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According to Labor Department data released on Thursday, the number of Americans filing first-time unemployment claims fell by 2,000 compared to last week to 190,000. The figure was lower than estimates of 195,000. The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell again last week, pointing to sustained labor market strength and adding to financial market fears that the Federal Reserve could keep hiking interest rates for longer.

US manufacturing PMI continued to contract, but set to improve

The Institute of Supply Management (ISM) reported that the economic activity in the US manufacturing sector continued to contract in February, albeit at a softer pace than in January, with the ISM Manufacturing PMI edging higher to 47.7 from 47.4. Underlying details of the report revealed that the Employment Index declined to 49.1 from 50.6 and the Prices Paid Index climbed to 51.3 from 44.5. Finally, the New Orders Index recovered to 47 from 42.5.

Euro zone inflation softens to 8.5% in February

According to the preliminary estimate of Eurostat, the consumer price inflation in the Euro Area inched lower to 8.5% in February 2023, the lowest since last May, but above market expectations of 8.2%. The latest data added to signs that inflationary pressure remained high in Europe. Energy inflation slowed to 13.7% from 18.9% in January, while prices rose at a faster pace for food, non-energy industrial goods and services. Meanwhile, the core inflation, which excludes volatile items such as energy and food, rose to a fresh record high of 5.6% in February.

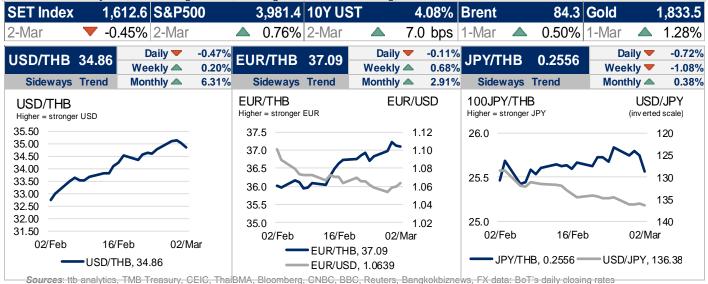
Thailand's export fell for the fourth consecutive month in January

Thailand custom-based export data showed that the export in January 2023 contracted 4.5% compared the year earlier or USD 20.25 bn, better than December's 14.6%yoy slump, but worse than market expectation of a fall 1% amid the global economic slowdown and the baht volatility. Exports of major products decreased, particularly in computers, equipment, and parts, rubber products, jewelry (excluding gold), plastic pellets, and chemical products. In terms of market destination, export to primary and secondary markets declined 5.3%yoy and 3.1%yoy, respectively. On the other hand, imports increased by 5.5%yoy because of an increase of fuel-oil related and vehicle-related products, resulting in a trade deficit of USD 4.6 bn.

2-year US Treasury yield reaches highest in more than a decade

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.61, +3.17 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.59, +5.00 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.55-2.65. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.08, +7.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.80 Moving in a range of 34.71-34.79 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.60-34.90 today. The yield on the benchmark 10-year US Treasury was up to 4.066%. The 2-year Treasury yield was last trading at 4.889%. Earlier in the session, it traded at its highest level since July 2007. Yields and prices have an inverted relationship and one basis point equals 0.01%. The Dollar Index, rose another 0.6% to 105.02. A surge in labor costs and a pullback in jobless claims reported early Thursday, point to the likelihood that the Fed will raise its benchmark interest rate another 0.25 pp later this month.

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Currency Market

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Currency	Currency 1M History		%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	1M Ra	1M Range		
Currency	TIVI HISTOLY	Last	//City (1D)	/a City (1W)	/a City (TW)	Min	Max		
Dollar Index	~~~~	104.49	-0.1%	0.3%	2.8%	100.58	105.08		
EUR/USD	-	1.0639	0.4%	0.2%	-2.0%	1.0538	1.1007		
USD/JPY		136.38	0.2%	1.3%	4.9%	128.49	136.38		
USD/CHF	~~~	0.9424	0.3%	1.3%	2.8%	0.9076	0.9424		
GBP/USD	~~~	1.1997	-0.5%	-0.6%	-2.6%	1.1943	1.2400		
USD/CAD		1.3623	0.1%	0.7%	2.3%	1.3292	1.3623		
AUD/USD	~	0.6735	-0.1%	-1.3%	-4.5%	0.6717	0.7138		
NZD/USD	~~~	0.6226	0.3%	-0.2%	-3.2%	0.6150	0.6520		
USD/THB		34.86	-0.5%	0.8%	6.0%	32.73	35.14		
USD/SGD	-	1.3454	0.0%	0.5%	2.4%	1.3047	1.3505		
USD/MYR		4.4775	0.0%	1.0%	5.0%	4.2358	4.4778		
USD/IDR		15,260	0.4%	0.6%	2.0%	14,881	15,260		
USD/PHP	~~~	55.06	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	53.88	55.40		
USD/CNY		6.8884	-0.3%	0.1%	2.1%	6.7115	6.9708		
USD/HKD	~~~	7.8503	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	7.8237	7.8593		

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)	Date	Equity	Bond	Total
1-month	>~~~·	0.15	0.15	02/03/2023	-379	869	490
3-month	\\\\	0.70	-0.05	01/03/2023	-3,017	5,391	2,374
6-month	~~~	1.50	-0.20	28/02/2023	-3,397	2,553	-844
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)	27/02/2023	-2,381	-1,298	-3,678
		•		24/02/2023	-5,123	-807	-5,930
Total		221,135	-1488	Last 5 days	-14,296	6,708	-7,588
Golds		14,458	-181	Period-t	to-date Equity	Bond	Total
SDR		5,456	-12				
IMF Reserves		1,253	-3	MTD Month	J -3,397	6,260	2,864
Foreign Ccy		199,968	-1292	QTD Quarter	-28,56	4 🎳 -2,293	4 -30,857
Net Fwd Position		26,440	120	YTD Year	-28,56	4 🌵 -2,293	-30,857

Money Market

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THB	1M Hist	Loot	1M R	lange	THBFIX	X 1M Hist	Last	1M Range		USD	1M Hist	Last	1M Range	
BIBOR	IIVI IIISL	Lasi	Min	Max	ІПВГІЛ			Min	Max	LIBOR	IIVI IIISL	Lasi	Min	Max
ON		1.50	1.50	1.50	ON	~~~	1.11	0.43	1.30	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		1.53	1.52	1.53	1W	~~~~	1.06	0.21	1.17	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M		1.58	1.55	1.58	1M	~~~	1.15	0.68	1.19	1M	مسب	0.35	0.12	0.35
2M		1.69	1.59	1.69						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M		1.76	1.65	1.76	3M	~~~	1.37	1.07	1.41	3M	مسب	0.75	0.34	0.75
6M		1.92	1.77	1.92	6M	~~~	1.62	1.42	1.64	6M	مسسب	1.04	0.56	1.04
12M		2.08	1.95	2.08	12M	*****	1.99	1.83	2.03	12M	مسم	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

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Fixed Income	1M History	VTM (0/ \	Pnc Cha (1D	N Pro Cha (1)	/\ Pro Cha (1M)	1M Range		
Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D) Bps Chg (1W	/) Bps Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
UST10y		4.0800	7.00	20.00	56.00	3.39	4.08	
Gilt 10y	~~~	3.7806	0.09	8.02	37.96	3.10	3.78	
Bund 10y		2.7600	4.00	24.00	50.00	2.14	2.76	
JGB 10y	~~~~	0.5250	0.10	-0.60	2.80	0.48	0.53	
TGB 1y		1.7409	0.03	1.06	15.76	1.53	1.74	
TGB 2y	•	1.9018	0.18	1.00	12.08	1.78	1.90	
TGB 5y		2.1927	-0.86	3.23	13.47	2.04	2.20	
TGB 7y		2.3980	0.18	1.70	17.49	2.20	2.40	
TGB 10y		2.6084	3.17	3.99	11.64	2.45	2.61	
AAA Spread	~	72.97	-0.02	0.91	-2.15	72.06	75.13	
AA Spread		83.62	-10.40	-10.82	-9.40	83.62	94.59	
A Spread	<u></u>	123.54	-0.01	-0.24	-4.35	123.54	127.93	
BBB Spread		225.57	0.03	-0.06	-0.18	225.54	247.69	

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	
Commodity	TIVI HISTOTY	Lasi							Min	Max
Brent Crude	~~~	84.31	0.5%		4.8%		-0.2%		79.94	86.66
London Gold	^	1833.5	1.3%		0.0%		-3.8%		1,809.1	1,954.9

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		
Equity index	TWI HISTOTY	Lasi	/6 City (1D)	//Clig (1 W)		Min			Max		
S&P500 (US)	V	3,981.4	0.8%		-0.8%		-3.3%		2,467.4	4,179.8	
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STOXX (EU)	V	456.8	0.7%		0.0%		1.7%		328.0	461.5	
FTSE All-Share(UK))—~~~	3,694.0	-1.0%		-0.7%		2.0%		3,571.2	3,746.8	
DAX (DE)	~~~~	15,327.6	0.3%		-1.0%		1.0%		15,126.1	15,533.6	
CAC All-Tradable(F	R)	5,467.1	0.7%		-0.3%		2.8%		5,315.4	5,521.7	
TOPIX (JP)	~~~	1,845.0	-1.4%		-1.2%		-4.2%		1,818.9	1,970.0	
Shanghai (CH)		3,550.3	-0.3%		1.1%		6.5%		3,299.9	3,573.0	
Hang Seng (HK)	~~~	21,859.8	-0.6%		2.8%		2.1%		20,697.4	22,419.0	
ASX 200 (AU)	~	6,539.9	-0.4%		-0.6%		-9.6%		6,433.4	7,286.6	
SET (TH)		1,572.7	0.3%		0.2%		-5.3%		1,557.6	1,663.4	
SET50 (TH)	-	956.0	0.5%		0.6%	h	-4.6%		943.4	1,002.2	
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Straits Times (SG)		3,095.6	-0.2%	_	-0.5%	4	-4.1%		3,092.8	3,244.0	
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,449.7	0.4%		0.9%		-6.7%		1,431.1	1,570.1	
JSX Index (ID)	~~~~	6,794.3	-1.7%		-3.5%		-5.0%		6,794.3	7,193.3	
PSE Index (PH)		6,165.4	0.2%		-0.8%		-7.8%		6,065.2	6,774.7	
Vn Index (VN)	-	1,198.9	0.1%		1.1%		-7.0%		1,169.3	1,307.9	

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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