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The average U.S. 30-year mortgage rate jumped to a nine-month peak on Wednesday and hit the second-highest rate since 2001, as interest rates reacted sharply to a downgrading of U.S. government debt. The average 30-year mortgage rate shot up to 7.09% for the week ending Aug. 4, a 16-basis point increase from the previous week's 6.93% rate, according to a weekly report released by the Mortgage Bankers Association. Rates have not been that high since November 2022, which were then the highest levels since 2001. Potential borrowers adjusted promptly to the surging cost of borrowing: the mortgage applications index - a measure of total mortgage application volume - fell 3.1% to a six-month low of 194.5. Recent data has suggested that the home price cooling engineered by the Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hiking campaign could be slowing down.

Chinese CPI inflation contracts in July, PPI falls more than expected

Chinese consumer inflation shrank in July, indicating that local liquidity and spending remained weak amid slowing business activity, while a decline in factory gate inflation also continued through the month. Consumer price index (CPI) inflation fell 0.3% in the 12 months to July, slightly better than expectations for a drop of 0.4%, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed on Wednesday. This came after a flat reading for June and marks the first annual contraction in CPI since September 2021. CPI inflation rose 0.2% from the prior month, slightly beating out expectations for growth of 0.1%. PPI inflation shrank 4.4% in July, more than expectations for a drop of 4.1%. While the reading did show some improvement from the 5.4% decline in June, it still remained close to its worst levels since the yuan crisis of 2016.

South Korea unemployment rate climbs to six-month high

South Korea's jobless rate climbed in July for a second month and hit the highest since January, with job growth its slowest in nearly 2-1/2 years. The unemployment rate rose to 2.8% in July on a seasonally adjusted basis, from 2.6% in June, Statistics Korea data showed. Its reading of 2.5% in May was the lowest since the data series began in June 1999. The number of employed people increased by 211,000 in July from the year before, smaller than a rise of 333,000 in June and the smallest since February 2021. By industry, the health and social welfare sector added 145,000 jobs and the accommodation and food services added 125,000, but construction and agricultural sectors lost 43,000 and 42,000 jobs, respectively.

US dollar inches lower ahead of inflation report

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.62, +1.30 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.605, +1.5 bps. LB31DA could be between 2.30-2.80. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.00, -2.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.95. Moving in a range of 35.03-35.10 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.80-35.30 today. The U.S. dollar drifted lower in thin rangebound trading, with investors looking ahead to Thursday's U.S. consumer prices report for indications on where the Federal Reserve's monetary policy is headed. The greenback posted steeper losses earlier in the session, particularly after data showing the Chinese economy slipped into deflation last month. That raised the chances of China launching additional stimulus measures and nudged investors into risk assets. Reported dollar selling by state-owned Chinese banks also helped the yuan rally from a one-month low, dealers said. The Chinese central bank's stronger-than-expected exchange-rate fixing at 7.1588 per dollar before the pen signaled its discomfort with the yuan's recent declines.





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7.2479

7.8318

7.1275

7.7926

Currency Market

USD/CNY

USD/HKD

1M Range %Chg (1W) %Chg (1D) %Chg (1M) Currency 1M History Last Min Max Dollar Index 102.44 0.3% 99.75 103.28 0.0% -0.7% **EUR/USD** 1.0978 -0.1% -0.1% 0.9% 1.1254 1.0843 USD/JPY 143.11 0.8% 0.2% -0.5% 137.59 144.52 -0.1% USD/CHF 0.8744 0.0% -2.4% 0.8575 0.8983 0.1% GBP/USD 1.2754 -0.2% 0.2% 1.3121 1.2693 0.2% 0.8% USD/CAD 1.3408 0.3% 1.3114 1.3408 AUD/USD 0.6540 -0.5% -0.8% -1.3% 0.6525 0.6879 NZD/USD 0.6078 -0.4% -0.6% -1.4% 0.6394 0.6068 0.0% ASEAN Dollar • 106.68 1.4% -0.7% 105.21 107.72 0.6% 1.8% USD/THB 34.95 -0.8% 33.97 35.25 USD/SGD 1.3440 0.3% 0.6% -0.6% 1.3198 1.3527 USD/MYR 4.5725 0.4% 0.8% -2.0% 4.5237 4.6670 USD/IDR 15,156 0.2% 0.2% 0.6% 14,902 15,164 **USD/PHP** 56.36 0.9% 2.4% 1.3% 54.33 56.36 0.0%

0.4%

0.2%

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Ch	ıg(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 C	hg(1W)
Total	Maria San	220,789	-584	
Total Golds	Harrison Harrison	220,789 15,381	-584 -16	
	le	-,		
Golds		15,381	-16	
Golds SDR		15,381 5,497	-16 -12	
Golds SDR IMF Reserves		15,381 5,497 1,257	-16 -12 -3	

7.2130

7.8104

0.0%

-0.4%

-0.2%

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)											
Date	Date Ed		equity B			ond	Total				
09/0	09/08/2023 2		2,805		-1,9	-1,997		807			
08/08	08/08/2023 -3		3,348		-2,3	-2,344		5,692			
07/08	07/08/2023		-394		-1,8	-1,800		2,194			
04/0	04/08/2023 -2		-2,576		-7,0	-7,016		9,592			
03/0	03/08/2023 -2		2,931		-8,0	-8,031		0,962			
Last	Last 5 days -		6,444		-21	-21,189		27,634			
	Period-to-date		e Equity		Bond		т	otal			
MTD	Month		ψ .	-8,945	•	-23,405	•	-32,349			
QTD	Quarter		ψ .	-21,554	•	9,540	•	-12,014			
YTD	Year		•	-128,693	•	24,968	•	-103,725			

Money Market														
ТНВ	1M Hist	Loct	1M Ra	1M Range	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M F	Range
BIBOR	IIVI IIISL	Lasi	Min	Max	ІПВГІЛ	IIVI IIISL	IIVI FIIST Last —	Min	Max	LIBOR	IINI LIISI	Lasi	Min	Max
ON	<u></u>	2.00	1.75	2.00	ON		2.02	0.43	2.02	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		2.10	1.77	2.10	1W		1.59	0.89	1.65	1W		0.00	0.00	0.08
1M		2.20	1.80	2.20	1M	~~~	1.56	0.87	1.72	1M		0.23	0.09	0.23
2M		2.26	1.84	2.26						2M		0.00	0.00	0.16
3M		2.32	1.89	2.32	3M		2.01	1.09	2.02	3M		0.51	0.15	0.52
6M		2.43	2.01	2.43	6M		2.28	1.31	2.28	6M		0.76	0.22	0.83
12M		2.53	2.15	2.53	12M		2.69	1.59	2.71	12M		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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Fived Income	1M History	VTM (0/ \	Pnc Cha /1D)) Pro Cha (1	14/1	Bps Chg (1M)		1M Range	
Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D) Bps Chg (1	vv)			Min	Max
UST10y		4.0500	9.00	24.00		51.00		3.39	4.06
Gilt 10y		4.2372	4.01	-12.29		54.13		3.40	4.55
Bund 10y		2.5000	0.00	2.00		4.00		2.25	2.64
JGB 10y		0.5960	4.50	11.60		11.60		0.39	0.60
TGB 1y		2.1892	0.11	2.39		14.59		2.04	2.19
TGB 2y	/	2.2554	-0.31	0.35		11.72		2.13	2.27
TGB 5y	,	2.4193	-0.03	0.62		9.19		2.31	2.44
TGB 7y		2.4989	-0.13	-0.38		6.56		2.40	2.52
TGB 10y	/	2.6212	1.30	0.86		4.89		2.55	2.63
AAA Spread	<u> </u>	70.51	0.03	-1.21		0.17		69.20	73.91
AA Spread		82.62	0.02	0.00		1.26		78.86	85.24
A Spread	\	123.23	0.31	-1.13		-3.52		122.81	127.78
BBB Spread	~	237.53	-0.03	-0.13		11.64		225.85	242.26

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/ Cha (1D)	0/ Cha (1\A/\	9/ Cha (1M)	1M Range	
Commodity	TWI HISTOTY	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	•	87.45	1.5%	3.0%	11.4%	76.52	87.45
London Gold	<u> </u>	1956.8	0.3%	0.1%	-1.9%	1,903.6	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 F	Range
Equity index	TWITISTOLY	Lasi	%€lig (ID)	78 Cilg (TW	76 Clig (TW)	Min	Max
S&P500 (US)	-	4,501.9	-0.5%	-2.3%	1.5%	4,399.0	4,589.0
STOXX (EU)	/	461.3	-0.7%	0.0%	2.2%	445.0	464.5
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,139.4	0.7%	0.4%	4.2%	3,957.1	4,198.7
DAX (DE)		16,240.4	-1.4%	1.1%	2.4%	15,603.4	16,469.8
CAC All-Tradable(FI	R) ~~	5,527.7	-1.0%	1.5%	-2.0%	5,300.8	5,640.4
TOPIX (JP)		2,337.4	2.0%	4.4%	14.6%	1,965.4	2,337.4
Shanghai (CH)		3,449.9	0.5%	2.5%	-3.0%	3,317.0	3,559.0
Hang Seng (HK)		20,011.1	0.5%	3.1%	-1.8%	18,479.7	20,367.8
ASX 200 (AU)		7,450.7	0.6%	2.1%	1.6%	7,042.3	7,450.7
SET (TH)	<u></u>	1,556.1	2.1%	4.2%	-2.8%	1,466.9	1,600.4
SET50 (TH)		966.2	2.2%	4.8%	0.0%	896.4	966.2
Straits Times (SG)		3,374.0	1.1%	3.9%	1.5%	3,149.3	3,374.0
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,451.2	0.1%	2.8%	1.1%	1,374.6	1,451.2
JSX Index (ID)		6,886.5	-0.2%	0.2%	1.0%	6,618.9	6,948.3
PSE Index (PH)		6,593.8	-0.5%	0.7%	2.3%	6,379.0	6,679.1

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

1,040.6

1,217.6

16.0%

Vn Index (VN)

3.8%

1,217.6

0.8%