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The U.S. trade deficit widened by the most in eight years in April as imports of goods rebounded while exports of energy products declined, a trend that if sustained, could result in trade being a drag on economic growth in the second quarter. The increase reported by the Commerce Department on Wednesday was the biggest since April 2015 and pushed the trade gap to the highest level in six months. It led economists to expect that trade could chop off as much as 2.5 percentage points from gross domestic product this quarter, unless imports reversed course, a tall order given the persistent strength in domestic demand. A strong dollar and slowing global demand could curb exports.

China's exports tumble in May as global demand falters

China's exports shrank much faster than expected in May while imports extended declines with a grim outlook for global demand, especially from developed markets, raising doubts about the fragile economic recovery. The world's second-largest economy grew faster than expected in the first quarter thanks to robust services consumption and a backlog of orders following years of COVID disruptions, but factory output has slowed as rising interest rates and inflation squeeze demand in the United States and Europe. Exports slumped 7.5% year-on-year in May, data from China's Customs Bureau showed on Wednesday, much larger than the forecast 0.4% fall and the biggest decline since January. Imports contracted 4.5%, slower than an expected 8.0% decline and April's 7.9% fall.

Australian exports slide, trade surplus misses expectations in April

Australian exports fell in April, while the country's trade surplus shrank more than expected as softening demand for commodities, particularly in China, saw a drop in metal shipments. Australia's trade balance fell to a surplus of A\$11.15 billion (A\$1=\$0.6660) in April, data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) showed on Thursday. The figure was lower than expectations for a surplus of A\$14 billion, as well as the prior month's reading of A\$15.27 billion. The surplus was also at its weakest level since August 2022. Overall Australian exports fell 5% in April from the prior month to A\$56.18 billion, hit chiefly by a drop in exports of metals ores and minerals, which shrank 10.4%. On a seasonally adjusted basis, Australian exports were at their weakest level in over a year.

Safe haven dollar edges higher after weak Chinese trade data

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.53, +1.47 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.515, +1.50 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.30-2.80. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.79, +9.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.78 Moving in a range of 34.84-34.89 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.50-35.00 today. The U.S. dollar edged higher in early European trade Wednesday, as traders sought out this safe haven after disappointing Chinese trade data hit sentiment. The Dollar Index, which tracks the greenback against a basket of six other currencies, traded 0.1% higher at 104.162, not far removed from the 2½-month peak of 104.70 seen at the end of May. China's trade surplus sank to a 13-month low in May, according to data released earlier Wednesday, driven chiefly by a surprise drop in exports as foreign demand for Chinese goods dried up. The slump in exports is indicative of slowing economic growth in Europe and the U.S., China's primary markets for locally produced goods, and this has boosted demand for the dollar, a safe haven in times of stress.

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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
Currency		Lasi				Min	Max
Dollar Index		104.00	0.5%	-0.4%	2.7%	101.27	104.44
EUR/USD	\sim	1.0712	-0.5%	0.3%	-2.8%	1.0668	1.1026
USD/JPY		139.43	0.5%	-0.7%	3.4%	134.15	140.38
USD/CHF		0.9053	0.1%	-0.1%	1.8%	0.8894	0.9116
GBP/USD		1.2443	-0.7%	0.9%	-1.5%	1.2336	1.2635
USD/CAD		1.3435	0.0%	-1.3%	0.3%	1.3362	1.3643
AUD/USD		0.6625	0.4%	1.7%	-1.9%	0.6495	0.6780
NZD/USD	~	0.6078	-0.1%	0.7%	-3.5%	0.6000	0.6362
ASEAN Dollar	~~~	106.43	-0.5%	-0.3%	2.1%	104.13	106.97
USD/THB	~	34.76	0.5%	-0.1%	2.4%	33.68	34.81
USD/SGD	\sim	1.3482	0.2%	-0.5%	1.7%	1.3241	1.3554
USD/MYR	\sim	4.5939	0.1%	-0.4%	3.5%	4.4348	4.6247
USD/IDR		14,822	-0.9%	-1.0%	1.0%	14,633	14,984
USD/PHP		56.22	0.2%	-0.2%	1.5%	55.37	56.43
USD/CNY	\sim	7.1067	0.0%	0.2%	2.8%	6.9103	7.1166
USD/HKD	\sim	7.8348	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	7.8152	7.8504

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%C	hg(1D)
1-month		0.00	-0.40	
3-month	\sim	0.85	-0.28	
6-month	$\sim \sim \sim$	1.75	-0.38	
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)
Total		220.378	-2212	
Total Golds		220,378 15,280	-2212 -245	
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Golds		15,280	-245	
Golds SDR		15,280 5,445	-245 -28 -5	
Golds SDR IMF Reserves		15,280 5,445 1,276	-245 -28 -5	

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date		Equity	/	Во	nd		Total
07/06/2	023	1,611		2,8	13	4	1,424
06/06/2	023	-1,087		-8	86	-'	1,972
02/06/2	023	602		-5	79		23
01/06/2	023	-3,891		-2,0	69	-{	5,960
31/05/2	023	-1,988		2,1	69		181
Last 5	days	-4,753	3	1,4	49	-	3,304
Pe	eriod-to-da	te E	quity	В	ond	т	otal
	onth		-2,765		-720		-3,485
QTD QI	uarter		-43,926	Ŷ	1,372		-42,554
/TD Ye	ar		-100,802	•	24,164		-76,639

Money Market

тнв	1M Hist	Last		ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M Ra		USD	1M Hist	Last		Range
BIBOR			Min	Max				Min	Max	LIBOR			Min	Max
ON		1.75	1.50	1.75	ON	\sim	1.67	0.71	1.80	ON	~~	0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		1.86	1.53	1.86	1W		1.23	0.21	1.73	1W	· ···· ··	0.00	0.00	0.08
1M		1.95	1.55	1.95	1M		1.30	0.64	1.76	1M	_	0.23	0.09	0.23
2M	\sim	2.00	1.61	2.00						2M	· ···· ··	0.00	0.00	0.16
ЗM		2.06	1.66	2.06	3M		1.63	1.10	1.86	3M		0.51	0.15	0.52
6M		2.16	1.77	2.16	6M	~	1.91	1.27	2.01	6M		0.76	0.22	0.83
12M		2.30	1.96	2.30	12M	\checkmark	2.30	1.49	2.33	12M	\sim	1.18	0.35	1.34
					I		Las	t Updated:	06/06/2023			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)	1M Range	
Fixed income	IN HIStory	1 I WI (%)	Bps Cing (TD)	Bps Cng (Tw)	Bps Crig (TM)	Min	Max
UST10y	~	3.6900	-14.00	23.00	-13.00	3.37	4.01
Gilt 10y		4.3025	18.69	55.14	82.33	3.24	4.30
Bund 10y		2.4800	3.00	17.00	19.00	2.14	2.76
JGB 10y	$\overline{}$	0.4480	1.60	2.70	-7.60	0.32	0.53
TGB 1y		2.0128	0.01	1.23	20.30	1.80	2.01
TGB 2y		2.0774	-0.72	-1.77	17.44	1.90	2.12
TGB 5y	·	2.1997	0.04	-0.88	5.94	2.14	2.27
TGB 7y	<u> </u>	2.3303	0.41	-5.13	1.94	2.31	2.44
TGB 10y	$\overline{}$	2.5253	1.47	-1.52	5.61	2.47	2.61
AAA Spread		67.91	-1.28	-2.17	-5.84	67.91	75.12
AA Spread		78.69	-0.84	-1.40	-15.90	78.69	94.59
A Spread		123.66	-0.24	-3.67	-1.53	123.54	128.26
BBB Spread	\sim	237.90	0.09	-6.93	12.05	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	
Commodity		Lasi				Min	Max
Brent Crude	·	76.13	-0.8%	3.5%	1.1%	72.33	79.54
London Gold		1949.5	-0.7%	-2.8%	4.8%	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	Loct	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Ra	ange
		Last	%Cng (1D)			Min	Max
S&P500 (US)	\checkmark	4,282.4	1.5%	1.8%	5.4%	4,061.2	4,282.4
STOXX (EU)		451.1	-1.8%	-1.4%	-1.8%	439.3	463.8
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,163.5	-0.1%	2.4%	-1.9%	4,066.8	4,283.8
DAX (DE)	\sim	15,952.7	1.0%	0.2%	2.9%	14,768.2	16,275.4
CAC All-Tradable(F	R)	5,381.1	-1.4%	-2.8%	-2.5%	5,246.1	5,630.3
TOPIX (JP)		2,159.2	0.6%	2.1%	8.3%	1,955.3	2,175.9
Shanghai (CH)	\sim	3,379.9	0.4%	-2.6%	-1.7%	3,359.2	3,548.9
Hang Seng (HK)		18,595.8	-0.8%	-5.3%	-11.9%	18,595.8	21,958.4
ASX 200 (AU)	\sim	7,209.3	0.8%	-0.8%	-2.7%	6,898.5	7,539.0
SET (TH)	$\overline{}$	1,541.0	0.4%	-1.3%	-7.4%	1,514.9	1,682.1
SET50 (TH)	$\overline{}$	931.8	0.3%	-1.7%	-5.8%	919.4	998.6
Straits Times (SG)	\checkmark	3,187.6	-0.6%	-0.8%	-4.2%	3,172.9	3,380.8
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,404.9	0.2%	-1.3%	-5.3%	1,391.6	1,485.5
JSX Index (ID)		6,687.0	-0.9%	-1.8%	-3.3%	6,663.1	6,941.9
PSE Index (PH)	<u> </u>	6,510.7	-0.3%	-0.2%	-4.8%	6,404.9	7,035.8
Vn Index (VN)	\sim	1,078.1	1.3%	1.2%	1.9%	1,021.3	1,089.3

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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