

Independent study title	SHORT SELLING PRIOR TO EARNINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS: CASE IN THAILAND
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## **ABSTRACT**

This paper studies short selling around earnings announcement in Thailand. The data consists of 1895 earnings announcements events during January 2011 to December 2017. The result shows that short sellers increase their short position in five days before earnings announcement. Additionally, this abnormal short selling is significantly related to negative earnings surprise. Then, it accepts the hypothesis that short sellers are informed investor. Moreover, we find that short sellers can predict stocks with the lowest earnings surprise. Therefore, there is informed investor in this case.

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