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U.S. single-family homebuilding surged in July and permits for future construction rose amid an acute shortage of previously owned houses, but mortgage rates climbing back to near two-decade highs could slow the housing market improvement. The sharp rebound in groundbreaking on single-family housing units reported by the Commerce Department on Wednesday was another sign of the economy continuing to defy dire forecasts of a recession. It followed news on Tuesday that retail sales rose strongly in July, which prompted economists to upgrade their growth estimates for the third quarters. With inflation retreating, economists did not see the flow of upbeat data leading to another interest rate hike next month. Single-family housing starts, which account for the bulk of homebuilding, jumped 6.7% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 983,000 units last month.

UK inflation pressure stays strong despite fall in headline rate

Worries about persistently high inflation in Britain grew on Wednesday as key measures of price growth monitored by the Bank of England failed to ease in July, despite a sharp drop in the headline inflation rate. The annual consumer price inflation rate cooled to 6.8% from June's 7.9%, the Office for National Statistics said - as the central bank and a Reuters poll of economists had predicted and moving further away from October's peak of 11.1%. The drop in the headline rate reflected falling energy prices and will be welcomed by British consumers who have faced higher inflation than in most other industrialized countries. But fresh signs of stickiness in core inflation and consumer service prices echoed warnings by BoE policymakers this month that the risks of long-lasting high inflation were beginning to crystallize.

Japan exports fall for first time since 2021, stoking concerns about outlook

Japan's exports fell in July for the first time in nearly 2-1/2 years, dragged down by faltering demand for light oil and chip-making equipment, underlining concerns about a global recession as key markets like China weakened. Ministry of Finance (MOF) data out Thursday showed Japanese exports fell 0.3% in July year-on-year, compared with a 0.8% decrease expected by economists in a Reuters poll. It followed a 1.5% rise in the previous month. Separate data by the Cabinet Office showed a key gauge of capital expenditures rose in June, providing a glimmer of hope for fostering sustainable economic growth. Overall, the batch of data underscored fragility in Japan's export engine that helped underpin second quarter domestic product (GDP) growth, with car shipments and inbound tourism the biggest drivers.

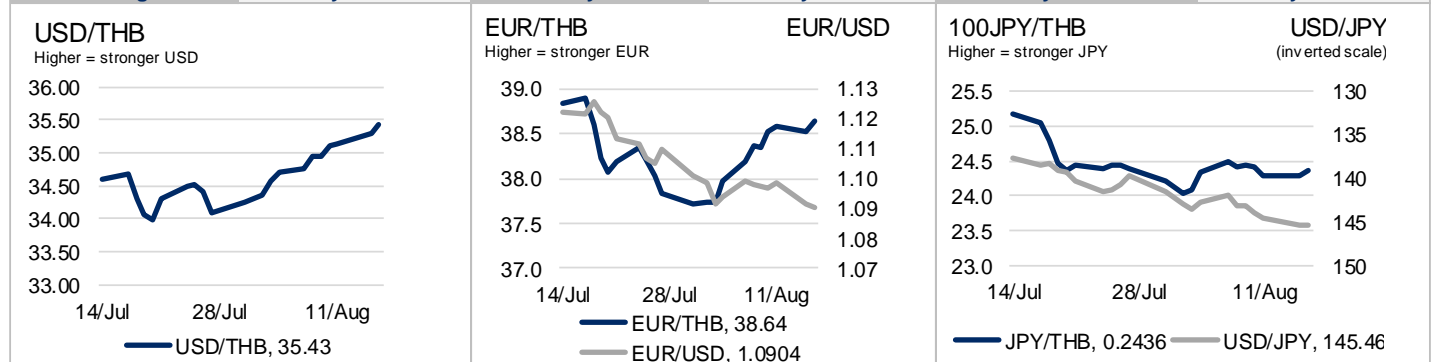
Dollar ticks higher versus yen, China fears drag on yuan

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.66, +1.70 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.64, +2.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.28, +7.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.43. Moving in a range of 35.50-35.57 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 35.40-35.70 today. The Japanese yen further weakened against the dollar on Wednesday, hovering in a zone that last year triggered intervention, while the yuan slipped to a nine-month low as fears mounted about the extent of China's slowdown. The yen has hit the key 145 per dollar level for four sessions, which triggered heavy dollar selling by Japanese authorities in September and October last year. It last weakened 0.45% versus the greenback to 146.22 per dollar, after hitting 146.260, a level not seen since November. Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki said on Tuesday authorities were not targeting absolute currency levels for intervention.

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SET Index	1,519.6	S&P500	4,404.3	10Y UST	4.28%	Brent	83.4	Gold	1,906.8
16-Aug	▼ -0.08%	16-Aug	▼ -0.76%	16-Aug	▲ 7.0 bps	16-Aug	▼ -1.82%	16-Aug	▲ 0.14%

USD/THB	35.43	Daily	▲ 0.39%	EUR/THB	38.64	Daily	▲ 0.31%	JPY/THB	0.2436	Daily	▲ 0.31%
		Weekly	▲ 1.37%			Weekly	▲ 0.76%			Weekly	▼ -0.29%
		Monthly	▲ 2.34%			Monthly	▼ -0.53%			Monthly	▼ -3.22%



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		103.06	0.0%	0.6%	2.4%	99.86	103.06
EUR/USD		1.0913	-0.7%	-0.6%	-2.1%	1.0913	1.1254
USD/JPY		145.33	0.5%	1.6%	5.0%	137.59	145.33
USD/CHF		0.8774	0.1%	0.3%	1.4%	0.8575	0.8906
GBP/USD		1.2695	0.0%	-0.5%	-2.5%	1.2689	1.3121
USD/CAD		1.3461	0.1%	0.4%	2.2%	1.3114	1.3461
AUD/USD		0.6485	-0.6%	-0.8%	-4.7%	0.6485	0.6879
NZD/USD		0.5977	-0.6%	-1.7%	-5.5%	0.5977	0.6394
ASEAN Dollar		109.31	0.0%	0.6%	0.8%	107.15	109.38
USD/THB		35.30	0.5%	1.0%	2.1%	33.97	35.43
USD/SGD		1.3552	0.5%	0.8%	2.0%	1.3198	1.3552
USD/MYR		4.6281	1.0%	1.2%	0.4%	4.5237	4.6656
USD/IDR		15,274	0.8%	0.8%	2.3%	14,902	15,274
USD/PHP		56.80	1.0%	0.8%	3.9%	54.33	56.80
USD/CNY		7.2775	0.0%	0.9%	1.7%	7.1275	7.2775
USD/HKD		7.8173	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	7.7926	7.8318

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)
1-month		0.40	0.00
3-month		1.13	-0.18
6-month		2.13	-0.23

Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)
Total		218,501	-2288
Gold		15,251	-130
SDR		5,489	-8
IMF Reserves		1,255	-2
Foreign Ccy		196,506	-2148
Net Fwd Position		31,260	170

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Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
16/08/2023	-884	-1,377	-2,261
15/08/2023	-3,816	-3,409	-7,225
11/08/2023	-349	-2,853	-3,202
10/08/2023	1,171	-1,669	-498
09/08/2023	2,805	-1,997	807
Last 5 days	-1,073	-11,306	-12,378

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -12,822	↓ -32,713	↓ -45,535
QTD	Quarter	↓ -25,432	↑ 232	↓ -25,200
YTD	Year	↓ -132,571	↑ 15,660	↓ -116,911

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		2.25	1.75	2.25	ON		0.00	0.43	2.02	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		2.27	1.77	2.27	1W		1.47	0.89	1.65	1W		0.00	0.00	0.08
1M		2.29	1.80	2.29	1M		1.20	0.87	1.72	1M		0.23	0.09	0.23
2M		2.34	1.84	2.34	2M					2M		0.00	0.00	0.16
3M		2.38	1.89	2.38	3M		1.91	1.09	2.02	3M		0.52	0.14	0.52
6M		2.48	2.01	2.48	6M		2.27	1.31	2.27	6M		0.83	0.22	0.83
12M		2.57	2.15	2.57	12M		2.68	1.59	2.71	12M		1.33	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		4.0500	-3.00	25.00	48.00	3.38	4.08
Gilt 10y		4.3168	10.33	-2.03	51.19	3.40	4.43
Bund 10y		2.6200	10.00	21.00	17.00	2.29	2.64
JGB 10y		0.6540	5.80	17.40	17.40	0.38	0.65
TGB 1y		2.1894	0.01	0.13	14.88	2.04	2.19
TGB 2y		2.2764	1.37	1.79	12.51	2.14	2.28
TGB 5y		2.4433	2.41	2.37	9.27	2.33	2.44
TGB 7y		2.5328	2.62	3.26	8.75	2.43	2.53
TGB 10y		2.6601	1.70	5.19	7.57	2.55	2.66
AAA Spread		70.49	-0.02	-1.23	0.15	69.20	73.93
AA Spread		81.34	-1.28	-1.28	-0.03	78.86	85.27
A Spread		123.20	-0.04	-1.17	-3.55	122.92	127.78
BBB Spread		237.50	-0.03	-0.16	11.61	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	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Brent Crude		83.36	-1.8%	-4.8%	6.2%	78.50	87.55
London Gold		1934.0	-0.8%	-1.4%	-2.6%	1,904.1	2,036.1

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)		4,467.7	0.0%	-0.7%	-0.1%	4,409.5	4,589.0
STOXX (EU)		465.0	-1.1%	0.1%	0.8%	445.0	470.4
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,021.6	-0.4%	-2.8%	-0.4%	4,021.6	4,198.7
DAX (DE)		15,951.9	-0.4%	-1.1%	0.5%	15,603.4	16,446.8
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,459.0	0.0%	-0.1%	-2.6%	5,313.2	5,630.3
TOPIX (JP)		2,268.4	-3.0%	1.3%	11.2%	1,965.4	2,337.4
Shanghai (CH)		3,447.0	0.8%	2.8%	-2.4%	3,317.0	3,532.8
Hang Seng (HK)		19,539.5	0.1%	2.8%	-4.2%	18,533.1	20,438.8
ASX 200 (AU)		7,325.3	-0.4%	0.6%	0.0%	7,042.3	7,455.9
SET (TH)		1,529.0	-1.7%	2.3%	-4.5%	1,485.3	1,600.4
SET50 (TH)		947.7	-1.9%	2.8%	-1.9%	908.3	966.2
Straits Times (SG)		3,304.1	-2.1%	1.5%	-0.3%	3,150.4	3,373.8
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,445.2	0.0%	2.8%	0.7%	1,376.1	1,459.4
JSX Index (ID)		6,852.8	0.0%	-0.2%	0.9%	6,619.8	6,931.4
PSE Index (PH)		6,450.8	-0.5%	-1.2%	-1.1%	6,379.0	6,684.4
Vn Index (VN)		1,226.0	0.5%	4.4%	17.6%	1,039.6	1,226.0

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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