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U.S. business activity contracted further in December as new orders slumped to the lowest level in just over 2-1/2 years, but softening demand helped to significantly cool inflation. S&P Global said on Friday its flash U.S. Composite PMI Output Index, which tracks the manufacturing and services sectors, fell to 44.6 this month from a final reading of 46.4 in November. It was the sixth straight month that the index remained below the 50 mark, which indicates contraction in the private sector. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the index at 47. The Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate increases to tame inflation are weighing on the economy, though the labor market remains strong as businesses are not keen to lay off workers following difficulties finding labor during the COVID-19 pandemic years.

Euro zone business activity falls at slower rate in Dec, inflation eases

Euro zone business activity shrank at the slowest pace in four months in December, suggesting a likely recession ahead will be shallower than previously thought, a survey showed on Friday, while prices rose at the most modest rate in about a year. S&P Global's flash Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), seen as a good gauge of overall economic health, rose to a four-month high of 48.8 this month from 47.8 in November, higher than the median Reuters poll forecast of 48.0. But December was the sixth month below the 50-mark separating growth from contraction, the longest streak of a downturn since June 2013. Still, the downturn in German economic activity eased for the second straight month as retreating price pressures bolstered the view that a milder recession lies ahead, a sister survey showed.

Chinese business confidence lowest in almost a decade

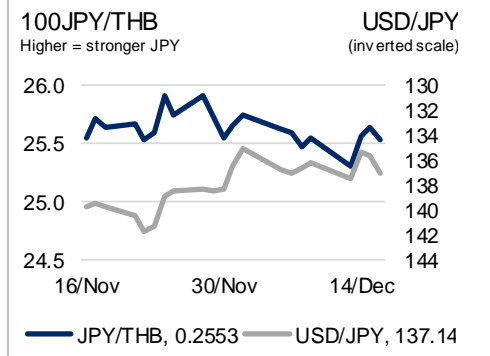
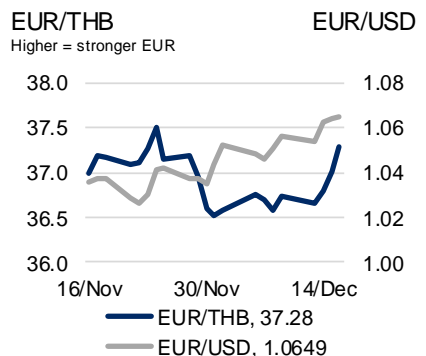
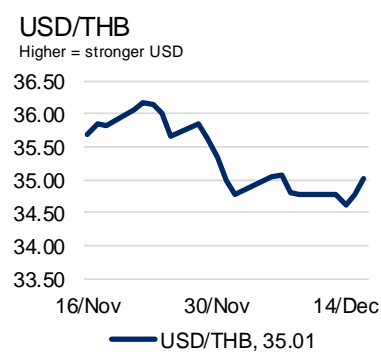
China's business confidence hit its lowest level since at least January 2013, a survey by World Economics showed on Monday, reflecting the impact of surging COVID-19 cases on economic activity and hinting at possible recession next year. The index fell to 48.1 in December from 51.8 in November, showed the World Economics' survey of sales managers at over 2,300 companies conducted Dec. 1-16. The index was the lowest since the survey began. The world's second-biggest economy after the United States is facing a surge in COVID-19 infections following the abrupt relaxation of strict containment measures, hitting businesses and consumers alike, while a weakening global economy is hurting Chinese exports. China's GDP is expected to grow just 3% this year, its worst performance in nearly half a century.

Oil rises on Chinese demand hopes, U.S. SPR replenishment

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.56, +2.41 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.36, +2.33 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.20-2.70. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.48, +4.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.01 Moving in a range of 34.73-34.85 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.80-35.20 today. Oil prices rose on Monday, recovering from steep losses in the prior session as markets bet on a demand recovery fueled by China's economic reopening, while the Biden administration's pledge to begin refilling its strategic reserve also brightened the outlook for prices. Crude markets were buoyant as several Chinese officials, including President Xi Jinping, vowed to shore up economic growth after a year of COVID-19 lockdowns battered the world's second-largest economy. The country has now begun relaxing several anti-COVID measures, with recent road and air transport metrics showing that fuel demand is already picking up.

Sources : ttb analytics , Bloomberg, CNBC, Trading Economics, Investing, CEIC

SET Index	1,619.0	S&P500	3,852.4	10Y UST	3.48%	Brent	79.0	Gold	1,780.2
16-Dec	▼ -0.08%	16-Dec	▼ -1.12%	16-Dec	▲ 4.0 bps	16-Dec	▼ -2.71%	16-Dec	▲ 0.24%
USD/THB 35.01	Daily ▲ 0.68%	EUR/THB 37.28	Daily ▲ 0.74%	JPY/THB 0.2553	Daily ▼ -0.44%				
	Weekly ▲ 0.65%		Weekly ▲ 1.48%		Weekly ▼ -0.04%				
	Monthly ▼ -1.95%		Monthly ▲ 0.81%		Monthly ▼ -0.09%				
Sideways Trend		Rising Trend		Falling Trend					



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		104.32	0.3%	-0.9%	-2.4%	103.96	108.10
EUR/USD		1.0649	0.1%	1.3%	3.1%	1.0195	1.0649
USD/JPY		137.14	1.1%	0.3%	-2.1%	135.06	141.78
USD/CHF		0.9260	0.0%	-1.6%	-1.9%	0.9260	0.9655
GBP/USD		1.2215	-1.4%	0.1%	3.8%	1.1687	1.2383
USD/CAD		1.3626	0.3%	-0.3%	2.4%	1.3256	1.3671
AUD/USD		0.6715	-1.7%	0.0%	0.2%	0.6613	0.6831
NZD/USD		0.6360	-1.2%	0.1%	4.1%	0.6014	0.6443

ASEAN Dollar		106.32	0.3%	0.3%	-1.6%	105.83	108.77
USD/THB		35.01	0.7%	0.6%	-1.9%	34.61	36.18
USD/SGD		1.3558	0.4%	0.0%	-1.1%	1.3478	1.3817
USD/MYR		4.4198	0.2%	0.5%	-3.6%	4.3841	4.6357
USD/IDR		15,586	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.4%	15,465	15,713
USD/PHP		55.79	-0.3%	0.8%	-2.8%	55.37	57.55
USD/CNY		6.9652	0.1%	0.1%	-1.0%	6.9534	7.2002
USD/HKD		7.7674	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.8%	7.7674	7.8329

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		219,547	5515
Gold		14,104	-9
SDR		5,414	-4
IMF Reserves		1,236	-1
Foreign Ccy		198,793	5528
Net Fwd Position		28,910	570

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Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
16/12/2022	2,311	-1,053	1,258
15/12/2022	-1,268	713	-554
14/12/2022	2,177	347	2,524
13/12/2022	-32	8,237	8,205
09/12/2022	-169	-1,664	-1,833
Last 5 days	3,019	6,580	9,599

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -5,798	↑ 47,239	↑ 41,441
QTD	Quarter	↑ 33,951	↑ 99,092	↑ 133,043
YTD	Year	↑ 184,186	↑ 206,143	↑ 390,329

Money Market

THB BIBOR	1M Hist	Last	1M Range		THB FIX	1M Hist	Last	1M Range		USD LIBOR	1M Hist	Last	1M Range	
			Min	Max				Min	Max				Min	Max
ON		1.25	1.00	1.25	ON		1.66	1.16	1.66	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		1.27	1.04	1.27	1W		1.42	0.80	1.50	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M		1.31	1.12	1.31	1M		0.25	-0.03	1.40	1M		0.35	0.12	0.35
2M		1.36	1.23	1.36	2M					2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M		1.43	1.30	1.43	3M		1.01	0.95	1.43	3M		0.75	0.34	0.75
6M		1.60	1.46	1.60	6M		1.64	1.51	1.74	6M		1.04	0.56	1.04
12M		1.90	1.81	1.90	12M		2.02	1.93	2.24	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		3.4800	4.00	-9.00	-19.00	3.42	3.88
Gilt 10y		3.3973	5.21	25.56	1.33	3.08	4.43
Bund 10y		2.1900	28.00	33.00	21.00	1.76	2.19
JGB 10y		0.2800	-0.10	0.30	2.00	0.26	0.28
TGB 1y		1.4228	0.26	-2.07	7.99	1.34	1.45
TGB 2y		1.6378	-0.19	-7.83	-11.44	1.64	1.79
TGB 5y		1.9411	-0.08	-14.18	-37.20	1.94	2.38
TGB 7y		2.1911	0.26	-8.52	-32.39	2.19	2.63
TGB 10y		2.5631	2.41	-3.54	-17.34	2.52	2.84
AAA Spread		73.60	0.03	0.43	-0.77	71.06	76.23
AA Spread		95.90	0.01	0.51	1.05	91.10	96.28
A Spread		129.02	0.02	2.71	9.65	118.90	129.02
BBB Spread		225.66	0.03	0.43	1.46	223.77	241.96

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		79.04	-2.7%	3.9%	-12.0%	76.10	93.86
London Gold		1780.2	0.2%	-0.7%	0.9%	1,735.8	1,808.2

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)		3,852.4	-1.1%	-2.1%	-2.4%	2,467.4	4,080.1
STOXX (EU)		427.8	3.3%	1.0%	2.6%	328.0	427.9
FTSE All-Share(UK)		3,694.0	-1.0%	-0.7%	2.0%	3,571.2	3,746.8
DAX (DE)		13,893.1	-0.7%	-3.3%	-2.6%	13,893.1	14,541.4
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		4,855.2	-1.1%	-3.3%	-1.8%	4,855.2	5,073.5
TOPIX (JP)		1,950.2	-1.2%	-0.6%	-0.7%	1,941.5	2,018.8
Shanghai (CH)		3,320.5	0.0%	-1.2%	1.7%	3,226.7	3,367.3
Hang Seng (HK)		19,450.7	0.4%	-2.3%	7.8%	17,297.9	19,900.9
ASX 200 (AU)		7,148.7	-0.8%	-0.9%	0.2%	7,122.2	7,354.4
SET (TH)		1,619.0	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.6%	1,615.0	1,648.4
SET50 (TH)		980.2	0.2%	0.3%	-1.2%	977.5	1,001.3
Straits Times (SG)		3,240.8	-1.0%	-0.2%	-1.4%	3,225.5	3,292.7
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,478.5	0.8%	0.1%	1.9%	1,441.3	1,501.9
JSX Index (ID)		6,812.2	0.9%	1.4%	-3.3%	6,715.1	7,082.2
PSE Index (PH)		6,496.5	-1.1%	-1.3%	1.2%	6,286.8	6,780.8
Vn Index (VN)		1,052.5	-0.3%	0.1%	8.6%	911.9	1,093.7

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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