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The Federal Reserve on Wednesday raised its benchmark overnight interest rate by half a percentage point, setting its target federal funds rate to a range between 0.75% and 1% in a unanimous decision. Fed Chair Jerome Powell also said policymakers were ready to approve half-percentage-point rate hikes at upcoming policy meetings in June and July. However, the inflation battle might be unpleasant as the Fed force Americans to pay more for home mortgages and auto loans, and possibly dent asset values. Next month, it would start to reduce the roughly \$9 trillion stash of assets accumulated to bring inflation under control as well. Still, Powell said he felt the U.S. economy is performing well, and strong enough to withstand the coming rate increases without being driven into recession or even seeing a significant rise in unemployment.

Bank of England set for 4th straight rate hike to fight inflation

The Bank of England looks poised to raise interest rates on Thursday for the fourth time since December, from 0.75% to 1%. But the BoE must tread carefully to avoid a recession, even with inflation at 7% - more than three times its target - and still expected to rise to 10% in April. Investors on Wednesday priced in a less than one-in-three chance of a Fed-style, half-percentage-point hike by the BoE. However, the BoE must balance fast inflation with slowdown worries. This is as showed by sterling languishing around a 21-month low against the dollar on worries about the British economic outlook. Signs of a slowdown - and even a possible recession - are mounting with consumer confidence close to a record low and retail sales falling two months as the cost-of-living tightens. Like the Fed, the BoE is expected to start selling down the huge stockpile of bonds, which have been bought since the global financial crisis over a decade ago, as another way to tackle inflation.

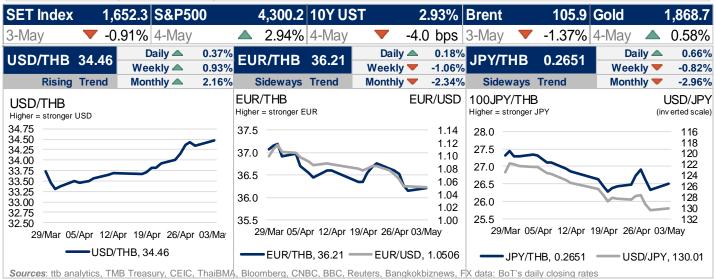
China's services activity shrink the most in 26 months

China's services PMI sank to 36.3 in April 2022 from 42.0 in March, being the second straight month of contraction amid ongoing tighter COVID19 containment measures and the sharpest fall in the sector since the onset of the pandemic in February 2020. Meantime export sales fall in the most in 2 years and employment shrank for the fourth month running. On inflation, input costs rose due to greater costs for raw materials, fuel and spending on pandemic-protection measures. Meanwhile, output costs fell for the first time in 8 months, amid efforts by some firms to attract new clients by lowering fees. Finally, confidence improved slightly, on optimism that outbreaks would be brought under control.

US Futures ease after Post-Fed relief rally

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.97, +12.70 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.90, +20.0 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.85-2.95. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 2.93%, -4.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.46, moving in a range from 34.04-34.10 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 33.95-34.08 today. The relief in stock market came as the Fed increased its benchmark interest rate by 50 basis points as widely expected and said to reduce its balance sheet in June. Powell also clarified that the Fed is not actively considering a larger 75 basis point rate hike, boosting investor sentiment further.

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Currency Market

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Currency	1M History Last		%Chg (1D)	% Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M R	ange					
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Dollar Index		103.56	0.2%	2.2%	4.5%	97.85	103.56					
EUR/USD	~~~	1.0506	-0.2%	-2.5%	-4.1%	1.0506	1.1164					
USD/JPY		130.01	-0.3%	1.2%	5.8%	121.20	130.39					
USD/CHF		0.9780	0.7%	2.2%	4.8%	0.9238	0.9780					
GBP/USD		1.2512	0.1%	-2.2%	-4.9%	1.2501	1.3203					
USD/CAD		1.2861	0.7%	1.0%	2.9%	1.2487	1.2861					
AUD/USD		0.7086	-0.7%	-1.4%	-5.6%	0.7086	0.7562					
NZD/USD		0.6448	-0.9%	-2.4%	-7.1%	0.6448	0.6966					
ASEAN Dollar		109.75	0.2%	0.8%	2.0%	107.12	109.75					
USD/THB		34.46	0.4%	1.4%	2.2%	33.31	34.46					
USD/SGD		1.3849	0.1%	0.8%	1.8%	1.3529	1.3849					
USD/MYR		4.3530	0.0%	0.3%	3.4%	4.2032	4.3607					
USD/IDR	·	14,478	0.0%	0.7%	1.2%	14,308	14,478					
USD/PHP	~~~	52.58	0.6%	0.3%	0.6%	51.28	52.58					
USD/CNY		6.6494	0.1%	1.5%	4.2%	6.3491	6.6494					
USD/HKD	~~~~	7.8502	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	7.8217	7.8502					

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%0	Chg(1D)
1-month	>	0.15	0.15	
3-month	~~~	0.70	-0.05	
6-month	~~~	1.50	-0.20	
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)
Total		233,927	-4174	
Golds		45 450	0.40	II.
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SDR		5,535	-26 29	

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Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)												
Date		Ec	uity		Во	nd	•	Total				
5/3/2	2022	-1,	834		-1,4	186		3,321				
4/29	/2022		487		4	115		901				
4/28	4/28/2022		776		2,1	2,125		2,901				
4/27	4/27/2022 2		303		1,498		;	3,802				
4/26	/2022		247		-1,2	241		-994				
Last	5 days	1,	979		1,3	311		3,289				
	Period-to-date		e Equity		Bond		т	otal				
MTD	Month		J -1	,834	•	-1,486	•	-3,321				
QTD	Quarter		9	,035	•	6,131	Ŷ	15,166				
YTD	Year		♠ 1:	19,899	•	91,690	•	211,589				

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THB	_ 1M Hist La	1M Lict	Lact	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange
BIBOR	пи пізі	Lası	Min	Max	ППВГІЛ	IIII IIISL	Lasi	Min	Max	LIBOR	IIVI HISL	Lası	Min	Max	
ON	whom.	0.50	0.50	0.50	ON		0.39	0.33	0.54	ON	<u>v</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		0.55	0.55	0.55	1M	·	0.28	0.15	0.40	1M	•	0.35	0.12	0.35	
2M	,,	0.59	0.58	0.59	2M	~~~	0.32	0.22	0.41	2M		0.00	0.00	0.00	
3M	مسر	0.63	0.63	0.63	3M	~~~	0.36	0.28	0.42	3M	مسس	0.75	0.34	0.75	
6M		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:	2/23/2021			Las	t Updated:	3/9/2022	

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

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Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range	
Fixed income	TWI HISTORY	1 I IVI (70)	вра Cilg (1D)	bps Clig (1W)	bps Clig (TM)	Min	Max
UST10y		2.9300	-4.00	11.00	51.00	2.32	2.99
Gilt 10y		1.9191	4.09	-3.46	26.83	1.56	1.99
Bund 10y		0.9800	0.00	17.00	39.00	0.49	0.98
JGB 10y	~~~~	0.2200	-3.00	-2.90	-0.40	0.21	0.26
TGB 1y		0.6326	0.25	1.20	10.00	0.53	0.63
TGB 2y		1.4370	3.95	5.37	48.80	0.80	1.44
TGB 5y		2.4125	12.45	9.81	71.53	1.50	2.41
TGB 7y	-	2.7837	16.16	16.17	51.89	2.06	2.78
TGB 10y		2.9728	12.70	9.71	42.94	2.35	2.97
AAA Spread	~~~~	59.41	-0.87	-0.70	-3.90	57.74	64.34
AA Spread		79.42	-0.02	2.04	-0.68	76.93	83.32
A Spread		129.63	-0.12	-0.03	1.25	127.06	132.16
BBB Spread	~	397.06	-0.30	0.09	-3.06	396.94	401.46

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)		9/ Cha (1\N)	9/ Cha (1M)	1M Range	
Commodity	TWI HISTOTY	Lasi	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	~~~	105.91	-1.4%	0.6%	2.0%	98.48	113.49
London Gold		1868.7	0.6%	-1.8%	-2.9%	1,857.9	1,976.0

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

Equity Market

Equity Index	Equity Index 1M History		%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	1M Range		
Equity index	TWI FIISTOLY	Last	⁷ ⁄ ₆ Clig (1D)	/«City (1 w)	/ /o City (TWI)	Min	Max	
S&P500 (US)	1/	4,300.2	3.0%	2.8%	-6.2%	2,467.4	4,582.6	
STOXX (EU)	*	425.6	0.8%	1.5%	-3.2%	328.0	439.5	
FTSE All-Share(UK)		3,694.0	-1.0%	-0.7%	2.0%	3,571.2	3,746.8	
DAX (DE)	~~~	13,970.8	-0.5%	1.3%	-3.3%	13,756.4	14,606.1	
CAC All-Tradable(F	R	4,877.8	-1.1%	-0.6%	-4.0%	4,877.8	5,126.6	
TOPIX (JP)	~~~	1,898.4	-0.1%	-0.4%	-2.5%	1,860.8	1,991.7	
Shanghai (CH)		3,193.3	2.4%	-1.3%	-4.9%	3,025.0	3,441.3	
Hang Seng (HK)		20,869.5	-1.1%	4.7%	-6.1%	19,869.3	22,502.3	
ASX 200 (AU)	~~~	7,304.7	-0.2%	0.6%	-2.6%	7,261.2	7,592.8	
SET (TH)	~~~	1,652.3	-0.9%	-1.4%	-1.9%	1,652.3	1,702.9	
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SET50 (TH)		979.0	-0.5%	-0.4%	-3.3%	978.8	1,023.7	
Straits Times (SG)	~~~	3,349.3	-0.2%	0.9%	-2.0%	3,303.1	3,445.0	
FTSE Malay (MY)	~~~	1,600.4	0.2%	-0.1%	1.1%	1,581.1	1,607.3	
JSX Index (ID)		7,228.9	0.4%	-0.6%	3.1%	7,002.5	7,276.2	
PSE Index (PH)	~~~	6,802.7	1.2%	-2.5%	-5.6%	6,721.1	7,203.5	
Vn Index (VN)		1,348.7	-1.3%	2.9%	-11.1%	1,310.9	1,524.7	

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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