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Federal Reserve officials discussed how they want to reduce their trillions in bond holdings at the March meeting, with a consensus around \$95 billion a month. Officials "generally agreed" that a maximum of \$60 billion in Treasuries and \$35 billion in mortgage-backed securities would be allowed to roll off, phased in over three months and likely starting in May. In addition to the balance sheet talk, officials also discussed the pace of interest rate hikes ahead, with members leaning toward more aggressive moves of the potential rate hikes of 50 basis points. Also, Fed officials sharply raised their inflation outlook and lowered their economic growth expectations. Surging inflation is the driving factor behind the central bank tightening.

China's cabinet flags more measures to support economy

China's cabinet on Wednesday held out the prospect of more measures to support an economy under pressure from a slowing global recovery, volatile commodity markets and COVID-19 outbreaks. Authorities will step up financing support for consumption and investment, and the central bank will provide loans to support tech innovation and an inclusive elderly care sector. Authorities will also postpone pension insurance premium payments by firms in the catering, retail, tourism, civil aviation and transport sectors in the second quarter. China's top European business group warned that its "zero-COVID" strategy was harming the attractiveness of Shanghai as a financial hub, echoing analysts voicing caution over the mounting economic toll of coronavirus curbs.

Asia's coal price jumps as EU's Russia ban threatens supply

Coal prices in Asia jumped as Europe's move to ban Russian imports of the fuel threatened to deliver a new global supply challenge. Coal futures for April jumped 6.4% to \$281 a ton Tuesday, the biggest gain in almost two weeks as European consumers step up a hunt for alternatives to Russian coal. Miners in Indonesia, the top shipper of coal for power stations, have been approached by some potential buyers from European countries. However, it isn't clear if the suppliers will be able to boost deliveries as they have limited spare capacity and are mandated to first prioritize local demand. Even though Asian coal prices had declined over the last several weeks after China's lockdowns, the benchmark prices are still more than 2.5 times higher than a year ago.

Asian shares slip on hawkish Fed, dollar stands tall

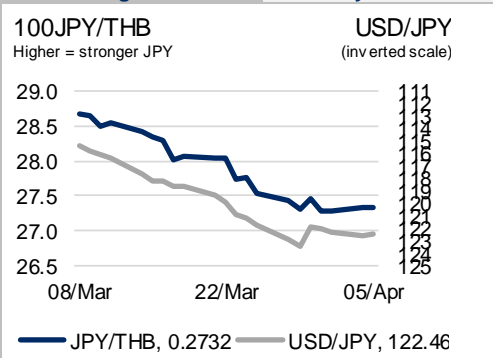
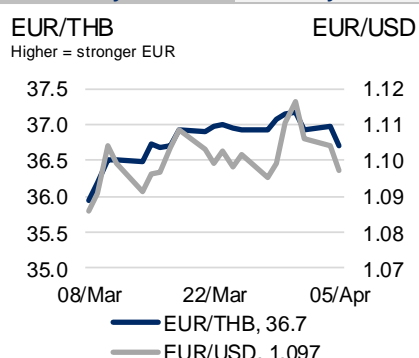
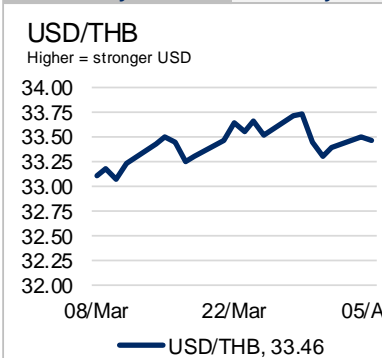
Asian shares retreated on Thursday in line with a global selloff, as markets were spooked by more aggressive noises from U.S. policymakers about the need for tighter monetary policy, which also kept the dollar near a two-year peak. In currency markets the prospect of quantitative tightening in the United States kept the dollar near a two-year high against a basket of currencies. The dollar index was also supported by commodity currencies' retreat from recent highs due to a dip in oil prices.

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.41, -1.34 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.33, -2.00 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.30-2.40. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 2.61%, +7.00bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 33.58, moving in a range from 33.50-33.58 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 33.50-33.60 today.

Sources : Bloomberg, CNBC, Investing, CEIC

SET Index	1,701.2	S&P500	4,481.2	10Y UST	2.61%	Brent	106.6	Gold	1,929.0
5-Apr	▼ -0.10%	6-Apr	▼ -0.98%	6-Apr	▲ 7.0 bps	5-Apr	▼ -0.83%	6-Apr	▼ -0.02%

USD/THB	33.46	EUR/THB	36.70	JPY/THB	0.2732
Daily ▼ -0.11%	Weekly ▲ 0.02%	Daily ▼ -0.73%	Weekly ▼ -1.20%	Daily ▼ -0.04%	Weekly ▼ -0.48%
Monthly ▲ 1.08%	Monthly ▲ 2.08%	Monthly ▲ 2.08%	Monthly ▲ 2.08%	Monthly ▼ -4.85%	Monthly ▼ -4.85%



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		98.96	0.3%	-0.1%	-0.1%	97.59	99.22
EUR/USD		1.0970	-0.6%	-0.2%	1.1%	1.0851	1.1164
USD/JPY		122.46	-0.1%	-0.9%	6.6%	114.89	123.52
USD/CHF		0.9258	0.0%	-0.8%	0.5%	0.9185	0.9399
GBP/USD		1.3124	0.1%	0.2%	-0.6%	1.3025	1.3380
USD/CAD		1.2487	-0.3%	-0.2%	-1.9%	1.2487	1.2883
AUD/USD		0.7562	0.9%	0.9%	2.1%	0.7183	0.7562
NZD/USD		0.6957	0.5%	0.8%	1.0%	0.6740	0.6966
ASEAN Dollar		106.51	-0.1%	-0.4%	0.2%	105.82	106.96
USD/THB		33.46	-0.1%	-0.8%	1.8%	32.54	33.73
USD/SGD		1.3560	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.5%	1.3529	1.3665
USD/MYR		4.2156	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.9%	4.1780	4.2295
USD/IDR		14,315	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.6%	14,278	14,397
USD/PHP		51.28	-0.5%	-1.5%	-1.5%	51.28	52.43
USD/CNY		6.3612	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.7%	6.3125	6.3831
USD/HKD		7.8295	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	7.8070	7.8369

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%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		242,364	-292
Gold		15,370	290
SDR		5,607	-21
IMF Reserves		1,217	-7
Foreign Ccy		220,169	-553
Net Fwd Position		30,040	-650

Last update: 3/25/2022

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
4/5/2022	2,717	475	3,191
4/4/2022	730	2,135	2,865
4/1/2022	1,875	4,618	6,494
3/31/2022	391	2,641	3,032
3/30/2022	3,302	1,887	5,189
Last 5 days	9,015	11,756	20,771

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↑ 5,322	↑ 7,228	↑ 12,550
QTD	Quarter	↑ 5,322	↑ 7,228	↑ 12,550
YTD	Year	↑ 116,186	↑ 92,787	↑ 208,973

Money Market

THB BIBOR	1M Hist	Last	1M Range		THBFIx	1M Hist	Last	1M Range		USD LIBOR	1M Hist	Last	1M Range	
			Min	Max				Min	Max				Min	Max
ON		0.50	0.50	0.50	ON		0.39	0.33	0.54	ON		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		0.63	0.62	0.63	3M		0.36	0.28	0.42	3M		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

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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

Fixed Income Market

Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
UST10y		2.6100	7.00	26.00	75.00	1.74	2.61
Gilt 10y		1.5643	-6.65	-4.93	36.31	1.20	1.70
Bund 10y		0.6500	11.00	0.00	60.00	-0.07	0.65
JGB 10y		0.2380	2.60	1.40	8.50	0.15	0.26
TGB 1y		0.5544	0.63	2.33	4.42	0.51	0.55
TGB 2y		0.9443	0.46	-0.50	27.28	0.67	0.95
TGB 5y		1.6559	0.00	-2.62	31.12	1.33	1.70
TGB 7y		2.1655	-1.26	-8.82	36.46	1.75	2.26
TGB 10y		2.4083	-1.34	-9.70	26.17	2.13	2.54
AAA Spread		61.71	-0.62	-1.98	-3.86	61.71	66.87
AA Spread		80.55	-0.09	0.18	-1.67	79.40	84.51
A Spread		132.16	0.12	3.94	-2.57	127.06	134.95
BBB Spread		401.13	0.00	0.18	65.79	334.86	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)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Brent Crude		106.64	-0.8%	-3.3%	-13.4%	98.02	127.98
London Gold		1929.0	0.0%	0.6%	-3.9%	1,911.1	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 Range	
						Min	Max
S&P500 (US)		4,481.2	-1.0%	-2.6%	7.4%	2,467.4	4,631.6
STOXX (EU)		436.5	0.0%	-0.9%	12.3%	328.0	444.7
FTSE All-Share(UK)		3,694.0	-1.0%	-0.7%	2.0%	3,571.2	3,746.8
DAX (DE)		14,424.4	-0.6%	-2.7%	12.4%	12,831.5	14,820.3
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		4,940.0	-2.2%	-3.6%	9.2%	4,525.3	5,165.1
TOPIX (JP)		1,922.9	-1.3%	-2.3%	7.2%	1,758.9	1,991.7
Shanghai (CH)		3,441.3	0.0%	2.1%	-4.8%	3,211.4	3,651.7
Hang Seng (HK)		22,080.5	-1.9%	0.7%	4.9%	18,415.1	22,502.3
ASX 200 (AU)		7,490.1	-0.5%	-0.3%	7.3%	6,980.3	7,527.9
SET (TH)		1,701.2	-0.1%	0.7%	4.6%	1,619.1	1,702.9
SET50 (TH)		1,021.3	-0.1%	0.4%	3.8%	983.0	1,026.2
Straits Times (SG)		3,423.0	-0.6%	-0.6%	8.7%	3,148.9	3,445.0
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,604.7	0.5%	1.4%	3.7%	1,546.9	1,604.7
JSX Index (ID)		7,104.2	-0.6%	0.7%	4.3%	6,814.2	7,148.3
PSE Index (PH)		7,109.3	-0.7%	-0.8%	1.9%	6,817.0	7,342.0
Vn Index (VN)		1,522.9	0.2%	2.2%	3.3%	1,446.3	1,524.7

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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