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#### Introduction

On 1 January 2025, the Stock Exchange of Thailand ("**SET**") and the Market for Alternative Investment ("**MAI**") amended their rules and requirements for the offering and listing of securities on the public market to better align with the evolving market demands and current business trends.<sup>1</sup> This revision reflects a strategic effort to modernise the regulatory framework and ensure its relevance in today's dynamic market, whilst also emphasising the stock exchange's role on the Thai economy.

### **Key Revisions to Listing Rules**

The key revisions to the Regulation of the Stock Exchange of Thailand Re: Listing of Ordinary Shares or Preferred Share as Listed Securities B.E. 2558 (2015) ("**Amended Regulations**") are as follows:

- Increased the net profits of the issuer to reflect good turnover.
- Increased the shareholders' equity requirement to demonstrate a strong financial position.
- Reduced the paid-up capital requirement for listing in the SET, which remains higher than the previous minimum paid-up capital for the MAI to support companies with low paid-up capital but with good operating results and in a strong financial position.
- Increased the distribution of minority shareholding (Free Float) and the proportion of shares offered for sale to the public (IPO) in order to improve liquidity in the secondary market.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Regulation of the Stock Exchange of Thailand Re: Listing of Ordinary Shares or Preferred Shares as Listed Securities (No. 12) B.E. 2567 (2024)

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		SET			MAI		
		Previous		New	Previous	S	New
1. Profit							
•	Latest year	THB 30 million	Tŀ	HB 75 million	THB 10 million		THB 25 million
•	Preceding 2-3 years	THB 50 million	ΤH	IB 125 million	-		THB 40 million
2. Equity		THB 300 million	THB 800 million		THB 50 million		THB 100 million
3. Paid-up Capital		THB 300 million	THB 100 million		THB 50 million		THB 50 million
4. Free Float and Proportion of IPO (Applicable to both SET and MAI)							
Paid-up Capital (X)		% Free Float		Paid-up Capital (X)		% IPO	
50 <u>&lt;</u> X < THB 300 million		30% (previously 25%)		50 <u>&lt;</u> X < THB 300 million		20% (previously 15%)	
300 <u>&lt;</u> X < THB 3,000 million		25%		300 <u>&lt;</u> X < THB 500 million		15% or THB 60 million whichever is higher	
X <u>&gt;</u> THB 3,000 million		20%		$X \ge THB 500$ million		10% or THB 75 million whichever is higher	

## Summary of the revisions to the Amended Regulations

The number of minority shareholders and the share distribution ratio at the listing remain the same, with the SET requiring at least 1,000 minority shareholders and the MAI requiring at least 300 shareholders. The share distribution ratio for both markets is set between 20-30%. Previously, the Free Float Ratio for SET and MAI was:

- $\geq$  25% of paid-up capital; and
- $\geq$  20% if paid-up capital  $\geq$  3,000 million THB.

These changes reflect the SET's commitment to elevating the standards and quality of the Thai capital market, which will positively impact the country's long-term economic and investment development. However, continuous monitoring and assessment will be crucial to ensuring these changes deliver the maximum benefits to all stakeholders in the Thai capital market.

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## **Further information**

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