Panit Sawangjaeng 2018: Economic factors affecting returns of securities issued by Thai

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This research aims to examine economic factors affecting returns of securities issued by

Thai Airways, Garuda Indonesia Airways, and Singapore Airways. Factors under investigation

include THB/USD, IDR/USD and SGD/USD exchange rates, business sentiment indices,

inflation rates, number of air travelers of Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia, and crude oil prices.

The monthly data of relevant security returns and macroeconomic factors is collected during the

period between January, 2013 and December, 2017 (a total of 60 months). The fixed effect panel

data model is applied to test the statistical significance of independent variables.

At the confidence level of 95% or the significance level of 5%, we find three

independent variables that influence the price of aviation securities of Thai Airways, Garuda

Indonesia Airways, and Singapore Airways. These significant factors are foreign exchange rates,

crude oil rates and inflations. The direction of the relationship found by this research is consistent

with the assumption based on economic theories.

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