is expected to underperform the relevant primary market index over the next 12 months.

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Overweight: Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on two or more of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

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