

Vietnam

Foreign shareholding limit may be raised The State Securities Commission may issue a regulation allowing foreigners to increase their shareholding in some listed firms above the current 49% limit using non-voting shares as early as Q1/13.

View: Could prompt foreign institutional interest The non-voting shares would allow Vietnam to have foreigners increase their stakes in companies without domestic shareholders losing majority control. This will be of interest to institutional investors that are not looking to take management control in a company, but still cannot purchase shares easily because the foreign shareholding limit has been reached.

Cambodia

Volume of top rice exporters reported The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) has reported the top 2012 milled rice exporters; 1) Khmer Foods, exporting 31,441 tonnes (accounting for about 15% of Cambodia's total rice exports), 2) Golden Rice, 26,071 tonnes, 3) Baitang (Kampuchea), 24,213 tonnes, 4) AMRU Rice (Cambodia), 16,156 tonnes, and 5) International Rice Trading, 15,540 tonnes.

View: First release of top rice exporter volume Although the government regularly reports aggregate rice exports, this is first detailed release of volume for the key players in the industry. The top 5 accounted for 55% of rice exports in 2012.

Laos

PanAust targets moderate copper growth in 2013 Pan Australian (PanAust), which accounts for the majority of Laos mining output, has released 2013 production guidance; 62k-65k tonnes of copper concentrate, versus 63k tonnes in 2012, 2) 160-175oz of gold, up from 136k in 2012 and 3) 1.1mn-1.2mn ounces of silver production, up from 0.6mn ounces in 2012.

View: Implies moderate growth (at best) for key export With mining accounting for over 50% of exports, and copper 80% of this, PanAust's guidance for low to declining copper production growth implies moderate growth (at best) for 2013 mining exports.

Myanmar

Four foreign telecoms make bids Four foreign telecoms have so far made bids for the two mobile telecom licenses Myanmar is offering to foreign investors; 1) Norway's Telenor, 2) Malaysia's Axiata, and two Singaporean firms, 3) Singapore Telecom and 2) ST Telemedia. The licenses are expected to be issued by June.

View: All four have substantial regional presence Myanmar is encouraging foreign investment in the telecoms sector in a bid to increase the lowest mobile telecom penetration in the region, at just 9%. With all four operators having a substantial long-term presence in multiple regional markets, it appears to be a relatively even race heading into the bidding.

Index	Value	% chg
Thailand	1,461.4	0.85
Vietnam	468.1	3.47
Laos	1,434.5	-0.28
Cambodia	666.7	0.00

Source: Bloomberg

Valuation	P/E	P/B
Thailand	13.5	2.2
Vietnam	10.8	1.8
Laos	8.0	1.5
Cambodia	18.4	n/a

Source: Bloomberg, KT Zmico estimates

Currency	USD:x	% chg
Baht (THB)	29.9	0.50
Dong (VND)	20,840	-0.02
Kip (LAK)	7,928	-0.28
Riel (KHR)	3,995	0.00
Kyat (MMK)	855	-0.56

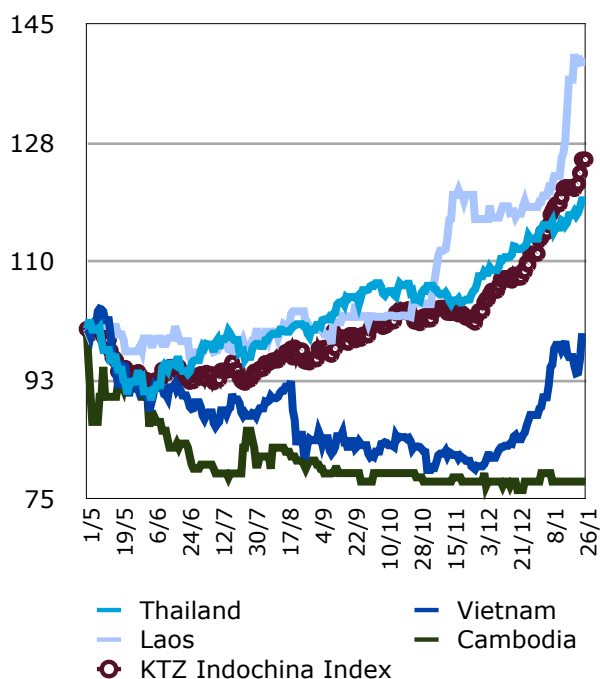
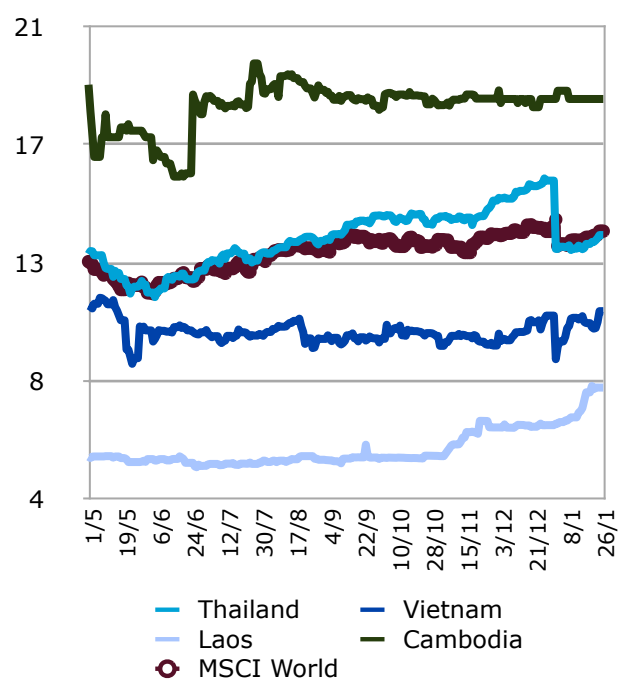
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Figure 1: Indochina Markets

	Index/ Price*	% chg	Volume('000)	YTD avg daily volume ('000)	Value (US\$ '000)	YTD avg daily value (US\$ '000)
Vietnam (HCI)	468	3.5%	79,973	48,842	53,065	32,599
Vietnam (HNI)	62	0.7%	71,044	47,667	25,604	19,125
Laos (LSX)	1,435	-0.3%	48	96	43	65
BCEL*	7,950	-2.5%	10	21	10	19
EDL*	6,950	0.0%	38	75	33	47
Cambodia (CSX)	667	0.0%	1	40	1	75
PPWSA*	6,200	0.0%	1	40	1	75

Source: Bloomberg *Laos- LAK, Cambodia - KHR

Figure 2: Relative performance*

Figure 3: Market price to earnings ratio


Source: Bloomberg, KT Zmico estimates, * from May 1, 2012

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