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New orders for key U.S.-manufactured capital goods unexpectedly rose in February, but data for the prior month was revised sharply down, suggesting that business spending on equipment could be struggling to rebound in the first quarter. While a survey from S&P Global (NYSE:SPGI) on Friday showed business activity gaining steam in March, manufacturing contracted for a fifth straight month. The reports likely confirm that manufacturing is in recession, weighed down by higher borrowing costs. With financial conditions tightening following the recent failure of two regional banks, the outlook for both business investment and manufacturing is cloudy. Orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft, a closely watched proxy for business spending plans, increased 0.2% last month, the Commerce Department said. Data for January was revised lower to show these so-called core capital goods orders rising 0.3% instead of 0.8% as previously reported.

#### Euro zone services firms enjoy buoyant March but factories struggle

Business activity across the euro zone unexpectedly accelerated this month as consumers splashed out on services, but weakening demand for manufactured goods deepened the downturn in the factory sector, surveys showed. Friday's data add to evidence the bloc will dodge a recession and indicates the 20-nation region's economy is resilient in the near term at least, potentially giving the European Central Bank room to continue tightening policy. The ECB will fulfil its 2% inflation mandate and monetary policy must be stubbornly tight to get the job done, Germany's Bundesbank President Joachim Nagel said on Friday. But sentiment remains frail as turmoil in the U.S. and European banking sectors in the past two weeks have revived memories of the 2008 global financial crisis.

### Japan's consumer inflation off 41-year high but cost pressure persists

Japan's core consumer inflation slowed in February but an index stripping away energy costs hit a four-decade high, data showed on Friday, suggesting cost-push pressures may persist longer than policymakers thought. With inflation still exceeding the Bank of Japan's 2% target, the data will keep alive market expectations of a tweak to its bond yield control policy under incoming governor Kazuo Ueda, analysts say. The core consumer price index (CPI), which excludes volatile fresh food but includes oil products, rose 3.1% in February from a year earlier, matching a median market forecast and slowing sharply from a 41-year high of 4.2% seen in January. The slowdown was mostly due to the effect of government subsidies to curb utility bills. Prices of non-energy items like food and daily necessities continued to rise, a sign the pass-through of rising raw material costs have yet to run its course.

#### Dollar outshines euro, sterling amid European bank jitters

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.31, -2.04 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.32, -1.00 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.00-2.50 Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.38, +0.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.11 Moving in a range of 34.20-34.29 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.20-34.35 today. The euro and sterling fell sharply against a strengthening dollar on Friday amid lingering nervousness over banks. Banking stocks plunged in Europe with heavyweights Deutsche Bank and UBS Group plummeted by worries that the worst problems to hit the sector since the 2008 financial crisis have not yet been contained. Risk aversion also sent sterling 0.53% lower to \$1.222, despite data showing the British economy was set to grow in the first quarter and confidence was growing. The pound touched a seven-week high of \$1.2341 on Thursday in volatile trading after the Bank of England raised interest rates by 25 bps to 4.25% but said a surprise resurgence in inflation would probably fade fast, stoking speculation it had ended its run of hikes.

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6.9708

7.8557

6.8332

7.8301

**Currency Market** 

#### 1M Range %Chg (1D) %Chg (1W) Currency 1M History %Chg (1M) Last Min Max 102.16 -1.1% -1.9% -1.9% 102.16 Dollar Index 105.77 **EUR/USD** 1.0898 1.3% 2.4% 2.3% 1.0535 1.0898 USD/JPY 130.71 -1.3% -1.8% -2.9% 130.71 137.43 USD/CHF 0.9155 -0.8% -1.2% -1.2% 0.9428 0.9120 GBP/USD 1.2314 0.7% 1.4% 1.2314 1.6% 1.1823 -0.2% USD/CAD 1.3685 -0.1% 1.1% 1.3471 1.3854 AUD/USD 0.6729 0.7% 0.4% -1.6% 0.6576 0.6887 NZD/USD 1.2% 0.6267 0.6267 0.6% 0.6% 0.6100 ASEAN Dollar ... 101.14 0.0% -0.2% 0.5% 100.18 102.38 -1.1% -1.5% USD/THB 34.12 -0.4% 34.09 35.14 USD/SGD 1.3260 -0.8% -1.2% -1.0% 1.3260 1.3550 -1.0% USD/MYR 4.4277 -1.3% -0.2% 4.4230 4.5226 USD/IDR 15,322 -0.1% -0.1% 0.8% 15,139 15,435 **USD/PHP** 54.50 -0.1% -0.4% -1.2% 54.50 55.40

-0.6%

0.0%

### **FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves**

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	<b>%</b> C	hg(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	-	222.347	3795	
Total		222,341	3793	
		15,614	951	
Golds		, -		
Golds SDR		15,614	951	
Golds SDR IMF Reserves		15,614 5,463	951 20	
Golds SDR IMF Reserves Foreign Ccy Net Fwd Position		15,614 5,463 1,254	951 20 5	

0.0%

-0.1%

6.8332

7.8434

## Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

-0.7%

0.0%

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Date		Ed	uity		Во	nd		Total			
24/3/	/2023		480		ç	13		433			
23/3/	/2023	1,	009		1,3	887	:	2,395			
22/3/	2023	-1,	104		2,1	66		1,062			
21/3/	/2023	-1,	187		1,8	331		644			
20/3/	2023	-3,	481		-6,1	93	-9	9,673			
Last	5 days	-5	,242		10	04	-	5,139			
Period-to-date			Equi	ity	В	Bond	Т	otal			
MTD	Month		<b>J</b> -29	9,723	•	23,552	•	-6,171			
QTD	Quarter		<b>⊎</b> -54	1,891	•	14,999	•	-39,891			
YTD	Year		<b>4</b> -54	1,891	•	14,999	•	-39,891			

USD/CNY

USD/HKD

Mon	ey Marke	t												
ТНВ	1M Hist	Loct	1M R	lange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M R	lange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange
BIBOR	IINI LIISE	Lasi	Min	Max	ТПВГІЛ	IIVI FIISL	Lasi	Min	Max	LIBOR	IIVI FIISL	Lasi	Min	Max
ON		1.50	1.50	1.50	ON		1.56	0.71	1.66	ON	v	0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		1.56	1.53	1.56	1W	~~~	1.02	0.50	1.17	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M	مسب	1.65	1.56	1.65	1M	<del></del>	1.11	0.52	1.16	1M		0.35	0.11	0.35
2M	•	1.73	1.65	1.73						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
ЗМ	مسسه	1.80	1.72	1.80	3M	~~~	1.45	1.07	1.45	3M	مسسم	0.75	0.27	0.75
6M		1.95	1.85	1.95	6M	W	1.65	1.21	1.65	6M	•	1.04	0.45	1.04
12M		2.10	2.02	2.10	12M		1.85	1.36	2.01	12M	مهسي	1.49	0.79	1.49
							Las	t Updated:	23/3/2023			Las	t Updated:	9/3/2022

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	Fixed	Income	Market
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Fixed Income	1M History	VTM (0/ \	Pnc Cha (1D)	Pnc Cha (1)	M) Pro Cha (1M	1M Ra	1M Range	
Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1)	N) Bps Chg (1M	Min	Max	
UST10y		3.3800	0.00	-1.00	-34.00	3.38	4.01	
Gilt 10y	-	3.4280	9.03	13.23	-5.12	3.23	3.82	
Bund 10y		2.0300	-24.00	-21.00	-33.00	2.02	2.72	
JGB 10y		0.3390	-3.90	-2.10	-17.20	0.28	0.53	
TGB 1y	~	1.7202	-0.20	-1.70	-1.04	1.72	1.75	
TGB 2y	-	1.7202	-0.62	-8.39	-17.16	1.72	1.90	
TGB 5y	-	1.9128	-1.63	-9.31	-25.54	1.91	2.20	
TGB 7y	-	2.1416	-0.97	-12.48	-24.80	2.14	2.40	
TGB 10y		2.3119	-2.04	-14.29	-27.53	2.31	2.61	
AAA Spread		73.20	-0.02	1.33	-0.50	71.81	73.90	
AA Spread	<b></b>	85.25	0.52	1.07	-7.27	83.62	94.59	
A Spread		128.05	-0.26	2.13	3.74	123.54	128.31	
BBB Spread	-	226.36	0.07	0.17	0.67	225.57	226.40	

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	Loct	9/ Chg (1D)	9/ Cha (1\N)	9/ Cha (1M)	1M Ra	ange
Commodity	TWI HISTOTY	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude		74.99	-1.2%	2.8%	-8.5%	72.97	86.18
London Gold		1996.2	0.9%	3.4%	7.3%	1,809.1	1,996.2

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	ange
Equity index	TWITHSTOTY	Lasi	76 Crig (1D)	76 Cing (TW	/a Crig (TWI)	Min	Max
S&P500 (US)	r	3,971.0	0.6%	1.4%	-4.0%	2,467.4	4,136.1
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STOXX (EU)		445.8	-0.2%	2.8%	-2.1%	432.0	462.8
FTSE All-Share(UK)	~	4,036.5	-1.3%	0.7%	-6.5%	4,007.1	4,350.1
DAX (DE)	~~~	14,957.2	-1.7%	1.3%	-2.8%	14,735.3	15,653.6
CAC All-Tradable(F	R)	5,246.1	-1.8%	1.1%	-3.1%	5,164.9	5,534.1
TOPIX (JP)		1,955.3	-0.1%	0.9%	-1.6%	1,929.3	2,071.1
Shanghai (CH)	~~~	3,423.0	-0.6%	0.5%	-0.8%	3,379.4	3,488.9
Hang Seng (HK)		19,915.7	-0.7%	2.0%	-5.7%	19,000.7	21,283.5
ASX 200 (AU)		6,955.2	-0.2%	-0.6%	-6.4%	6,898.5	7,530.1
SET (TH)	-	1,591.9	-0.1%	1.8%	-4.4%	1,523.9	1,680.5
SET50 (TH)		960.4	-0.1%	2.1%	-3.1%	910.7	998.3
Straits Times (SG)	~~~	3,212.6	-0.2%	0.9%	-3.2%	3,129.8	3,388.5
FTSE Malay (MY)	-	1,399.7	-0.8%	-0.9%	-5.7%	1,391.6	1,484.0
JSX Index (ID)		6,762.3	1.1%	2.0%	-1.7%	6,565.7	6,940.1
PSE Index (PH)		6,602.2	1.0%	2.0%	-3.5%	6,393.3	6,881.3
Vn Index (VN)	~~~	1,046.8	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%	1,021.3	1,082.2

Sources: ttb analytics. CEIC

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