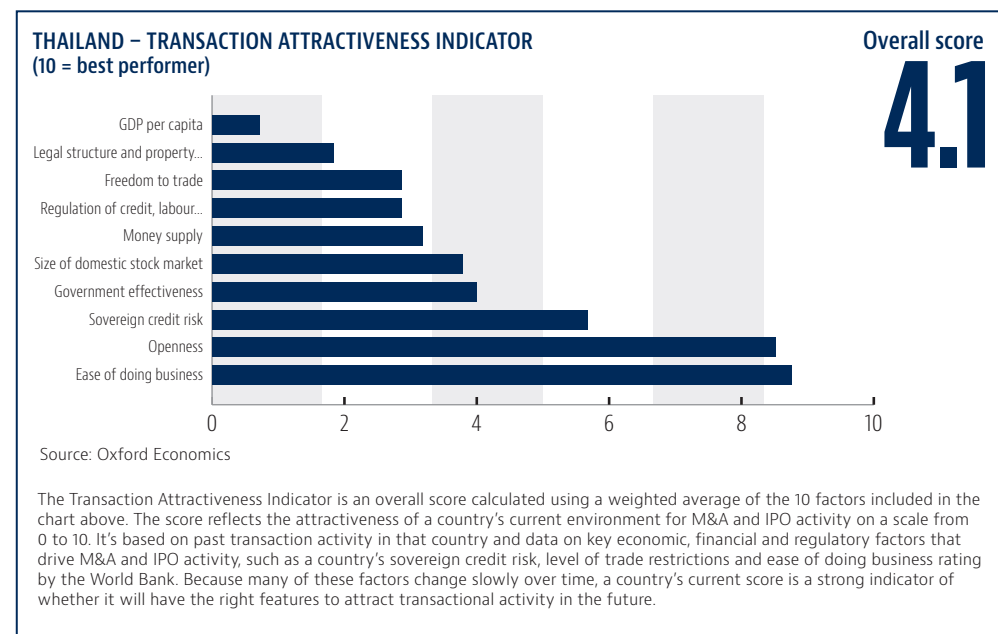


Thailand's economy remains healthy, notwithstanding short-term headwinds including slowing momentum in tourist arrivals. This robust economic performance has also been reflected in a resurgence of inbound and domestic deal-making activity. While we expect some moderation of transactions activity in 2020, Thailand's strong economic fundamentals should support a rebound of deal-making in 2021-22.

SUMMARY OF KEY DRIVERS (AVERAGE 2019-2022)

	Thailand	Global
GDP growth (% annual)	3.1	2.8
Stock market capitalization (% of GDP)	101	97
Money supply (% of GDP)	91	111
Trade (% of GDP)	109	45
Ease of doing business (World Bank, DTF score, higher=better)	78	77
Legal structure (Fraser Institute)	1.8	6.6
Freedom to trade (Fraser Institute)	2.9	7.4

Source: Oxford Economics



THAILAND – M&A AND IPO TRANSACTIONS

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total M&A transactions (US\$bn)	10.3	5.5	7.5	10.8	6.3	8.3	8.9
% of Global M&A transactions	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Domestic (US\$bn)	8.2	3.5	5.8	7.1	5.0	6.5	7.0
Cross-border, inbound (US\$bn)	2.1	2.1	1.7	3.6	1.3	1.8	1.9
Total volume of M&A transactions (Number of deals)	127	117	100	89	82	90	97
Domestic (Number of deals)	67	66	58	49	46	48	52
Cross-border, inbound (Number of deals)	60	51	42	40	36	42	45
Total IPO transactions (US\$bn)	1.3	3.6	2.5	1.3	1.2	2.3	2.9
% Global IPO transactions	0.9	1.8	1.2	0.9	0.5	1.2	1.3
Domestic (US\$bn)	1.1	3.4	2.5	1.3	1.2	2.1	2.7
Cross-border (US\$bn)	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1

Source: Oxford Economics, Reuters

THAILAND – FORECAST FOR THE ECONOMY

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Macroeconomic drivers							
Real GDP growth (% yoy)	3.4	4.0	4.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.0
CPI (% yoy)	0.2	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.9
Merchandise trade (% of GDP)	110%	113%	115%	109%	109%	109%	110%
Financial drivers							
10-year government bond yield (%)	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.7
Equity prices (LCU, end of year % change)	19.8	13.7	-10.8	12.2	-8.2	9.6	6.9
Stock market capitalisation (US\$bn)	433.0	548.8	500.7	590.7	543.8	597.5	640.0

Source: Oxford Economics

IPO calculations account for the tentative Aramco listing in 2020 that has the potential to raise up to US 100 billion.