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U.S. single-family homebuilding tumbled to a 2-1/2-year low in November and permits for future construction plunged as higher mortgage rates continued to depress housing market activity. The dour report from the Commerce Department on Tuesday followed on the heels of news on Monday that confidence among homebuilders plummeted for a record 12th month in December. Single-family housing starts, which account for the biggest share of homebuilding, dropped 4.1% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 828,000 units last month. That was the lowest level since May 2020, when the economy was reeling from the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Outside the pandemic plunge, single-family starts are the weakest since February 2019. Single-family homebuilding decreased in the South and Midwest, generally considered as the more affordable regions of the United States. It increased in the Northeast and West.

German PPI slumps again in November as energy spike unwinds

Producer price inflation in Europe's largest economy fell sharply in November for the second straight month as a spike in energy prices unwound further. Federal Statistics Office Destatis said factory gate prices fell 3.9% from October, after a 4.2% drop the previous month. Those moves followed three months in which surging prices for gas and electricity drove producer prices up by a total of over 15%. The figures suggest a measure of relief for the European Central Bank, indicating that the cardinal factors behind this year's surge in inflation are starting to recede: the annual rate of producer price inflation fell to 28.2% and is now down from a peak of 45.8%. Excluding energy prices, producer price inflation slowed to 12.9% on the year, having peaked in May at 16.5%.

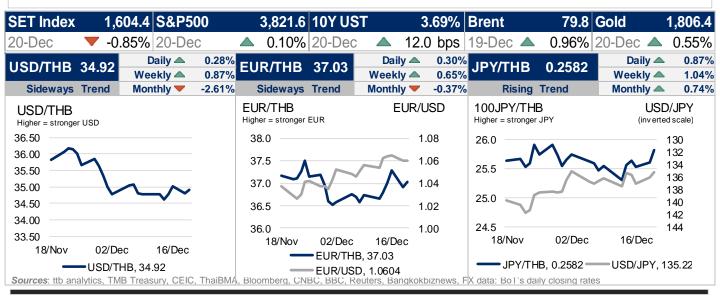
BOJ jolts markets in surprise change to yield curve policy

The Bank of Japan shocked markets on Tuesday with a surprise tweak to its bond yield control that allows long-term interest rates to rise more, a move aimed at easing some of the costs of prolonged monetary stimulus. Shares tanked, while the yen and bond yields spiked following the decision, which caught off-guard investors who had expected the BOJ to make no changes to its yield curve control (YCC) until Governor Haruhiko Kuroda steps down in April. In a move explained as seeking to breathe life back into a dormant bond market, the BOJ decided to allow the 10-year bond yield to move 50 basis points either side of its 0% target, wider than the previous 25 basis point band. But the central bank kept its yield target unchanged and said it will sharply increase bond buying, a sign the move was a fine-tuning of existing ultra-loose monetary policy rather than a withdrawal of stimulus.

Oil rises past U.S. storm jitters as inventories shrink

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.65, +4.32 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.33, +2.34 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.20-2.70. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.69, +12.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.92 Moving in a range of 34.64-34.74 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.80-35.20 today. Oil prices crept higher on Wednesday as data signaled a bigger-than-expected weekly draw in U.S. inventories, although concerns over adverse weather conditions weighed on the outlook for near-term demand. Data from the American Petroleum Institute showed that U.S. inventories grew by a bigger than expected 3 million barrels in the week to December 16, heralding a similar trend in official data which is expected to show an over 2-million-barrel build in inventories later in the day. The drop in inventories comes amid supply disruptions caused by the temporary closure of the Keystone pipeline.

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7.7674

7.8291

Currency Market 1M Range % Chg (1W) %Chg (1D) %Chg (1M) Currency 1M History Last Min Max -0.4% Dollar Index 104.52 -0.1% -1.8% 103.96 107.59 **EUR/USD** 1.0604 0.6% 2.2% 1.0260 1.0649 0.0% USD/JPY 135.22 -0.6% -1.7% -3.0% 135.06 141.69 USD/CHF 0.9289 -0.4% -0.7% -1.8% 0.9260 0.9566 GBP/USD -0.2% 2.2% 1.2383 1.2152 -1.0% 1.1771 USD/CAD 1.3661 -0.1% 0.2% 2.3% 1.3291 1.3671 AUD/USD 0.6681 -0.4% -1.1% -0.7% 0.6617 0.6831 NZD/USD -0.6% 0.6341 -0.8% 3.4% 0.6109 0.6443 **ASEAN Dollar** 105.47 0.0% 0.1% -1.8% 107.98 105.05 **USD/THB** 34.92 0.3% 0.4% -2.6% 34.61 36.18 USD/SGD 1.3558 -0.1% 0.1% -1.2% 1.3478 1.3802 0.1% USD/MYR 4.4347 0.3% -2.6% 4.5827 4.3841 USD/IDR 15,574 -0.2% -0.3% -0.4% 15,470 15,713 **USD/PHP** 55.40 -0.3% -0.5% -3.7% 57.55 55.37 0.1% USD/CNY 6.9768 0.1% -1.9% 6.9534 7.2002

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		219,547	5515	
Golds		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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7.7809

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0.0%

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

-0.6%

0.1%

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Date	Equity	Bond	Total									
20/12/2022	-1,737	-4,007	-5,744									
19/12/2022	-807	-3,735	-4,542									
16/12/2022	2,311	-1,053	1,258									
15/12/2022	-1,268	713	-554									
14/12/2022	2,177	347	2,524									
Last 5 days	676	-7,735	-7,059									
Period-t	o-date Equity	Bond	Total									
MTD Month	-8,342	2 • 39,498	4 31,156									
QTD Quarter	1 31,40	6 🧌 91,351	122,757									
TD Year	181,6	42 🦣 198,402	2 🛖 380,044									

USD/HKD

Money Market														
ТНВ	1M Hist	Loct	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Hist Last	1M Range		USD	1M Hist	Logi	1M Range	
BIBOR	IINI LIISI	Lası	Min	Max	ІПВГІЛ	DEIX IIVI HIST		Min	Max	LIBOR	IIVI MISL	Last	Min	Max
ON		1.25	1.00	1.25	ON	V-7~~~	1.44	1.16	1.66	ON	···	0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		1.27	1.04	1.27	1W	my	1.48	0.80	1.50	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M		1.31	1.13	1.31	1M		0.23	-0.03	1.40	1M	•	0.35	0.12	0.35
2M		1.37	1.24	1.37						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M	••••	1.43	1.30	1.43	3M	m	0.96	0.95	1.43	3M	مسسب	0.75	0.34	0.75
6M	••••	1.60	1.47	1.60	6M	~~~	1.65	1.51	1.74	6M	مسسي	1.04	0.56	1.04
12M	••••	1.90	1.81	1.90	12M	~~~	1.97	1.93	2.24	12M	مسسر	1.49	1.00	1.49
							Las	t Updated:	19/12/2022			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

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Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
UST10y	~~~	3.6900	12.00	18.00	-13.00	3.42	3.83	
Gilt 10y	1	3.4179	11.91	16.91	14.09	3.08	4.43	
	~	2.2700				_		
Bund 10y	~~·		8.00	33.00	24.00	1.76	2.27	
JGB 10y		0.4320	15.00	15.40	16.50	0.26	0.43	
TGB 1y		1.4117	-0.29	-4.15	4.63	1.34	1.45	
TGB 2y		1.6497	1.84	-4.48	-10.86	1.63	1.79	
TGB 5y	-	1.9641	0.75	-11.17	-37.94	1.94	2.38	
TGB 7y		2.2703	6.45	1.08	-27.90	2.19	2.61	
TGB 10y	~~~	2.6469	4.32	3.35	-8.32	2.52	2.79	
AAA Spread	-1	73.35	-0.21	-0.20	-1.68	71.06	76.23	
AA Spread	~	96.83	0.00	0.64	3.03	93.67	96.84	
A Spread		128.83	-0.09	0.72	9.53	119.28	129.02	
BBB Spread		225.53	-0.05	0.34	1.43	224.00	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)		1D)	%Chg (1W)		% Cha (1M)	1M F	1M Range	
Commodity	TWI HISTOTY	Lasi	%Chg (1D)				%Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
Brent Crude	~~~	79.80	1.0%		2.3%		-8.9%	76.10	92.86	
London Gold	 ~~~	1806.4	0.5%		1.2%		3.8%	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 Ra	1M Range		
Equity index	TWI HISTOTY	Lasi	//Clig (1D)	/«City (TW	/ /a Crig (TW)	Min	Max		
S&P500 (US)	V	3,821.6	0.1%	-4.9%	-3.2%	2,467.4	4,080.1		
STOXX (EU)	<u> </u>	414.0	0.7%	-3.2%	-1.5%	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)		13,901.1	-0.3%	-4.1%	-3.3%	13,893.1	14,541.4		
CAC All-Tradable(F	R)	4,851.3	-0.4%	-4.2%	-2.7%	4,851.3	5,073.5		
TOPIX (JP)	<u></u>	1,905.6	-1.5%	-3.1%	-3.1%	1,905.6	2,018.8		
Shanghai (CH)	~~~	3,221.7	-1.1%	-3.2%	-0.4%	3,221.7	3,367.3		
Hang Seng (HK)		19,094.8	-1.3%	-2.6%	8.1%	17,297.9	19,900.9		
ASX 200 (AU)	-	7,024.3	-1.5%	-2.5%	-1.6%	7,024.3	7,354.4		
SET (TH)	~~~	1,604.4	-0.9%	-1.3%	-0.7%	1,604.4	1,648.4		
SET50 (TH)	~~~	973.7	-0.6%	-0.8%	-0.7%	973.7	994.4		
Straits Times (SG)	~~~	3,254.0	-0.1%	-0.5%	0.1%	3,225.5	3,292.7		
FTSE Malay (MY)	~~~	1,467.3	-0.7%	-0.2%	1.2%	1,441.3	1,501.9		
JSX Index (ID)	~	6,768.3	-0.2%	-0.6%	-4.2%	6,715.1	7,082.2		
PSE Index (PH)	√	6,458.1	0.7%	-1.9%	0.8%	6,392.1	6,780.8		
Vn Index (VN)		1,023.1	-1.5%	-2.3%	6.5%	946.0	1,093.7		

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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