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U.S. job openings unexpectedly increased in August amid a surge in demand for workers in the professional and business services sector, pointing to a still-tight labor market that could compel the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates next month. Job openings, a measure of labor demand, were up 690,000 to 9.610 million on the last day of August. That was the most in just over two years. Data for July was revised higher to show 8.920 million job openings instead of the previously reported 8.827 million. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast 8.800 million job openings in August. Quits rose 19,000 to 3.638 million, ending two consecutive months of decreases. The quits rate, viewed as a measure of labor market confidence, was unchanged at 2.3%. Economists said that data bodes well for keeping wage inflation contained.

US Treasury yields hit decade high, driven by strong labor market and inflation fears

US Treasury yields have surged to levels not seen since August 2007, amid expectations of continued monetary tightening by the Federal Reserve and a robust labor market. The 10-year yield climbed to a staggering 4.785%, while the 30-year bond yield reached 4.874%. This significant increase in yields reflects investors' anticipation of an extended Federal Reserve's monetary policy adjustment in response to record inflation rates and a strong labor market. The central bank has been wrestling with a record inflation rate that stands at a 40-year high. Since March 2022, it has raised interest rates 11 times, although it refrained from doing so twice. These rate hikes have heightened fears of a potential recession due to the elevated cost of borrowing.

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Japan will take appropriate steps against excessive moves in the yen "without ruling out any options", Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki said, keeping markets on alert over the chance of yen-buying intervention. Suzuki told reporters he would not comment on whether Tokyo intervened in the exchange rate market overnight to prop up the yen. "Currency rates ought to move stably driven by markets, reflecting fundamentals. Sharp moves are undesirable," Suzuki told reporters. "The government is watching market developments very carefully. We're ready to take necessary action against excess volatility, without ruling out any options," he added. Japan's top currency diplomat Masato Kanda told reporters earlier that authorities were looking at various factors.

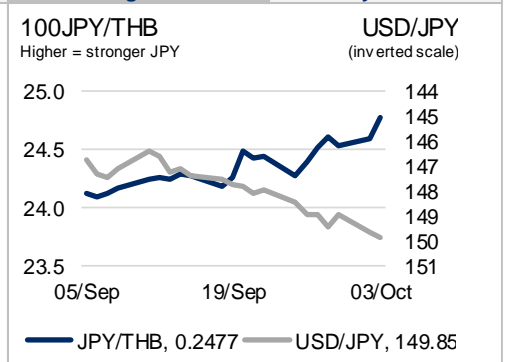
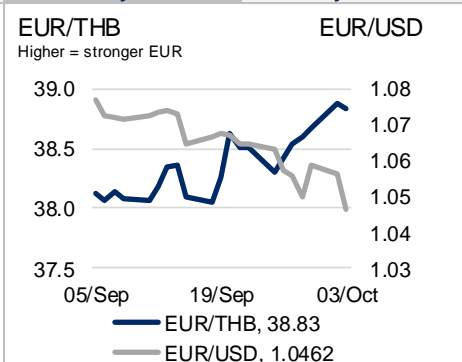
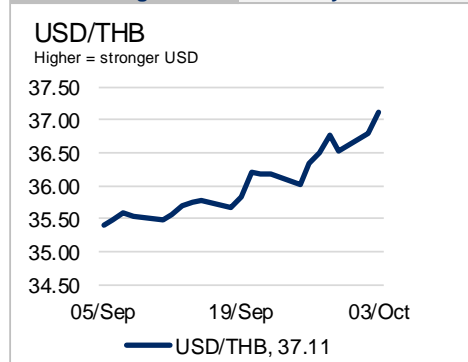
Yen surges against dollar, leads some to suspect intervention

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 3.24, +8.68 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 3.14, +9.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.81, +12.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 37.11. Moving in a range of 36.90-37.20 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 37.05-37.13 today. The yen strengthened sharply against the dollar, leading some market participants to believe Japanese policymakers had intervened to support the currency, although others said the size of the move was not convincing enough. Traders have been on watch for weeks for a possible intervention by Japanese officials to combat a sustained depreciation in the yen. Tuesday's move saw the dollar break above the 150 level for the first time since October 2022, before tumbling to a low of 147.30 as the yen surged. The 150 level is one that many traders suspect could mark the point at which Japanese authorities, who have reiterated their concern about excessive volatility and currency weakness, could intervene.

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

DAX Index	1,447.3	S&P500	4,229.5	10Y UST	4.81%	Brent	89.1	Gold	1,828.3
3-Oct	▼ -1.52%	3-Oct	▼ -1.38%	3-Oct	▲ 12.0 bps	2-Oct	▼ -4.44%	3-Oct	▼ -0.19%

USD/THB 37.11	Daily ▲ 0.86%	EUR/THB 38.83	Daily ▼ -0.11%	JPY/THB 0.2477	Daily ▲ 0.72%
Weekly ▲ 1.64%	Weekly ▲ 0.74%	Weekly ▲ 1.05%	Monthly ▲ 1.82%	Monthly ▲ 2.61%	
Rising Trend	Monthly ▲ 4.70%	Sideways Trend		Rising Trend	



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		106.38	0.0%	0.2%	2.0%	103.21	106.84
EUR/USD		1.0564	-0.2%	-0.1%	-1.9%	1.0498	1.0917
USD/JPY		149.64	0.5%	0.5%	2.3%	145.49	149.64
USD/CHF		0.9146	0.2%	0.1%	3.3%	0.8783	0.9213
GBP/USD		1.2191	-0.3%	0.0%	-3.2%	1.2132	1.2720
USD/CAD		1.3582	0.8%	0.7%	-0.2%	1.3471	1.3672
AUD/USD		0.6415	-0.6%	0.1%	-0.7%	0.6360	0.6486
NZD/USD		0.5991	-0.3%	0.5%	0.8%	0.5872	0.6006
ASEAN Dollar		109.78	0.0%	0.3%	2.5%	107.50	110.41
USD/THB		36.80	0.7%	1.2%	4.6%	34.93	37.11
USD/SGD		1.3683	0.4%	0.0%	1.0%	1.3493	1.3722
USD/MYR		4.7022	0.4%	0.3%	1.0%	4.6383	4.7085
USD/IDR		15,467	0.3%	0.6%	1.8%	15,173	15,472
USD/PHP		56.73	0.2%	-0.5%	0.1%	56.60	57.06
USD/CNY		7.3009	0.0%	-0.1%	0.4%	7.2580	7.3429
USD/HKD		7.8342	0.2%	0.1%	-0.2%	7.8186	7.8497

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		213,587	-1152
Gold		15,113	12
SDR		5,402	-9
IMF Reserves		1,229	-5
Foreign Ccy		191,843	-1150
Net Fwd Position		29,905	-230

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Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
03/10/2023	-4,440	-2,549	-6,989
02/10/2023	-670	2,435	1,766
29/09/2023	1,071	2,152	3,223
28/09/2023	-2,702	-2,946	-5,648
27/09/2023	2,056	-1,503	553
Last 5 days	-4,684	-2,410	-7,095

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -5,110	↓ -113	↓ -5,224
QTD	Quarter	↓ -5,110	↓ -113	↓ -5,224
YTD	Year	↓ -162,281	↓ -10,795	↓ -173,075

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		2.28	1.86	2.28	1W		1.47	0.89	1.65	1W		0.00	0.00	0.08
1M		2.34	1.95	2.34	1M		1.20	0.87	1.72	1M		0.23	0.09	0.23
2M		2.42	2.00	2.42	2M					2M		0.00	0.00	0.16
3M		2.48	2.06	2.48	3M		1.91	1.09	2.02	3M		0.52	0.14	0.52
6M		2.57	2.16	2.57	6M		2.27	1.31	2.27	6M		0.83	0.22	0.83
12M		2.67	2.30	2.67	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		4.4900	12.00	31.00	76.00	3.69	4.49
Gilt 10y		4.3027	-0.53	1.07	11.41	4.09	4.65
Bund 10y		2.6400	1.00	7.00	32.00	2.27	2.70
JGB 10y		0.7310	1.60	7.40	29.70	0.40	0.73
TGB 1y		2.4630	0.03	1.46	27.20	2.19	2.48
TGB 2y		2.5388	0.88	-1.15	23.17	2.30	2.56
TGB 5y		2.7883	1.28	-5.49	23.57	2.52	2.87
TGB 7y		2.9902	4.40	-3.58	30.75	2.65	3.04
TGB 10y		3.2400	8.68	-0.31	43.25	2.77	3.26
AAA Spread		66.51	-0.88	-4.07	-6.10	66.51	73.93
AA Spread		69.40	-2.41	-11.15	-9.25	69.40	85.27
A Spread		120.50	-0.41	-1.94	-3.08	120.50	124.71
BBB Spread		234.34	0.04	-0.66	-3.62	234.30	239.99

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		89.06	-4.3%	-4.5%	2.5%	85.49	97.33
London Gold		1923.4	-0.6%	-1.0%	-2.1%	1,890.1	1,964.8

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)		4,273.5	0.0%	-2.9%	-5.0%	4,273.5	4,515.8
STOXX (EU)		449.0	-1.2%	-0.3%	0.8%	445.3	457.4
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,043.7	-0.7%	-2.3%	-0.5%	4,043.7	4,197.8
DAX (DE)		15,571.9	-0.6%	-1.6%	-4.1%	15,571.9	16,446.8
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,372.2	-0.9%	-1.1%	-1.5%	5,332.4	5,592.3
TOPIX (JP)		2,383.4	-1.9%	1.4%	8.8%	2,160.7	2,430.3
Shanghai (CH)		3,277.4	0.0%	-0.3%	-2.2%	3,242.5	3,449.9
Hang Seng (HK)		17,885.6	-0.3%	-3.2%	-6.4%	17,623.3	20,040.4
ASX 200 (AU)		7,065.2	-1.8%	-3.5%	-1.0%	7,004.0	7,410.4
SET (TH)		1,514.3	-0.6%	-2.2%	-2.9%	1,479.6	1,565.9
SET50 (TH)		927.5	-0.6%	-2.2%	-1.9%	902.7	960.4
Straits Times (SG)		3,202.8	-1.2%	-1.1%	0.5%	3,150.4	3,337.4
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,451.6	-0.4%	-0.8%	5.3%	1,378.7	1,463.4
JSX Index (ID)		7,011.7	1.1%	0.5%	5.7%	6,626.1	7,011.7
PSE Index (PH)		6,094.7	0.8%	-1.9%	-7.2%	6,048.0	6,677.9
Vn Index (VN)		1,212.7	0.1%	-0.9%	9.5%	1,078.1	1,242.2

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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