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U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday nominated former Federal Reserve Governor Sarah Bloom Raskin for the Fed's key regulatory post and economists Lisa Cook and Philip Jefferson to serve on its board in what would represent a landmark demographic overhaul of the world's most powerful central bank. Biden's picks for the Fed followed his decision to nominate Jerome Powell for a second term as head of the central bank and elevate Governor Lael Brainard to the vice chair position and presents him an opportunity to leave a lasting imprint on a body that sets economic policies - particularly about interest rates. The appointments were announced as Biden's own plans for a post-pandemic economy have run into an unexpected spike in inflation and partisan squabbling in Congress - a factor that may also come into play during the nominees' confirmation process.

China's Q4 and 2021 GDP grow faster than expected

China's economy grew 4.0% in the fourth quarter from a year earlier, faster than expected but its weakest expansion in one-and-half years. Gross domestic product (GDP) had been forecast to expand 3.6% from a year earlier, according to a Reuters poll of analysts, slowing from 4.9% in the third quarter. GDP grew 8.1% in 2021, the data showed, faster than 8.0% expected by analysts. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, GDP rose 1.6% in October-December, compared with expectations for a 1.1% rise and a revised 0.7% gain in the previous quarter. China's industrial output grew 4.3% in December from a year earlier, picking up from a 3.8% increase in November, official data showed. The figure beat expectations of a 3.6% increase. However, retail sales in December missed expectations with only a 1.7% increase from a year earlier while analysts had expected them to grow 3.7% after rising 3.9% in November.

China cuts rates on policy loans, analysts point to more easing ahead

China's central bank on Monday unexpectedly cut the borrowing costs of its medium-term loans for the first time since April 2020, while some market analysts expect more policy easing this year. The PBOC said it was lowering the interest rate on 700 billion yuan (\$110.19 billion) worth of one-year medium-term lending facility (MLF) loans to some financial institutions by 10 basis points to 2.85% from 2.95% in previous operations. The world's second-largest economy has shown signs of slowing after a rapid rebound from the COVID-19 slump, with concerns about the financial health of property developers and the rapid spread of the Omicron coronavirus variant clouding the outlook. With 500 billion yuan worth of MLF loans maturing on Monday, the operation resulted in a net injection of 200 billion yuans into the banking system.

Dollar finds a footing as traders brace for hawkish Fed

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.09, +2.00 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA, 9.8 years) was 2.10, +2.00 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.08-2.12. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 1.78%, +8.00bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 33.22 Moving in a range from 33.21-33.29 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 33.18-33.28 today. Meantime, The dollar clung to a late week bounce on Monday as investors braced for January's U.S. Federal Reserve meeting and raised bets it will chart a year ahead holding several rate hikes, while China surprised analysts with a benchmark cut.



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Currency Market

Currenov	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Ra	nge
Currency		Lasi				Min	Мах
Dollar Index	m	94.73	-0.2%	-1.7%	-1.8%	94.73	96.70
EUR/USD	m	1.1469	0.1%	1.6%	1.7%	1.1235	1.1469
USD/JPY	m	113.75	-0.5%	-1.9%	0.1%	113.43	115.99
USD/CHF	my	0.9103	-0.4%	-1.2%	-1.5%	0.9103	0.9258
GBP/USD		1.3723	0.0%	1.4%	3.9%	1.3201	1.3723
USD/CAD	m	1.2510	0.1%	-1.7%	-2.4%	1.2496	1.2932
AUD/USD	~~~	0.7274	-0.2%	1.6%	2.2%	0.7107	0.7287
NZD/USD	m	0.6858	0.0%	1.7%	1.7%	0.6723	0.6861
ASEAN Dolla	r	107.21	0.0%	-0.9%	-0.8%	107.21	108.22
USD/THB	m	33.20	-0.1%	-1.2%	-0.6%	33.20	33.77
USD/SGD	m	1.3444	0.0%	-1.2%	-1.8%	1.3443	1.3690
USD/MYR	m.	4.1784	0.2%	-0.8%	-1.3%	4.1654	4.2334
USD/IDR	~~~	14,282	-0.1%	-0.6%	-0.3%	14,189	14,388
USD/PHP	~~~~	51.07	0.1%	-0.5%	1.4%	49.94	51.35
USD/CNY	m	6.3496	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.2%	6.3373	6.3832
USD/HKD	mm	7.7791	0.0%	-0.3%	-0.3%	7.7791	7.8120

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)
1-month		0.15	0.15
3-month	w.	0.70	-0.05
6-month	m.	1.50	-0.20

Reserves (\$mn) 3M History \$mn Chg(1W) Last Total **244,330** -1666 **14,097** -151 Golds SDR 5,702 -3 III. IMF Reserves 1,240 -1 **223,292** -1512 Foreign Ccy Net Fwd Position ____ 32,980 -180

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
14/01/2022	-1,060	4,420	3,360
13/01/2022	1,144	5,390	6,534
12/01/2022	2,288	8,950	11,238
11/01/2022	1,534	2,454	3,988
10/01/2022	1,371	6,145	7,516
Last 5 days	5,278	27,359	32,637
Period-	to-date Equit	y Bond	Total
MTD Month	1 3,	761 🍖 45,	995 🏫 59,756
QTD Quarter	r 🏫 13,	761 🌪 45,	995 🏫 59,756
YTD Year	n 13,	761 🏫 45,	995 🏫 59,756

Money Market

THB	1M Hist	Last	1M R	lange	THBFI	1M Hist	Last	1M Ra	ange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange
BIBOR		Lasi	Min	Max	Х		Lasi	Min	Max	LIBOR		Lasi	Min	Max
ON		0.50	0.50	0.50	ON	~~~~·	0.39	0.33	0.54	ON	m	0.07	0.06	0.08
1W	my	0.52	0.52	0.52	1W	m	0.29	0.16	0.47	1W		0.00	0.07	0.08
1M		0.55	0.55	0.55	1M	m	0.28	0.15	0.40	1M	m	0.11	0.10	0.11
2M	m	0.58	0.58	0.58	2M	m	0.32	0.22	0.41	2M		0.00	0.14	0.16
3M	11	0.62	0.62	0.62	3M	mant	0.36	0.28	0.42	3M	m	0.24	0.18	0.24
6M		0.73	0.73	0.73	6M	m	0.37	0.30	0.41	6M		0.38	0.27	0.38
12M	m	0.95	0.95	0.95	12M	~	0.45	0.38	0.50	12M		0.66	0.46	0.66
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Note: D=d=day; M=mth=month; Y=year; %chg = percentage change; chg = change; USTH FX Sp = USD/THB FX Swap point; \$mn=million US dollar; THB.mn= Thai baht million; Hist=history; THB implied = Thai baht rate that are calculated by FX forward rate; ASEAN Index = value average ASEAN FX Jan2008=100

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Fixed Income Market

Fixed Income	1M History	VTM (0/)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W	/) Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range	
Fixed income			Bps Clig (1D)			Min	Мах
UST10y		1.7800	8.00	2.00	31.00	1.41	1.78
Gilt 10y		1.1558	-2.23	6.95	40.79	0.71	1.20
Bund 10y		-0.0500	-1.00	0.00	32.00	-0.39	-0.04
JGB 10y		0.1500	2.10	3.20	9.20	0.05	0.15
TGB 1y	man and a state of the state of	0.5087	-0.02	-0.08	-1.02	0.51	0.52
TGB 2y	m	0.6500	-0.24	-1.18	-1.93	0.64	0.67
TGB 5y		1.4262	-0.14	1.80	17.21	1.21	1.43
TGB 7y		1.8344	-0.18	6.28	19.04	1.58	1.84
TGB 10y	~	2.0953	0.50	5.45	13.69	1.86	2.10
AAA Spread		68.75	0.20	-3.53	-3.23	68.55	72.42
AA Spread	- no	82.84	0.02	-0.20	0.21	82.01	83.77
A Spread	*	135.49	0.02	-0.11	-6.21	135.46	141.72
BBB Spread		361.70	0.03	0.25	0.05	361.46	361.99

Note: UST = US Treasury; Gilt = UK Government Bond; JGB = Japanese Government bond; Bund = German Government Bond; TGB = Thai government Bond; tenors of the bonds are put after their name; bps=basis point; Corporate spreads are Thai and reported in basis points over government bond for the tenors 3-5 years.

Commodity Market

Commodity	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Cha (1M)	1M Ra	ange
Commounty		Lasi			%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	~~~	60.75	-1.2%	-5.6%	-0.3%	58.31	67.93
London Gold	~~~~	1822.3	0.0%	1.7%	2.1%	1,769.4	1,822.4

Note: Unit of Brent crude oil price is \$/barrel; unit of gold price is \$/ounce

Equity Market

Equity Index	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range		
		Lasi				Min	Max	
S&P500 (US)	~	4,662.9	0.1%	-0.3%	-0.1%	2,467.4	4,796.6	
STOXX (EU)	V	475.8	-0.7%	-0.6%	1.7%	328.0	487.4	
FTSE All-Share(U	K)	3,694.0	-1.0%	-0.7%	2.0%	3,571.2	3,746.8	
DAX (DE)	~~~~	15,883.2	-0.9%	-0.4%	2.8%	15,239.7	16,271.8	
CAC All-Tradable(FR)	5,432.3	-0.8%	-1.0%	2.1%	5,221.8	5,598.6	
TOPIX (JP)	m	1,977.7	-1.4%	-1.0%	0.0%	1,941.3	2,039.3	
Shanghai (CH)	my	3,690.0	-1.0%	-1.6%	-3.5%	3,690.0	3,858.4	
Hang Seng (HK)		24,383.3	-0.2%	3.8%	4.1%	22,744.9	24,429.8	
ASX 200 (AU)	m	7,393.9	-1.1%	-0.8%	0.2%	7,292.2	7,589.8	
SET (TH)	~~~	1,672.6	-0.4%	0.9%	2.6%	1,615.8	1,680.0	
SET50 (TH)	~~~	993.9	-0.3%	0.8%	2.3%	959.3	1,002.6	
Straits Times (SG)		3,282.0	0.8%	2.4%	4.9%	3,073.0	3,282.0	
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,555.3	-0.9%	0.8%	4.8%	1,480.9	1,569.5	
JSX Index (ID)	~~~	6,693.4	0.5%	-0.1%	1.0%	6,529.6	6,701.3	
PSE Index (PH)	m	7,261.3	-0.6%	3.6%	0.3%	7,011.1	7,334.6	
Vn Index (VN)	~~~~	1,496.0	0.0%	-2.1%	1.4%	1,457.0	1,528.6	

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Note: A = actual, P = previous; C = consensus

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