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Minneapolis Fed President Neel Kashkari told the Wall Street Journal that he is open to the central bank adopting a wait-and-see approach at the next meeting in June. "I'm open to the idea that we can move a little bit more slowly from here," Kashkari told WSJ. His comments came after Fed Chair Powell also said that the central bank may opt not to raise rates in June. Earlier this month, the Fed hiked by 25 basis points to a range between 5% and 5.25%, a 16-year high. Despite the latest comments by Kashkari and Powell, Citi economists still expect the Fed to raise rates by 25 bps in June. "We read Chair Powell's comments last Friday as consistent with this data dependent approach. Our projections for upcoming data, including core PCE inflation released Friday May 26, suggest the Fed will find itself revising up growth and inflation forecasts and raising rates again by 25bp in June," Citi economists said in a note.

South Korea consumer sentiment hits 1-year high, inflation expectations weaken

Consumer sentiment in South Korea improved in May to the highest level in a year, with their inflation expectations weakening, a central bank survey showed on Tuesday. The Consumer Sentiment Index rose to 98.0 in May from 95.1 in April, according to the Bank of Korea's monthly survey of consumers. The index remained below 100 - the average of last two decades - for the 12th consecutive month, but it hit the highest level in the streak. The median of consumers' inflation expectations for the next 12 months fell to 3.5% from 3.7%, also marking its lowest level in 12 months. "It is too early to say inflation expectations are stabilizing, with uncertainties remaining over public price increases and other factors," said a BOK official during a media briefing.

Thai jobless rate lowest in 3 years in Q1 as tourism rebounds

Thailand's unemployment rate hit a three-year low in the first quarter, the state planning agency said on Monday, declining to 1.05% from 1.15% in the last three months of 2022 as recovery in the crucial tourism industry strengthened. Southeast Asia's second-largest economy grew faster than expected in the first quarter, driven by the continued pickup in the travel sector, a key source of jobs that was decimated by the pandemic. Employment increased 2.4% in January-March from a year earlier, up from a 1.5% rise in the previous three months, the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC) said in a statement. The jobless rate in January-March, with 420,000 unemployed, was the lowest since the 1.03% recorded in the first quarter of 2020, before the economy felt the full impacts of the pandemic.

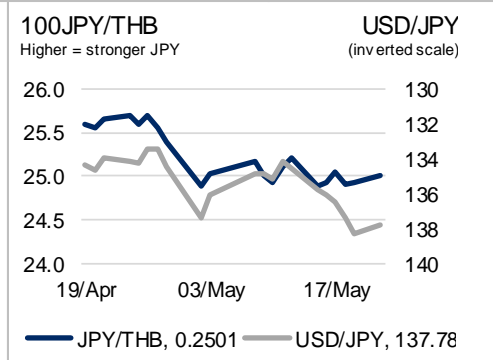
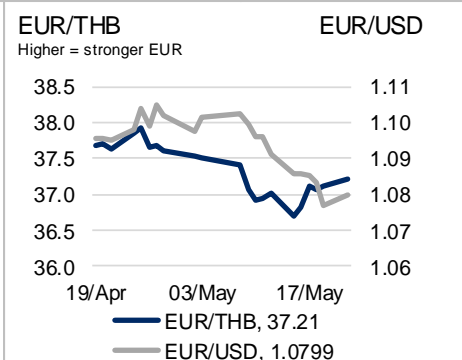
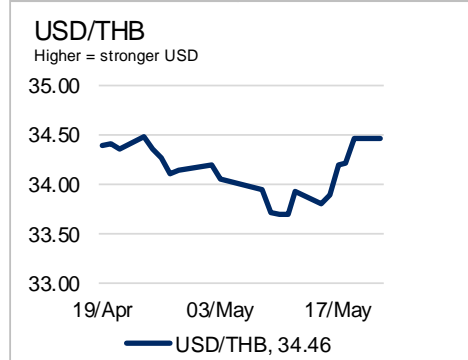
Dollar gains against yen as Fed policy, debt ceiling in focus

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.51, -0.22 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.51, +1.00 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.20-2.70. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.72, +2.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.46 Moving in a range of 34.43-34.62 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.00-34.50 today. The dollar rose against the Japanese yen on Monday, holding just below a six-month high, as investors waited on fresh data to signal whether the U.S. Federal Reserve is likely to continue hiking interest rates, while watching for news of a congressional deal to raise the U.S. debt ceiling. The greenback has gained for the past two weeks as stronger than expected economic reports and hawkish Fed officials keep the prospect of further interest rate increases alive. The dollar got a mild boost after St. Louis Fed President James Bullard said on Monday that the Fed may still need to raise its benchmark interest rate by another half-point this year.

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

SET Index	1,529.2	S&P500	4,192.6	10Y UST	3.72%	Brent	75.6	Gold	1,981.2
22-May ▲	0.94%	22-May ▲	0.02%	22-May ▲	2.0 bps	19-May ▼	-0.37%	22-May ▲	0.79%

USD/THB 34.46	Daily ▼ -0.03%	EUR/THB 37.21	Daily ▲ 0.27%	JPY/THB 0.2501	Daily ▲ 0.33%
Weekly ▲ 1.64%	Weekly ▲ 1.07%	Weekly ▲ 0.35%	Monthly ▲ 0.17%	Monthly ▼ -1.27%	Monthly ▼ -2.33%
Sideways Trend	Sideways Trend	Sideways Trend	Sideways Trend	Sideways Trend	Sideways Trend



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		103.51	0.6%	0.9%	1.4%	101.27	103.51
EUR/USD		1.0767	-0.6%	-0.9%	-1.6%	1.0767	1.1047
USD/JPY		138.27	0.6%	1.8%	3.0%	133.26	138.27
USD/CHF		0.9045	0.6%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8881	0.9073
GBP/USD		1.2405	-0.6%	-0.5%	0.1%	1.2399	1.2635
USD/CAD		1.3502	0.2%	-0.3%	0.9%	1.3362	1.3636
AUD/USD		0.6631	-0.2%	-0.4%	-1.3%	0.6609	0.6780
NZD/USD		0.6242	-0.1%	0.6%	0.8%	0.6133	0.6362
ASEAN Dollar		99.65	0.4%	1.1%	0.3%	98.32	99.65
USD/THB		34.47	0.7%	2.0%	0.2%	33.68	34.48
USD/SGD		1.3476	0.4%	0.8%	1.1%	1.3241	1.3476
USD/MYR		4.5474	0.5%	1.2%	2.6%	4.4146	4.5474
USD/IDR		14,884	0.4%	0.7%	0.5%	14,633	14,884
USD/PHP		55.87	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.4%	54.73	56.42
USD/CNY		7.0391	0.0%	1.2%	2.5%	6.8654	7.0391
USD/HKD		7.8152	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.4%	7.8152	7.8543

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)
1-month		0.00	0.00
3-month		0.75	-0.10
6-month		1.70	-0.05

Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)
Total		224,693	-1519
Gold		15,788	-42
SDR		5,481	-39
IMF Reserves		1,284	-9
Foreign Ccy		202,140	-1430
Net Fwd Position		28,350	515

Last update: 12/05/2023

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
22/05/2023	-1,469	-8,583	-10,053
19/05/2023	-1,193	-9,789	-10,982
18/05/2023	-3,244	-3,685	-6,929
17/05/2023	-4,439	-16,849	-21,288
16/05/2023	-1,111	11,644	10,533
Last 5 days	-11,457	-27,261	-38,719

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -17,230	↑ 35,511	↑ 18,281
QTD	Quarter	↓ -25,116	↑ 14,718	↓ -10,398
YTD	Year	↓ -81,992	↑ 37,510	↓ -44,482

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		1.75	1.25	1.75	ON		1.77	0.43	1.83	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		1.79	1.31	1.79	1W		1.64	0.22	1.69	1W		0.00	0.00	0.08
1M		1.87	1.44	1.87	1M		1.57	0.73	1.80	1M		0.31	0.09	0.31
2M		1.95	1.49	1.95	2M					2M		0.00	0.00	0.16
3M		2.00	1.55	2.00	3M		1.86	1.10	1.86	3M		0.64	0.16	0.64
6M		2.11	1.72	2.11	6M		2.01	1.23	2.01	6M		0.98	0.23	0.98
12M		2.26	1.90	2.26	12M		2.29	1.36	2.29	12M		1.38	0.38	1.38

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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		3.6500	19.00		21.00		2.00		3.35	4.01
Gilt 10y		3.7773	2.62		11.99		36.04		3.30	3.82
Bund 10y		2.3900	15.00		3.00		12.00		2.02	2.76
JGB 10y		0.3950	-0.10		-7.10		-12.00		0.32	0.53
TGB 1y		1.9527	1.57		2.35		18.07		1.77	1.95
TGB 2y		2.0324	1.27		5.55		17.12		1.85	2.03
TGB 5y		2.1954	0.06		1.56		8.92		2.08	2.20
TGB 7y		2.3609	-0.09		0.63		4.60		2.27	2.38
TGB 10y		2.5065	-0.22		-0.88		-2.27		2.47	2.54
AAA Spread		70.11	0.03		-0.77		-4.99		68.09	75.10
AA Spread		79.92	-0.18		-0.33		-13.31		79.92	94.59
A Spread		127.51	0.18		0.25		-0.42		123.54	128.21
BBB Spread		237.88	-6.95		11.84		12.20		225.57	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				
						Min	Max			
Brent Crude		75.58	-0.4%		1.9%		-6.8%		72.33	84.77
London Gold		1977.0	-1.5%		-0.3%		3.5%		1,827.0	2,038.9

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				
						Min	Max			
S&P500 (US)		4,198.1	1.8%		1.9%		1.9%		3,861.6	4,198.1
STOXX (EU)		457.4	-0.5%		0.6%		0.8%		439.6	465.2
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,234.1	0.1%		-0.1%		-1.3%		4,201.2	4,298.2
DAX (DE)		16,163.4	1.6%		2.8%		5.3%		14,933.4	16,163.4
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,554.8	0.4%		0.8%		3.5%		5,246.1	5,620.8
TOPIX (JP)		2,157.9	2.9%		6.2%		9.8%		1,945.4	2,157.9
Shanghai (CH)		3,456.4	0.8%		0.3%		1.0%		3,379.7	3,559.0
Hang Seng (HK)		19,727.3	0.5%		-1.0%		-8.9%		19,518.6	22,069.7
ASX 200 (AU)		7,236.8	-0.3%		-0.4%		-4.0%		6,898.5	7,539.0
SET (TH)		1,526.7	-2.2%		-0.3%		-9.4%		1,526.7	1,685.8
SET50 (TH)		925.9	-2.3%		0.1%		-7.6%		925.0	1,002.4
Straits Times (SG)		3,182.6	-0.8%		-3.0%		-5.9%		3,172.9	3,380.8
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,428.0	0.4%		0.9%		-4.1%		1,411.0	1,498.4
JSX Index (ID)		6,676.6	-2.0%		-3.9%		-2.2%		6,612.5	6,945.5
PSE Index (PH)		6,628.6	0.8%		-0.7%		-5.8%		6,404.9	7,056.6
Vn Index (VN)		1,068.3	0.1%		2.8%		-1.9%		1,023.1	1,111.2

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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