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British inflation shot up faster than expected last month to hit a new 30-year high, worsening a historic squeeze on household finances that finance minister Rishi Sunak is under pressure to ease in a budget update later on Wednesday. The Office for National Statistics said consumer prices rose by 6.2% year-on-year in February after a 5.5% rise in January, its highest rate since March 1992. Britain now has the second-highest annual inflation rate among Group of Seven countries, behind only the United States as global commodity and energy prices soar, exacerbated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

#### Japan's March factory activity up, Ukraine crisis weighs on outlook

Japan's manufacturing activity sped up in March from the prior month as a reduction in COVID-19 cases in the country helped lift orders and production, however, surging input prices and Russia's war in Ukraine clouded the outlook. Activity in the services sector, which has been battered by the pandemic, contracted for the third straight month, but the pace of decline slowed. The au Jibun Bank Flash Japan Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to a seasonally adjusted 53.2 in March from a final 52.7 in the previous month. The survey showed output rebounded from a contraction in the previous month, while activity in new orders posted an expansion, albeit at its slowest rate in six months.

### Putin wants 'unfriendly' countries to pay for Russian gas in roubles

Russia will seek payment in roubles for gas sold to "unfriendly" countries, President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday, and European gas prices soared on concerns the move would exacerbate the region's energy crunch. European nations and the United States have imposed heavy sanctions on Russia since Moscow sent troops into Ukraine on Feb. 24. But Europe depends heavily on Russian gas for heating and power generation, and the European Union is split on whether to sanction Russia's energy sector. The rouble briefly leapt after the shock announcement to a three-week high past 95 against the dollar. It pared gains but stayed well below 100, closing at 97.7 against the dollar, down more than 22% since Feb. 24.

### Dollar climbs, euro dips, as Biden brings sanctions plan to Europe

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.40, +2.70 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.36, +1.00 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.30-2.38. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 2.32%, -6.00bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 33.54 Moving in a range from 33.60-33.70 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 33.50-33.80 today. The dollar climbed on Wednesday while the euro weakened as oil prices shot higher again with U.S. President Joe Biden poised to announce, alongside European leaders, new sanctions against Russia during his trip to Europe.

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### **Currency Market**

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Currenov	1M History	Last	% Cha (1D)	% Cha (1)()	% Cha (1 M	、   1N	1M Range		
Currency		Lasi	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M	) Min	Max		
Dollar Index	$\sim$	98.46	-0.2%	-0.4%	2.3%	95.	87 99.22		
EUR/USD		1.1028	0.3%	0.5%	-2.4%	1.08	51 1.1358		
USD/JPY		120.96	0.8%	2.4%	5.5%	114.	66 120.96		
USD/CHF		0.9337	-0.2%	-0.6%	1.8%	0.91	68 0.9399		
GBP/USD		1.3278	1.0%	1.7%	-2.2%	1.30	25 1.3615		
USD/CAD	men.	1.2577	-0.2%	-1.4%	-1.5%	1.25	77 1.2883		
AUD/USD	~~~~	0.7457	0.9%	3.5%	3.8%	0.71	75 0.7457		
NZD/USD	~~~~	0.6956	1.1%	2.9%	3.8%	0.66	87 0.6956		
ASEAN Dollar		106.95	0.0%	0.1%	1.3%	105.	21 107.05		
USD/THB		33.54	-0.3%	0.3%	3.5%	32.	13 33.63		
USD/SGD		1.3566	-0.1%	-0.5%	0.7%	1.34	31 1.3665		
USD/MYR	$\sim$	4.2159	0.1%	0.5%	0.7%	4.17	80 4.2159		
USD/IDR	~~~~	14,320	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	14,2	78 14,397		
USD/PHP		52.38	0.1%	0.3%	1.7%	51.	17 52.43		
USD/CNY		6.3704	0.1%	0.2%	0.6%	6.30	35 6.3818		
USD/HKD		7.8208	-0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	7.79	61 7.8327		
FX Swap Mar					lows (THB.mn)	,			
USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)	Date	Equity	Bond	Total		
1-month		-* 0.15	0.15	03/03/2022	2,853	407	3,261		
3-month	$\sim$	• 0.70	-0.05	02/03/2022	2,911	-5,339	-2,428		
6-month	$\sim$	<b>-</b> 1.50	-0.20	01/03/2022	4,022	-5,425	-1,403		
	) 3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)	28/02/2022	4,345	-6,703	-2,358		
Reserves (\$mr		Lasi		25/02/2022	2,477	1,807	4,284		
Total		<b>245,318</b>		Last 5 days	16,609	-15,252	1,357		
Golds		<b>14,899</b>		Period-to-da	te Equity	Bond	Total		
SDR IMF Reserves		■ 5,703 ■ 1,240		MTD Month	<b>9,787</b>	<b>-10,357</b>	🖕 -570		
Foreign Ccy		223,477				-	-		
Net Fwd Positio		32,070		QTD Quarter	• 87,121	142,169	229,290		
			update: 18/02/2022	YTD Year	87,121	142,169	<b>P</b> 229,290		

### **Money Market**

THB 1M Hist		1M Range	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Loct	1M Range		USD		Loct	1M Range		
BIBOR		Last	Min	Max			Last	Min	Max	LIBOR	1M Hist	Last	Min	Max
ON	row	0.50	0.50	0.50	ON	<u> </u>	0.39	0.33	0.54	ON	<u></u>	0.08	0.07	0.08
1W	~~~~	0.52	0.52	0.52	1W		0.29	0.16	0.47	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M	مرجد	0.55	0.55	0.55	1M	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.28	0.15	0.40	1M		0.35	0.12	0.35
2M	مسهد	0.58	0.58	0.58	2M	~~~~	0.32	0.22	0.41	2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
ЗM		0.63	0.62	0.63	ЗM	~~~	0.36	0.28	0.42	ЗM		0.75	0.34	0.75
6M	me	0.73	0.73	0.73	6M	~~~	0.37	0.30	0.41	6M		1.04	0.56	1.04
12M		0.95	0.95	0.95	12M		0.45	0.38	0.50	12M	~~~	1.49	1.00	1.49
							Las	t Updated:	23/02/2021			Las	t Updated:	09/03/2022

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	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Rang					
Fixed income						Min					
UST10y	~~~	2.3200	-6.00	13.00	38.00	1.72					
Gilt 10y	$\sim$	1.6163	11.88	1.29	22.27	1.16					
Bund 10y		0.5000	10.00	16.00	29.00	-0.07					
JGB 10y	~~~	0.2290	1.10	2.50	0.20	0.14					
TGB 1y		0.5260	0.14	0.47	1.70	0.51					
TGB 2y	~	0.7622	5.57	8.34	4.80	0.67					
TGB 5y	~~~	1.4781	1.99	4.20	9.27	1.30					
TGB 7y	~	2.0559	1.80	4.73	25.39	1.72					
TGB 10y		2.4042	2.70	5.52	22.31	2.10					
AAA Spread	1.	64.70	-0.05	-1.60	-1.71	64.70					
AA Spread	~~~~	83.80	-0.54	0.49	2.78	79.40					
A Spread		127.24	0.17	-1.87	-9.63	127.07					
BBB Spread		379.57	-0.20	-0.30	41.85	334.86					

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	% Cha (1D)	% Cha (1)//)	% Cha (1M)	1M Range	
Commounty		Lasi	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	$\sim$	60.75	-1.2%	-5.6%	-0.3%	58.31	67.93
London Gold	$\sim$	1932.2	0.1%	0.7%	2.0%	1,887.0	2,017.2

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 Ra	1M Range		
Equity index		Lasi	%Citg(1D)			Min	Max		
S&P500 (US)	V	4,456.2	-1.2%	2.3%	3.5%	2,467.4	4,511.6		
STOXX (EU)	$\sim$	434.4	-0.6%	0.7%	-1.8%	328.0	451.7		
FTSE All-Share(UK		3,694.0	-1.0%	-0.7%	2.0%	3,571.2	3,746.8		
DAX (DE)	~~~	14,473.2	1.0%	4.0%	-1.8%	12,831.5	15,267.6		
CAC All-Tradable(F	R)	5,008.0	-1.2%	0.0%	-2.8%	4,525.3	5,253.0		
TOPIX (JP)	~~~	1,978.7	2.3%	8.3%	2.8%	1,758.9	1,978.7		
Shanghai (CH)		3,428.4	0.3%	3.2%	-5.4%	3,211.4	3,658.5		
Hang Seng (HK)		22,154.1	1.2%	10.3%	-5.8%	18,415.1	24,327.7		
ASX 200 (AU)	~~~~	7,377.9	0.5%	2.8%	3.0%	6,980.3	7,377.9		
SET (TH)	~~~	1,678.0	0.0%	0.6%	-0.8%	1,619.1	1,713.2		
SET50 (TH)	~~~	1,008.6	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.8%	983.0	1,035.9		
Straits Times (SG)	~~~	3,364.3	0.4%	2.2%	-1.1%	3,148.9	3,436.4		
FTSE Malay (MY)	~~~	1,597.9	0.8%	1.7%	1.3%	1,546.9	1,618.5		
JSX Index (ID)	~~~~	6,996.1	-0.1%	0.1%	1.5%	6,814.2	7,000.8		
PSE Index (PH)	~~~~	7,009.4	0.0%	-0.2%	-4.9%	6,817.0	7,440.9		
Vn Index (VN)	$\sim$	1,502.3	-0.1%	2.9%	-0.1%	1,446.3	1,512.3		

#### Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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