# **Energy Sector – Underweight**

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## Looming risk on GRM

- Crude stockpiles flip into a build
- March Arab Light OSP may hit highest since Jan 2024
- More demand for Middle East crude
- Trump imposes oil tariffs on Mexico, Canada.

## Weekly US data: Crude stockpiles flip into a build

- Crude oil inventories in the United States saw a large build of 3.5 million barrels during the week ending January 24 compare to inventories decreased of 1.0 million barrels in the previous week. The build in crude inventories is in line with seasonal trends and compares with a draw of 1 million barrels in the week prior.
- For total motor gasoline, the EIA estimated that inventories rose by 3.0 million barrels for the week. This compares with an inventory rise of 2.3 million barrels for the previous week. For middle distillates, the EIA estimated an inventory fall of 5 million barrels for last week. This adds onto the inventory loss of 3.1 million barrels for the week prior.

## Likely higher crude cost for Asian refineries

- March Arab Light OSP may hit highest since Jan 2024. March Arab Light OSP may hit its highest level since January 2024. A Reuters survey of four Asian refiners suggests a US\$2-\$2.50 per barrel increase, with one expecting a US\$3 hike across all grades. This would mark the largest monthly jump since August 2022.
- More demand for Middle East crude. This increase follows a surge in benchmark prices, driven by rising demand from China and India amid U.S. sanctions that have disrupted Russian supply.
- Trump launches trade war with tariffs on Mexico and Canada. New 10% tariffs on Canadian oil and 25% on Mexican crude could push U.S. refiners to source more medium-sour crude from the Middle East. In 2023, Canadian and Mexican crude accounted for 28% of U.S. refinery inputs (EIA).
- Impact. Rising light crude costs from the Middle East, West Africa, and the Far East may pressure Thai refiners. With weaker gasoline margins and higher crude prices, 1Q25F market GRM could drop sharply. However, a tightening crude market may further push oil prices higher. We remain cautious on Thai refineries, favoring PTTEP and PTT.

**News Update** 

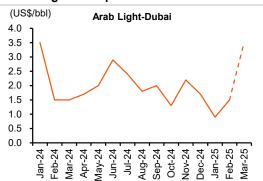
Ex 1: US Weekly data

(m bbls)	Weekly change	Consensus	Last
			week
Crude Oil	3.463	2.200	-1.017
Gasoline	2.957	2.000	2.332
Distillates	-4.994	-2.750	-3.070

(k bpd)	Weekly change	% Change	Current number
Production	-237	-1.8%	13,240
Refinery Runs	-444	-2.8%	15,318

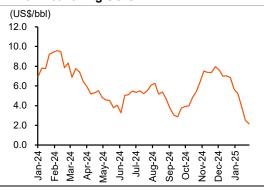
Source: EIA

Ex 2: Big Hike Expected For OSP In March



Sources: Reuter

Ex 3: Weakening SG GRM



Sources: Bloomberg, TOP

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Ex 4: Prices And Spreads

	Unit	This	Last	%			——— Yearly ——						
		week	week	chg	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2023	2024	2025
Upstream													
Dubai	(US\$/bbl)	81	83	-2.1%	84	82	85	79	74	81	81	80	81
Brent	(US\$/mmbtu)	77	79	-2.2%	83	82	85	79	74	78	82	80	78
Henry hub	(US\$/mmbtu)	3.0	4.0	-24.4%	2.9	2.1	2.3	2.2	3.0	3.8	2.6	2.4	3.8
JKM Spot	(US\$/mmbtu)	14.4	14.1	2.3%	15.6	9.7	11.2	13.0	14.0	14.2	13.9	11.9	14.2
Dutch TTF	(EUR/MWh)	53	50	7.1%	43	28	32	36	43	48	41	35	48
NEX coal price	(US\$/tonne)	116	116	-0.7%	136	127	136	140	139	117	188	136	117
Crack spreads	over Dubai												
Gasoline	(US\$/bbl)	3.7	5.3	-30.1%	12.6	17.9	11.6	11.1	11.4	6.4	18.8	16.7	13.0
Jet fuel	(US\$/bbl)	12.5	13.1	-5.1%	23.6	21.1	13.6	13.1	14.8	13.3	30.3	22.5	15.7
Diesel	(US\$/bbl)	14.4	14.9	-2.9%	21.1	21.7	14.0	12.7	14.7	14.9	34.3	21.9	15.8
HSFO	(US\$/bbl)	(4.7)	(6.3)	-25.2%	(11.0)	(9.7)	(3.4)	(5.3)	(2.3)	(5.2)	(14.1)	(10.3)	(5.2)
SG GRM	(US\$/bbl)	2.8	1.4	103.0%	6.3	8.1	4.9	5.4	5.9	3.8	11.5	7.9	6.1
Aromatics													
PX-naphtha	(US\$/tonne)	186	206	-10.1%	349	323	336	262	174	172	299	378	274
BZ-naphtha	(US\$/tonne)	266	246	7.8%	269	326	391	352	271	236	267	267	335
Olefin													
HDPE-naphtha	(US\$/tonne)	306	296	3.1%	350	333	350	336	333	298	392	390	338
LDPE-naphtha	(US\$/tonne)	456	436	4.4%	372	454	519	550	489	438	683	427	503
PP-naphtha	(US\$/tonne)	326	306	6.2%	303	302	331	331	339	310	386	359	326
Others													
Integrated PET	(US\$/tonne)	119	105	13.7%	134	138	130	145	145	123	278	161	140
Phenol-BZ	(US\$/tonne)	17	28	-39.3%	64	(52)	(38)	68	47	35	279	80	6
BPA -Phenol	(US\$/tonne)	315	315	0.0%	327	317	303	271	307	317	551	294	300

Sources: TOP, Bloomberg

Ex 5: Valuation

	Rating	Current	Target	Upside/	Market Norm EPS grw		Norm PE EV/EBITDA			— P/BV —		— Yield —		— ROE —			
		price	price	(Downside)	сар	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F
		(Bt)	(Bt)	(%)	(US\$ m)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
BANPU	BUY	5.00	7.50	50.0	1,488	(87.3)	426.3	47.8	9.1	7.0	5.7	0.4	0.4	2.5	5.5	8.0	4.2
ВСР	BUY	34.50	40.00	15.9	1,411	(48.3)	69.9	9.5	5.6	4.5	4.2	0.6	0.6	1.6	4.0	6.9	11.1
BSRC	HOLD	5.35	7.00	30.8	550	11.7	(7.0)	6.6	7.0	4.4	4.1	0.6	0.6	3.3	5.0	10.0	8.9
IRPC	SELL	1.13	1.20	6.2	686	na	na	na	na	18.6	14.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	na	na
IVL	BUY	23.00	29.00	26.1	3,835	298.1	28.1	20.3	15.8	7.1	6.4	0.9	8.0	0.0	1.9	4.5	5.8
OR	SELL	11.60	12.60	8.6	4,134	(44.7)	50.0	22.7	15.1	8.9	6.8	1.3	1.2	2.5	3.7	5.6	8.1
PTG	SELL	7.45	6.80	(8.7)	369	(8.0)	6.0	13.2	12.5	3.5	3.6	1.3	1.3	3.4	3.6	10.5	10.5
PTT	BUY	31.50	38.00	20.6	26,720	0.7	(3.8)	9.0	9.3	4.2	3.9	8.0	8.0	6.3	6.3	8.9	8.3
PTTEP	BUY	127.50	150.00	17.6	15,032	(6.1)	(13.7)	6.9	7.9	2.1	2.4	0.9	0.9	7.5	7.1	14.2	11.4
PTTGC	BUY	21.50	30.00	39.5	2,879	na	na	na	15.6	10.2	8.2	0.4	0.3	3.5	2.4	na	2.3
SCC	SELL	154.00	127.00	(17.5)	5,488	(77.0)	172.0	53.8	19.8	15.7	12.8	0.5	0.5	3.2	2.5	1.0	2.6
SPRC	SELL	5.30	5.90	11.3	682	na	(1.1)	7.2	7.2	4.2	4.2	0.6	0.6	4.3	3.7	8.5	7.9
TOP	SELL	26.00	21.00	(19.2)	1,725	(41.8)	(30.0	3.6	5.2	6.8	8.0	0.3	0.3	5.9	6.4	9.5	6.9

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

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