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The U.S. trade deficit narrowed sharply in June as businesses cut back on purchases of foreign-made capital goods, resulting in imports falling to the lowest level in more than 1-1/2 years. The trade deficit contracted 4.1% to \$65.5 billion. Data for May was revised to show the trade gap narrowing to \$68.3 billion instead of \$69.0 billion as previously reported. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the trade deficit shrinking to \$65 billion. The nation's goods trade deficit with China fell \$2.1 billion to \$22.8 billion, with imports tumbling \$2.3 billion. That trend could continue as China reported on Tuesday a 14.5% plunge in exports on a year-on-year basis. Despite the narrowing in June, the U.S. trade deficit average in the second quarter was higher than in the first three months of the year. The government estimated that trade was a small drag GDP last quarter after contributing to growth for four straight quarters.

#### Japan's real wages down for 15th month in test for BOJ policy, economy

Japanese real wages fell for a 15th straight month in June, while nominal pay growth also slowed, suggesting companies will need to do more on salary hikes to drive a virtuous growth cycle and allow the central bank to consider exiting easy policies. Separate data showed Japan's consumer spending shrank for the fourth month in June, underlining the challenge facing policymakers as the economy remains underpowered despite the end of COVID curbs months ago. Japan's wage trends are closely watched by global financial markets as the Bank of Japan has emphasized that sustainable pay hikes amid four-decade-high inflation is a prerequisite for dismantling its massive monetary stimulus. Inflation-adjusted real wages, a barometer of consumers' purchasing power, fell 1.6% from a year earlier, a faster decrease than May's 0.9% drop, extending a streak of contractions since April 2022.

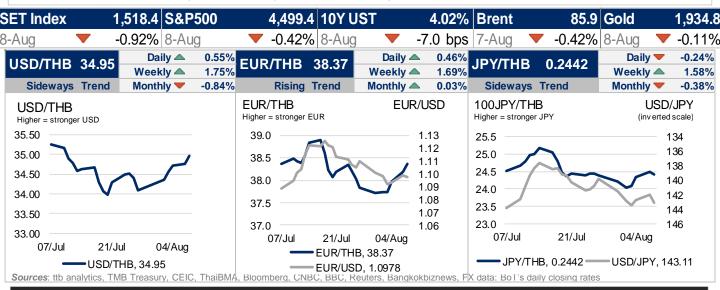
#### Chinese exports, imports shrink more than expected in July

China's key imports and exports shrank more than expected in July amid worsening global and domestic demand, although the country's trade balance still grew past expectations for the month. The country's trade balance rose to \$80.60 billion in July from \$70.62 billion in the prior month, data from the customs administration showed on Tuesday. The reading was higher than expectations of \$70.60 billion. But the reading was likely driven by a bigger-than-expected drop in imports, which shrank 12.4% - much higher than expectations for a drop of 5.0%, and last month's decline of 6.8%. Weak demand within the country - particularly in the private sector - kept imports largely depressed this year, as a post-COVID economic recovery ran out of steam through the second quarter.

### US dollar rises broadly as risk tolerance drops after Moody's downgrade, Chinese data

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.61, -0.75 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.61, -0.50 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.30-2.80. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.02, -7.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.95. Moving in a range of 35.01-35.08 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.80-35.30 today. The U.S. dollar firmed across the board on Tuesday, garnering safe-haven bids, after a disappointing set of Chinese trade figures hurt the yuan and the Australian and New Zealand currencies, with European risk-sensitive currencies also sliding on the worsening global outlook. The dollar index rose 0.4% to 102.52, moving further away from Friday's one-week low in the wake of a mixed U.S. jobs report, which pointed to a cooling but still resilient labor market. China's imports and exports fell much faster than expected in July, data on Tuesday showed, with imports down 12.4% from a year earlier while exports contracted by 14.5%, in another sign of the country's faltering economic recovery and subdued global demand.

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





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**Currency Market** 

1M Range %Chg (1D) %Chg (1W) Currency 1M History %Chg (1M) Last Min Max Dollar Index 102.23 0.0% 0.5% -1.0% 99.75 103.30 **EUR/USD** 1.0988 0.5% -0.2% 1.1254 1.3% 1.0843 USD/JPY 141.98 -0.5% 0.4% -1.4% 137.59 144.52 USD/CHF 0.8750 0.0% -2.6% 0.8983 0.5% 0.8575 GBP/USD 1.2735 0.2% 0.3% 1.3121 -0.9% 1.2693 USD/CAD 1.3386 0.1% 1.0% 0.7% 1.3114 1.3386 AUD/USD 0.6574 0.2% -1.4% -1.2% 0.6525 0.6879 NZD/USD -1.3% -1.4% 0.6394 0.6102 0.3% 0.6068 ASEAN Dollar -106.98 0.0% 0.9% -0.2% 105.51 107.98 0.1% USD/THB 34.76 1.5% -1.0% 33.97 35.25 USD/SGD 1.3401 -0.1% 0.7% -0.9% 1.3198 1.3527 USD/MYR 4.5548 0.1% 0.4% -2.2% 4.5237 4.6670 USD/IDR 15,125 -0.1% 0.5% 1.0% 14,902 15,164 **USD/PHP** 55.84 0.1% 1.6% 0.3% 54.33 55.84 USD/CNY 0.0% 0.7% -0.8% 7.1929 7.1275 7.2479

0.1%

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

USD/HKD

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%0	Chg(1D)
1-month	<u> </u>	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	B	220,789	-584	
Golds		15,381	-16	
SDR		5,497	-12	
IMF Reserves		1,257	-3	
IMF Reserves Foreign Ccy		1,257 198,654	-3 -554	

Last update: 28/07/2023

-0.1%

7.8083

-0.1%

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)											
Date	Date		y	Bond			Total				
08/08/2023		-3,348		-2,344		-5,692					
07/08/	07/08/2023		-394		-1,800		2,194				
04/08/	04/08/2023		-2,576		-7,016		9,592				
03/08/	03/08/2023		-2,931		-8,031		0,962				
02/08/	02/08/2023		-2,500		-2,215		4,716				
Last 5	Last 5 days		11,750		-21,407		33,157				
F	Period-to-date		te Equity		ond	Total					
MTD N	Month	•	-11,750	•	-21,407	•	-33,157				
QTD	Quarter	•	-24,359	•	11,538	•	-12,821				
YTD Y	/ear	•	-131,498	•	26,966	•	-104,532				

Money Market														
ТНВ	1M Hist	Lact	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M F	Range
BIBOR	IIIIIII	Last	Min	Max	IIIDIIX	IIII III St	Last	Min	Max	LIBOR	IIIIII	Last	Min	Max
ON		2.00	1.75	2.00	ON	$\sim$	2.02	0.43	2.02	ON	~~	0.08	0.07	0.08
1W	•	2.06	1.77	2.06	1W		1.59	0.89	1.65	1W	<del></del>	0.00	0.00	0.08
1M		2.18	1.80	2.18	1M	$\sim$	1.56	0.87	1.72	1M		0.23	0.09	0.23
2M		2.24	1.84	2.24						2M	<del></del>	0.00	0.00	0.16
3M		2.31	1.89	2.31	3M		2.01	1.09	2.02	3M		0.51	0.15	0.52
6M		2.42	2.00	2.42	6M		2.28	1.31	2.28	6M		0.76	0.22	0.83
12M		2.52	2.14	2.52	12M		2.69	1.59	2.71	12M	<u> </u>	1.18	0.35	1.34
							Las	t Updated:	29/06/2023			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 (%)	/TM (%) Bps Chg (1D) Bps Chg (1		W) Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range		
Fixed income	TWI HISTORY	1 1 WI (%)	Bps Cng (1D	) Bps Chg (1\	w) bps chg (Twi)	Min	Max	
UST10y		3.9700	-4.00	14.00	37.00	3.37	4.05	
Gilt 10y	-	4.2295	3.99	-20.42	57.25	3.36	4.54	
Bund 10y	<b>~</b>	2.5200	3.00	3.00	8.00	2.24	2.66	
JGB 10y	/	0.5510	10.00	7.10	6.20	0.39	0.55	
TGB 1y		2.1881	0.00	6.43	14.54	2.04	2.19	
TGB 2y		2.2585	-0.29	2.31	12.37	2.13	2.27	
TGB 5y		2.4196	-1.08	1.59	10.00	2.31	2.44	
TGB 7y		2.5002	-1.41	-0.44	8.15	2.40	2.52	
TGB 10y		2.6082	-0.75	-0.12	4.87	2.54	2.63	
AAA Spread		70.50	0.04	-1.13	-0.41	68.09	73.93	
AA Spread		82.61	-2.07	0.10	0.11	78.65	85.52	
A Spread		122.95	80.0	-1.35	-3.82	122.81	127.78	
BBB Spread		237.45	-0.08	-0.19	11.54	225.86	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		9/ Cha (1D)	9/ Cha (1\\)	9/ Cha (1M)	1M Range	
Commodity	TWI FIISTOLY	Lasi	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	•••	85.88	0.9%	1.0%	12.2%	76.25	85.88
London Gold	/	1955.6	-1.0%	0.0%	-1.0%	1,904.1	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 Ra	1M Range		
Equity index	TWITHSTOTY	Lasi	/₀ Cing (TD)	/«Cilg (TW)	76 Crig (TM)	Min	Max		
S&P500 (US)		4,513.4	-0.3%	-0.8%	1.2%	4,399.0	4,589.0		
STOXX (EU)		464.5	0.2%	0.8%	3.4%	4,399.0	4,369.0		
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,108.6	-0.3%	-1.7%	3.6%	3,957.1	4,198.7		
DAX (DE)		16,446.8	0.2%	2.1%	3.6%	15,528.5	16,446.8		
CAC All-Tradable(FI	RL	5,592.3	0.3%	1.6%	-0.9%	5,287.7	5,642.7		
TOPIX (JP)		2,322.6	1.2%	3.5%	13.8%	1,961.3	2,322.6		
Shanghai (CH)		3,450.0	2.3%	1.6%	-2.8%	3,320.7	3,548.9		
Hang Seng (HK)		20,078.9	2.2%	3.8%	-2.8%	18,216.9	20,650.5		
ASX 200 (AU)		7,410.4	-0.6%	1.5%	0.7%	7,004.0	7,455.9		
SET (TH)		1,543.3	1.1%	3.5%	-3.1%	1,478.1	1,609.2		
SET50 (TH)		957.6	1.2%	4.0%	-0.4%	902.7	974.3		
Straits Times (SG)		3,374.0	1.1%	3.9%	1.5%	3,149.3	3,374.0		
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,459.4	0.6%	4.5%	1.8%	1,377.7	1,459.4		
JSX Index (ID)		6,931.4	0.5%	1.8%	1.4%	6,633.4	6,945.5		
PSE Index (PH)	<b>✓</b>	6,591.5	-1.3%	-0.5%	2.0%	6,379.7	6,685.7		

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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16.6%

Vn Index (VN)

4.7%

1.222.9

2.1%