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SG outlook dips

FINANCE: Fitch Ratings (Thailand) has revised the outlook of Siam Future Development Plc (SF) to negative from stable. The national long-term rating was affirmed at BBB+(tha), with the short-term rating at F2(tha).

Fitch said the outlook revision reflected SF's lower-than-expected recurring income as a result of discounts to some tenants and decisions by others not to renew their contracts because of the poor economy. Together with higher-than-expected investment and rising project investment costs, this may further hinder SF's de-leveraging. Additionally, a delay in new project openings may cause the company's leverage to remain high over the next one to two years.

SF shares closed yesterday on the SET at 3.22 baht, up two satang, in trade worth 1.4 million baht.