

Independent study title	INVESTOR SENTIMENT AND ANALYST EARNINGS FORECASTS IN THAI CAPITAL MARKET
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ABSTRACT

Prior research found that investor sentiment affects analyst earnings forecast revision and error in developed market. This study extends the effect of investor sentiment on analysts in the Thai capital market during January 2000-December 2018. To examine the effect of investor sentiment on analyst earnings forecast revision and error, Time series analysis, and Granger causality analysis have been employed in this research. The empirical results show that investor sentiment causes analyst earnings forecast change and update. Additionally, this research examines the effect of sentiment on analysts as regard the firm characteristics and analysts who cover stocks that brokerage firms are underwriters. Panel data analysis has been employed and the finding shows the effect of investor sentiment on the earnings forecast of firms that difficult to value is available in positive sentiment more than negative sentiment. Furthermore, the finding shows the notification of office of the Security Exchange and Commission No. NorPor.1/2015 in Thailand which issued to prevent the conflict of interest in financial institution does not have impact on analysts affiliate to investment banking business.

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