

Property Sector –Neutral

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News Update**Property market recovered in 1H22**

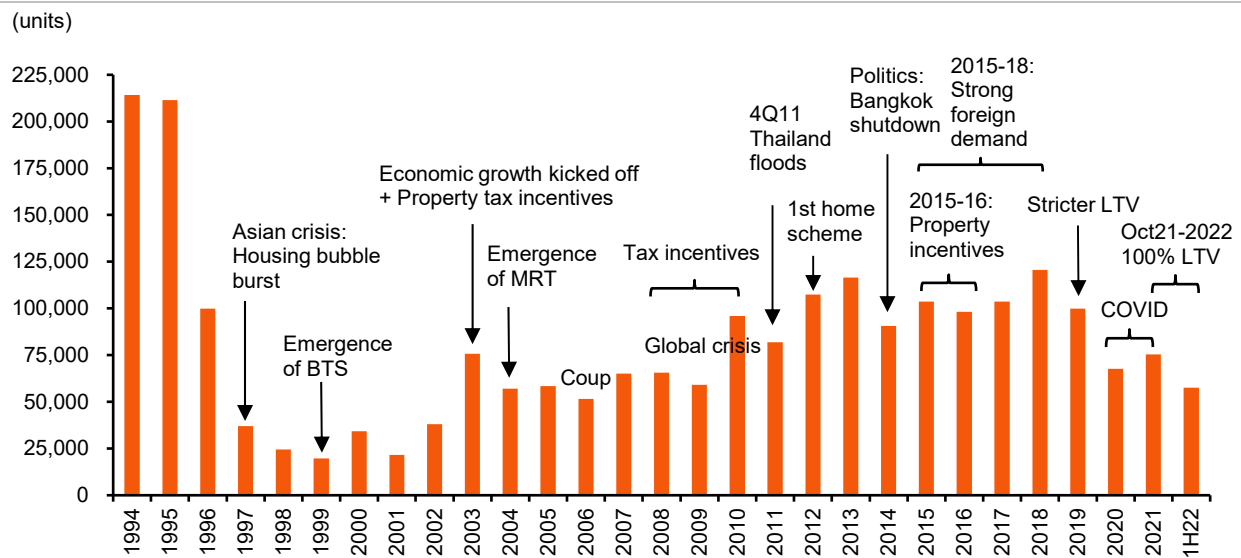
- **Property demand in BMR increased by 16% by value.**
 - **Demand-supply situation improved.**
 - **Easing inventory concern.**
 - **Maintain Neutral.**
- According to Agency for Real Estate Affairs (AREA), residential property demand in Bangkok Metropolitan Region (Bangkok, Samut Prakarn, Samut Sakorn, Nonthaburi, Pathum Thani, Nakorn Pathom) had a strong growth in units sold by 49% y-y to 57,951 units (13% SDH, 23% TH, 58% CD, 6% others). By value, 1H22 demand increased by 16% to Bt248bn. SDH showed a remarkable growth of 123% y-y to Bt76bn. Condominiums also recovered by 29% y-y. TH demand declined by 42% y-y.
- By product, average price of SDH sold in 1H22 was up to Bt10.1m/unit (Bt6.0m/unit in 1H21) while average price of units sold for TH and condominiums fell significantly to Bt3.1m/unit for TH (Bt4.9m in 1H21) and Bt3.3m/unit for CD (Bt6.2m in 1H21). This reflected solid demand in high-end SDH.
- 1H22 demand exceeded new housing supplies by 4,627 units, or 9%. SDH had the best absorption rate. SDH take-up units of 7,509 units were 34% over new supplies. TH and CD demand quite matched with new supplies, demand was 5% higher than new supplies.
- Total housing inventory in BMR then reduced by 2% from end of 2021 to 206,783 units. If we annualize 1H22 demand, existing inventory will need 1.8 years to sell, lowering from 3.4 years in 2020 when inventory reached the peak level of 226,645 units in the first year of COVID hit. By product, TH would take the longest time to sell at 2.7 years, SDH at 2.0 years and CD the shortest at 1.3 years.
- We maintain Neutral stance on property sector. We see strong property demand this year is driven by government support, the reduction in transfer fee (from 2% normal rate) and mortgage registration fee (from 1% normal rate) to 0.01% for home priced not over Bt3m and LTV relaxation since October last year to 100%, and a gradual recovery in condominium demand after things are getting back to normal (back to schools/offices) as COVID fear subsided.
- We forecast 20% presales growth this year for seven developers we cover and organic growth from next year as low-rise housing demand has been strong and already surpassed pre-COVID level while we expect a few more years for condo demand to fully recover, unless there are more property stimulus to boost further demand. We have a BUY rating on AP and SPALI as both gain low-rise housing market share and LH as a strong earnings turnaround play of 22/15% in 2022-23F and a high dividend yield of 6.9/8.1% in both years.

Ex 1: Stock Rating And TP

	Rating	Price Current (Bt)	Price Target (Bt)
AP	BUY	10.20	13.50
LH	BUY	8.65	11.00
LPN	SELL	4.44	3.60
PSH	SELL	12.20	10.00
QH	HOLD	2.14	2.50
SIRI	SELL	1.00	0.88
SPALI	BUY	19.40	27.00

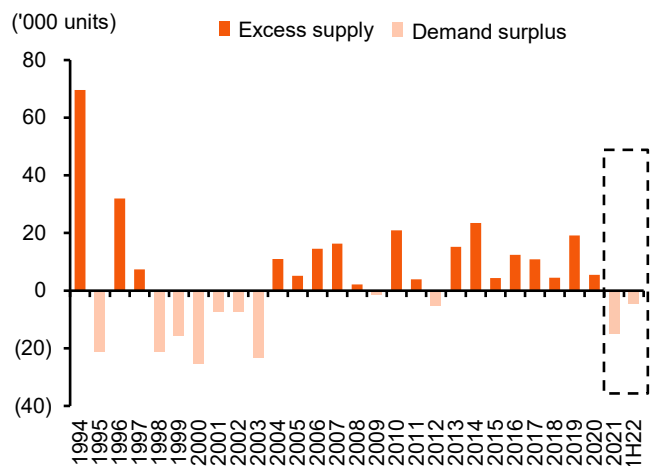
Source: Thanachart estimates

Ex 1: Housing Demand In BMR



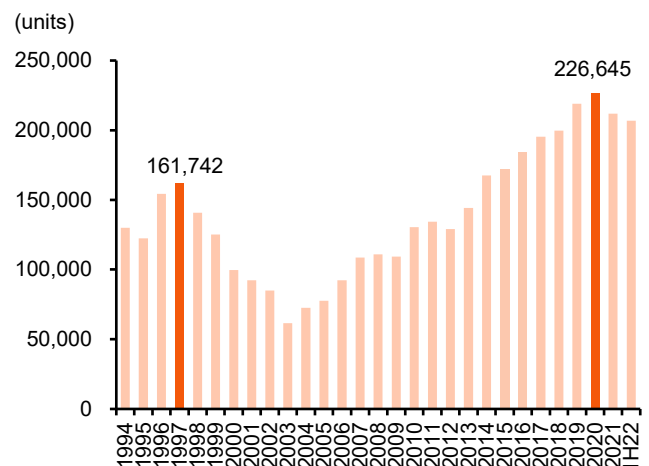
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Ex 2: Demand VS Supply



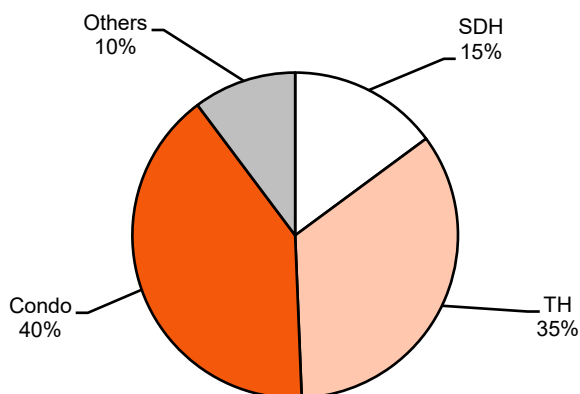
Source: AREA

Ex 3: Residential Property Inventory



Source: AREA

Ex 4: Inventory Breakdown



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