

Independent Study Title	ASSESSING THE PRICE EFFECTS OF GOVERNMENT BOND AUCTIONS: EVIDENCE FROM THAILAND
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ABSTRACT

This paper applies an event study to analyse the pricing behavior of Thai government bonds around new issues. The abnormal returns found in this study are used to reflect this pricing behavior. By comparing actual returns with benchmark returns, which are derived from the underlying yield curve to assess the statistical significance of excess return, the study finds significant amount of abnormal return for both before and during auctions. By using a cross-sectional analysis of cumulative abnormal returns (CAR), excess demand and bond supply are determinant factors of excess return at auctions, while only bond supply contributes to negative abnormal returns before auctions.

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