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Applications to start new U.S. businesses surged to the highest level in two years in June, despite high interest rates and uncertain economic outlook, according to a Commerce Department report. Business applications increased 6.2% in June compared with May with a seasonally adjusted 465,906 new applications. Filings from applicants that have a high likelihood of creating a payroll and adding jobs to the economy, such as those from existing corporate entities or those indicating they are already hiring, rose 6.0% to 149,536 new applications. The data is collected from business applications for tax identification numbers. Start-up activity flourished during the coronavirus pandemic with the help of historic stimulus money from the federal government and ultra-low interest rates, hitting a record high in July 2020 and remaining well above pre-pandemic levels since then.

**UK's high inflation cools, offering some relief to Bank of England**

Britain's high rate of inflation fell by more than expected in June and was its slowest in over a year at 7.9%, according to data that will ease some of the pressure on the Bank of England to keep on raising interest rates sharply. Sterling weakened and investors scaled back their bets on future increases in borrowing costs as consumer price inflation growth came in at its lowest since March 2022, although it remained above the rate in other big, rich economies. Economists polled by Reuters had mostly forecast a smaller slowdown, to 8.2% in the 12 months to June from May's 8.7%. The BoE said in May it expected June inflation would fall to 7.9%, moving further away from October's 41-year high of 11.1% but still way above its 2% target.

**Japan exports underwhelm in June, global weakness drags on economy**

Japan's annual exports grew much-less than expected in June, highlighting weak global demand that continues to undercut the post-COVID recovery in the world's third-biggest economy. The risk of a world recession amid sweeping monetary policy tightening since last year has cast a pall over export-led economies, with many countries including Japan relying on domestic consumption to underpin growth. The trade data, released by the Ministry of Finance (MOF) on Thursday, showed exports rose 1.5% year-on-year last month, below the 2.3% gain expected by 15 economists in a Reuters poll, but faster than a 0.6% rise in May. Exports were led by U.S. bound shipments of cars and mining machinery. Imports fell 12.9% year-on-year in June, versus the median estimate for a 11.2% decrease.

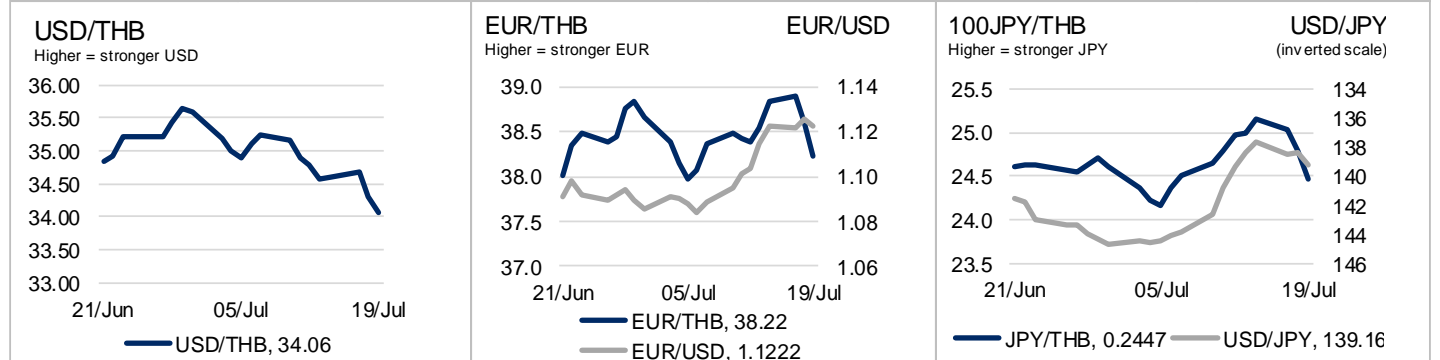
**Dollar gains as pound tumbles on cooling UK inflation**

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.57, +1.21 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.55, +2.00 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.30-2.80. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.75, -5.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.06 Moving in a range of 33.765-33.96 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 33.80-34.30 today. The U.S. dollar bounced on Wednesday after inflation in the United Kingdom cooled more than economists expected in June, sending the pound sharply lower against other major currencies. Britain's rate of inflation was its slowest in over a year at 7.9%, according to data that will ease some of the pressure on the Bank of England to keep on raising interest rates sharply. Economists polled by Reuters had mostly forecast a smaller slowdown, to 8.2% in the 12 months to June from May's 8.7%. Before Wednesday's data, traders had assigned a roughly 60% chance that the BoE would hike rates on Aug. 3 by a half-percentage point. After the data, that turned into a 60% chance of a quarter-percentage point hike.

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

<b>SET Index</b>	<b>1,536.6</b>	<b>S&amp;P500</b>	<b>4,565.7</b>	<b>10Y UST</b>	<b>3.75%</b>	<b>Brent</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>1,978.2</b>
19-Jul ▲	0.09%	19-Jul ▲	0.24%	19-Jul ▼	-5.0 bps	18-Jul ▲	1.14%	19-Jul ▲	0.82%

<b>USD/THB 34.06</b>	Daily ▼ -0.71%	<b>EUR/THB 38.22</b>	Daily ▼ -1.00%	<b>JPY/THB 0.2447</b>	Daily ▼ -1.29%
Weekly ▼ -1.53%	Weekly ▼ -0.86%	Weekly ▼ -2.12%	Monthly ▼ -0.58%	Monthly ▼ -2.12%	Monthly ▼ -0.58%
Monthly ▼ -2.29%	Monthly ▲ 0.52%				



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		99.75	0.0%	-1.6%	-2.7%	99.75	103.38
EUR/USD		1.1254	0.3%	2.0%	3.1%	1.0813	1.1254
USD/JPY		138.36	-0.1%	-0.7%	-2.5%	137.59	144.69
USD/CHF		0.8583	-0.3%	-2.1%	-4.3%	0.8583	0.9030
GBP/USD		1.3097	0.1%	1.0%	2.4%	1.2616	1.3121
USD/CAD		1.3176	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.4%	1.3114	1.3371
AUD/USD		0.6825	0.1%	1.6%	0.1%	0.6607	0.6879
NZD/USD		0.6332	-0.3%	1.7%	2.3%	0.6080	0.6394
ASEAN Dollar		110.56	0.0%	-1.8%	-1.0%	110.31	112.83
USD/THB		34.30	-1.1%	-1.4%	-1.3%	34.30	35.65
USD/SGD		1.3198	-0.2%	-1.2%	-1.6%	1.3198	1.3560
USD/MYR		4.5291	-0.4%	-2.4%	-2.3%	4.5284	4.6830
USD/IDR		14,937	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.4%	14,891	15,136
USD/PHP		54.33	-0.3%	-1.3%	-2.6%	54.33	56.08
USD/CNY		7.1642	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.1%	7.1254	7.2593
USD/HKD		7.8097	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	7.8097	7.8387

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)
1-month		0.00	-0.40
3-month		0.85	-0.28
6-month		1.75	-0.38

Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)
Total		217,881	-347
Gold		15,115	44
SDR		5,481	22
IMF Reserves		1,284	5
Foreign Ccy		196,002	-418
Net Fwd Position		30,780	330

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Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
19/07/2023	3	15,392	15,395
18/07/2023	1,464	2,348	3,812
17/07/2023	803	-1,173	-370
14/07/2023	1,651	669	2,320
13/07/2023	-12	1,473	1,461
Last 5 days	3,910	18,709	22,618

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -6,255	↑ 28,432	↑ 22,178
QTD	Quarter	↓ -6,255	↑ 28,432	↑ 22,178
YTD	Year	↓ -113,394	↑ 43,860	↓ -69,533

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		2.00	1.50	2.00	ON		2.02	0.43	2.02	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		2.03	1.53	2.03	1W		1.59	0.89	1.65	1W		0.00	0.00	0.08
1M		2.07	1.60	2.07	1M		1.56	0.87	1.72	1M		0.23	0.09	0.23
2M		2.17	1.70	2.17	2M					2M		0.00	0.00	0.16
3M		2.25	1.78	2.25	3M		2.01	1.09	2.02	3M		0.51	0.15	0.52
6M		2.36	1.94	2.36	6M		2.28	1.31	2.28	6M		0.76	0.22	0.83
12M		2.48	2.10	2.48	12M		2.69	1.59	2.71	12M		1.18	0.35	1.34

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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		<b>3.9900</b>	-7.00	25.00	44.00	3.30	4.06
Gilt 10y		<b>4.5455</b>	16.29	25.63	130.80	3.24	4.55
Bund 10y		<b>2.5900</b>	-5.00	27.00	27.00	2.02	2.64
JGB 10y		<b>0.4390</b>	5.50	4.40	10.20	0.34	0.48
TGB 1y		<b>2.0402</b>	-0.10	-0.05	0.05	2.04	2.04
TGB 2y		<b>2.1533</b>	-0.16	0.44	2.63	2.13	2.15
TGB 5y		<b>2.3380</b>	0.01	-0.12	0.46	2.31	2.35
TGB 7y		<b>2.4343</b>	0.45	-1.37	-0.23	2.40	2.45
TGB 10y		<b>2.5657</b>	1.21	-1.70	-5.24	2.54	2.63
AAA Spread		<b>73.77</b>	0.01	0.48	0.58	69.19	73.91
AA Spread		<b>82.76</b>	1.17	2.12	-2.49	78.65	85.52
A Spread		<b>124.56</b>	0.00	1.39	-3.49	123.12	128.26
BBB Spread		<b>237.77</b>	0.00	-0.15	11.40	225.89	238.05

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		<b>79.40</b>	1.1%	0.0%	3.6%	72.26	81.53
London Gold		<b>1936.2</b>	1.1%	0.3%	-0.7%	1,904.1	2,035.7

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)		<b>4,510.0</b>	-0.1%	2.4%	1.8%	4,328.8	4,510.0
STOXX (EU)		<b>457.1</b>	-0.8%	0.3%	0.6%	448.6	462.9
FTSE All-Share(UK)		<b>4,151.5</b>	2.1%	2.6%	0.3%	3,957.1	4,170.0
DAX (DE)		<b>15,790.3</b>	1.2%	-0.1%	1.7%	14,933.4	16,357.6
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		<b>5,391.8</b>	1.5%	0.7%	-0.7%	5,246.1	5,640.4
TOPIX (JP)		<b>2,243.3</b>	-1.5%	-0.9%	12.4%	1,937.1	2,306.4
Shanghai (CH)		<b>3,377.0</b>	0.8%	2.2%	-0.9%	3,302.7	3,559.0
Hang Seng (HK)		<b>18,479.7</b>	-0.3%	-2.2%	-7.2%	18,479.7	20,367.8
ASX 200 (AU)		<b>7,108.9</b>	0.9%	0.4%	0.8%	6,968.6	7,381.5
SET (TH)		<b>1,497.0</b>	0.4%	0.8%	-6.1%	1,479.6	1,609.2
SET50 (TH)		<b>921.3</b>	0.8%	1.4%	-4.0%	902.7	974.3
Straits Times (SG)		<b>3,163.8</b>	0.8%	-0.9%	-3.0%	3,139.5	3,313.4
FTSE Malay (MY)		<b>1,383.1</b>	-0.2%	-0.8%	-1.2%	1,376.7	1,435.1
JSX Index (ID)		<b>6,731.0</b>	-0.4%	1.6%	-0.8%	6,626.1	6,915.7
PSE Index (PH)		<b>6,398.6</b>	0.3%	0.1%	-3.1%	6,379.0	6,672.7
Vn Index (VN)		<b>1,151.8</b>	1.2%	1.7%	8.7%	1,023.1	1,151.8

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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