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Euro zone inflation slower further and even underlying price pressures appear to have peaked, Eurostat data showed on Friday, easing pressure on the European Central Bank to keep raising rates after its fastest rate-hike cycle on record. The ECB has lifted rates from deep in negative territory to two-decade-highs in just a year to combat a historic surge in inflation and policymakers are now contemplating whether they have done enough to put price growth back on a path to 2%. Consumer prices increased by 5.3% in July versus 5.5% in June, extending a downtrend that started last autumn. Meanwhile price growth excluding food and energy, the underlying measure closely watched by the ECB, was flat at 5.5%, Eurostat said, confirming preliminary figures.

Malaysia posts weakest GDP growth in nearly 2 years as exports slump

Malaysia's economic growth hit the lowest in nearly two years in the second quarter due to sliding exports and a global slowdown, prompting the central bank on Friday to warn that full-year growth will come in at the lower end of its previous forecast. The weaker outlook does not change most economists' expectations for the central bank to keep policy rates on hold this year as the Southeast Asian economy confronts weakening global demand and a slowdown in main trading partner China. Second-quarter annual growth came in at 2.9%, central bank data showed. The expansion was the slowest pace since the third quarter of 2021 when the economy contracted by 4.2%, and was lower than the 5.6% growth in the first quarter of the year.

Thai economy likely grew 3.1% in Q2 on higher tourist arrivals

Thailand's economy likely grew 3.1% in the April-June quarter from a year ago, up from 2.7% in the previous quarter, driven by increased foreign tourist arrivals, according to the median forecast of 21 economists polled by Reuters. On a quarterly basis, gross domestic product (GDP) was forecast to have grown by a seasonally-adjusted 1.2%, a slowdown from the 1.9% growth in the preceding quarter, according to a smaller sample of forecasts in the Aug. 14-17 poll. While the country's tourism-driven economy is expected to improve gradually, visitor numbers are still well below pre-pandemic levels. Thailand is predicted to receive 29 million tourists this year, down from 40 million visitors in 2019, the last full year before the COVID pandemic. Exports, a key driver of growth, have contracted since October 2022, indicating weak global demand, especially from China, Thailand's biggest trading partner.

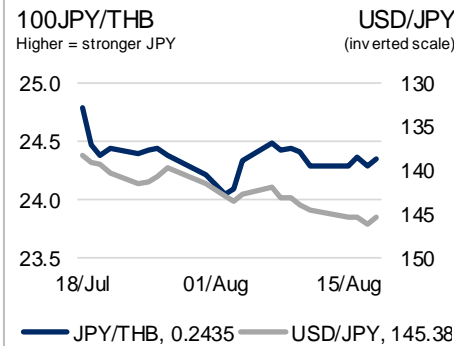
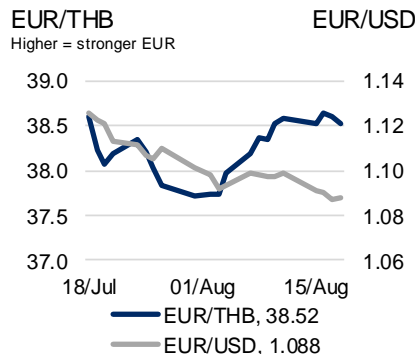
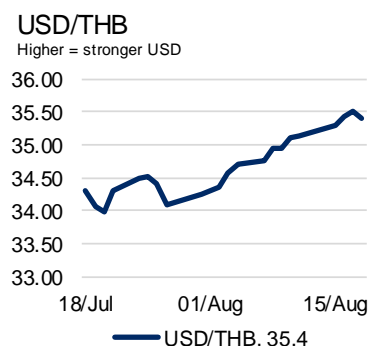
Dollar gains intact as traders eye Jackson Hole

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.74, +2.50 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.71, +2.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.26, -4.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.40. Moving in a range of 35.36-35.41 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 35.20-35.50 today. The dollar began on a firm footing on Monday, following five straight weeks of gains, as investors looked ahead to Federal Reserve's Jackson Hole symposium for a guide on where rates might settle when the dust of this hiking cycle clears. The dollar made a gain of 0.7% on the euro last week, inched ahead on the yen and surged by more than 1% on the Antipodean currencies as U.S. Treasury yields leapt in anticipation of interest rates staying higher for longer. In early trade, the Australian dollar was just above last week's nine-month low of \$0.6365, and the New Zealand dollar was pinned at \$0.5923. They have suffered a double blow lately as in both countries central banks have indicated they are on hold, and both are exposed, via exports, to China where market fears about the slowing economy have swelled as property problems deepened.

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

SET Index	1,519.1	S&P500	4,369.7	10Y UST	4.26%	Brent	83.9	Gold	1,891.8
18-Aug	▼ -0.64%	18-Aug	▼ -0.01%	18-Aug	▼ -4.0 bps	17-Aug	▲ 0.51%	18-Aug	▼ -0.12%

USD/THB 35.40	Daily ▼ -0.34%	EUR/THB 38.52	Daily ▼ -0.23%	JPY/THB 0.2435	Daily ▲ 0.24%
Weekly ▲ 0.78%	Weekly ▼ -0.19%	Weekly ▼ -0.25%	Monthly ▲ 3.16%	Monthly ▼ -0.22%	Monthly ▲ -1.79%
Sideways Trend	Falling Trend	Sideways Trend			



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		103.46	0.0%	0.8%	3.3%	99.83	103.46
EUR/USD		1.0868	-0.3%	-0.9%	-3.1%	1.0868	1.1254
USD/JPY		146.24	0.5%	1.7%	5.6%	137.59	146.24
USD/CHF		0.8801	0.2%	0.3%	2.2%	0.8575	0.8801
GBP/USD		1.2725	0.2%	0.1%	-2.7%	1.2689	1.3121
USD/CAD		1.3535	0.2%	0.8%	2.3%	1.3114	1.3535
AUD/USD		0.6393	-0.8%	-2.1%	-6.2%	0.6393	0.6879
NZD/USD		0.5919	-0.6%	-2.3%	-6.8%	0.5919	0.6394
ASEAN Dollar		110.38	0.0%	1.1%	2.5%	107.20	110.38
USD/THB		35.52	0.3%	1.2%	2.4%	33.97	35.52
USD/SGD		1.3602	0.1%	1.0%	2.9%	1.3198	1.3602
USD/MYR		4.6418	0.0%	1.5%	2.0%	4.5237	4.6419
USD/IDR		15,242	-0.1%	0.5%	2.1%	14,902	15,274
USD/PHP		56.74	-0.3%	0.6%	4.1%	54.33	56.89
USD/CNY		7.3196	0.0%	1.4%	2.2%	7.1275	7.3196
USD/HKD		7.8257	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	7.7926	7.8260

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

Last update: 4/8/2023

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
18/8/2023	-388	-1,586	-1,974
17/8/2023	782	-3,011	-2,229
16/8/2023	-884	-1,377	-2,261
15/8/2023	-3,816	-3,409	-7,225
11/8/2023	-349	-2,853	-3,202
Last 5 days	-4,655	-12,236	-16,891

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -12,428	↓ -37,310	↓ -49,738
QTD	Quarter	↓ -25,037	↓ -4,365	↓ -29,402
YTD	Year	↓ -132,177	↑ 11,063	↓ -121,113

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		2.30	1.80	2.30	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		2.39	1.89	2.39	3M		1.91	1.09	2.02	3M		0.52	0.14	0.52
6M		2.49	2.01	2.49	6M		2.27	1.31	2.27	6M		0.83	0.22	0.83
12M		2.58	2.16	2.58	12M		2.68	1.59	2.71	12M		1.33	0.35	1.34

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Note: D=d=day; M=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		4.0200	-3.00	17.00	62.00	3.40	4.08
Gilt 10y		4.3269	1.01	7.37	60.38	3.50	4.55
Bund 10y		2.4900	-13.00	6.00	6.00	2.25	2.64
JGB 10y		0.6250	-2.90	15.90	15.50	0.38	0.65
TGB 1y		2.1897	-0.09	0.10	14.80	2.04	2.19
TGB 2y		2.2874	-0.18	3.29	13.32	2.15	2.29
TGB 5y		2.4797	0.98	6.53	13.61	2.33	2.48
TGB 7y		2.5958	1.74	10.00	15.57	2.43	2.60
TGB 10y		2.7374	2.50	12.85	16.62	2.55	2.74
AAA Spread		73.93	3.44	2.10	3.57	69.35	73.93
AA Spread		79.64	-1.70	-2.74	-1.72	78.84	85.03
A Spread		123.05	-0.15	-1.14	-3.68	122.81	127.78
BBB Spread		237.53	0.03	-0.19	11.64	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		83.88	0.5%	-2.9%	5.3%	78.50	87.55
London Gold		1934.8	0.0%	-2.4%	-2.8%	1,913.8	2,027.1

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)		4,464.1	0.6%	-0.6%	-0.3%	4,464.1	4,589.0
STOXX (EU)		455.4	-0.7%	-3.1%	-0.4%	445.0	470.4
FTSE All-Share(UK)		3,961.9	-0.8%	-4.7%	-2.6%	3,961.9	4,198.7
DAX (DE)		15,774.9	-1.1%	-2.6%	-0.2%	15,603.4	16,446.8
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,427.5	-0.6%	-1.6%	-2.7%	5,313.2	5,642.7
TOPIX (JP)		2,283.9	0.7%	0.2%	12.2%	1,991.9	2,337.4
Shanghai (CH)		3,418.2	-0.8%	2.9%	-1.2%	3,322.6	3,559.0
Hang Seng (HK)		19,184.2	-1.8%	1.4%	-3.9%	18,216.9	20,650.5
ASX 200 (AU)		7,311.1	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.3%	7,042.3	7,410.4
SET (TH)		1,532.5	0.2%	0.2%	-3.1%	1,466.9	1,592.7
SET50 (TH)		952.1	0.5%	1.0%	-0.2%	896.4	966.2
Straits Times (SG)		3,309.9	0.2%	1.1%	-0.4%	3,149.3	3,373.8
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,451.0	0.4%	3.1%	1.8%	1,376.7	1,459.4
JSX Index (ID)		6,886.4	-0.2%	0.8%	1.7%	6,626.1	6,945.5
PSE Index (PH)		6,473.0	0.3%	-2.1%	-1.8%	6,379.0	6,679.1
Vn Index (VN)		1,242.2	1.3%	5.9%	20.0%	1,034.9	1,242.2

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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