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US private payrolls growth unexpectedly slowed in November, in a sign that the Federal Reserve's aggressive campaign of interest rate hikes could be impacting labor demand. Private employers in the US added 103,000 jobs last month, down from a revised mark of 106,000 in October, according to payroll processor ADP. Economists had forecast an increase of 130,000 jobs. Both the goods and services sectors saw weakness, with the manufacturing and leisure and hospitality industries posting declines. Fed policymakers will likely be keeping a close eye on the slowdown in private hiring, which serves as a warm-up act to the headline economic data this week. Tempering labor demand has been one of the main pillars of the US central bank's unprecedented decision to lift interest rates to more than two-decade highs. Officials are hoping that a softening jobs picture may defuse some upward pressure on inflation.

#### Weak US third-quarter unit labor costs point to slowing inflation

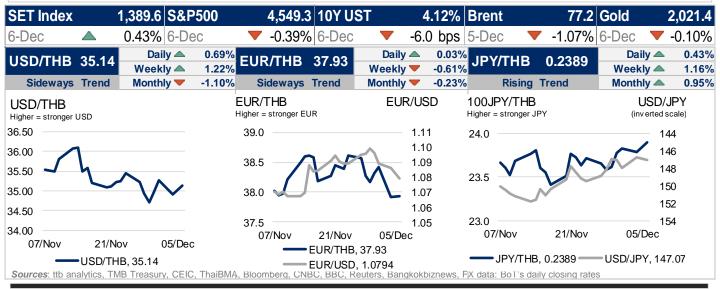
US unit labor costs were much weaker than initially thought in the third quarter amid robust worker productivity, providing a boost to the Federal Reserve's fight against inflation. The inflation outlook was further brightened by other data showing a moderation in wage growth in November. The reports followed news on Tuesday that job openings dropped to a more than 2-1/2-year low in October. They strengthened financial market expectations that the US central bank was done tightening monetary policy and could pivot to cutting rates as early as the first quarter of 2024. Unit labor costs - the price of labor per single unit of output - fell at a 1.2% annualized rate in the third quarter, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) said, revised down from the previously reported 0.8% pace of decline.

#### China's exports slump seen slowing as pockets of demand emerge

Declines in China's exports likely slowed in November, a Reuters poll showed, amid mixed signs factories in the world's second-largest economy may be finding their footing after a bruising slump in demand. Outbound shipments from China are expected to show a 1.1% drop in November from a year earlier, following a 6.4% fall in October and continuing the trend of narrowing declines for the fourth straight month, according to the median forecast of 28 economists polled. Mixed manufacturing data for November has kept alive calls for further policy support to shore up growth but also raised questions about whether predominantly negative sentiment-based surveys reflected improvements in conditions. A run of mostly upbeat data from October suggest support measures trickling out of Beijing since June bolstered a tentative economic recovery, even if a protracted property crisis and soft global demand continue to dog policymakers.

#### Dollar at 2-week high, euro softer as market bets on rate cuts

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.88, -8.24 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.96, -10.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.12, -6.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.14 Moving in a range of 35.17-35.25 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 35.15-35.35 today. The dollar fell on Friday, after two days of gains, as Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell struck a cautious tone on further interest rate moves, saying that the risk of under- or over-tightening is now more balanced. The market viewed his comments as dovish, with investors pricing in expectations that the Fed is likely done raising rates. Powell said it was clear that US monetary policy was slowing the economy as expected, with a benchmark overnight interest rate "well into restrictive territory." Powell noted, however, that the Fed is prepared to tighten policy further if deemed appropriate. The US dollar index - which tracks the currency against six major counterparts - was last down 0.2% at 103.23 after ending November on Thursday with its weakest monthly performance in a year. It is poised to end lower for a third straight week. Sources : ttb analytics , Bloomberg, CNBC, Trading Economics, Investing, CEIC



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### **Currency Market**

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Currency 1M History		Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range		
Currency		Last				Min	Max	
Dollar Index	~	103.35	0.0%	0.2%	-1.6%	102.67	106.73	
EUR/USD		1.0865	-0.3%	-0.8%	1.2%	1.0568	1.0994	
USD/JPY		146.70	-0.9%	-1.0%	-1.8%	146.70	151.73	
USD/CHF		0.8711	-0.4%	-1.0%	-2.9%	0.8711	0.9098	
GBP/USD		1.2670	0.3%	0.3%	2.3%	1.2142	1.2710	
USD/CAD		1.3526	-0.2%	-0.6%	-0.9%	1.3526	1.3885	
AUD/USD		0.6656	0.7%	0.6%	2.2%	0.6328	0.6656	
NZD/USD		0.6194	0.5%	1.5%	3.3%	0.5802	0.6194	
ASEAN Dollar	m	106.39	0.0%	-0.3%	-2.3%	105.45	108.88	
USD/THB	~~~~	34.90	-1.0%	-0.1%	-1.5%	34.71	36.08	
USD/SGD		1.3349	-0.2%	0.0%	-1.2%	1.3301	1.3696	
USD/MYR	$\sim$	4.6631	-0.4%	-0.1%	-0.1%	4.6476	4.7717	
USD/IDR		15,408	-0.5%	0.0%	-0.9%	15,350	15,888	
USD/PHP	$\sim$	55.51	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.8%	55.35	56.87	
USD/CNY		7.1365	0.0%	-0.1%	-1.9%	7.1216	7.3220	
USD/HKD	$\sim$	7.8169	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	7.7803	7.8225	

### FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)
1-month	~~~~	0.20	-0.15
3-month	$\sim$	0.88	-0.23
6-month	som.	2.00	0.00
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)

Total		217,670	901	
Golds		15,718	172	
SDR	_	5,482	16	
IMF Reserves		1,178	-10	
Foreign Ccy		195,293	723	
Net Fwd Position	and the second line	30,350	-100	

Last update: 24/11/2023

# Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date		Ec	luit	/	В	ond		Total				
6/12/2	023	-	454	1	2,	843		2,389				
4/12/2	023		979		-3,	702		-2,723				
1/12/2023		-	-266		-10,799		-1	-11,065				
30/11/	2023	-3,	705		1,	046		-2,659				
29/11/	2023	-3,	328		6,	169		2,842				
Last 5	days	-6	,774	k i i	-4	,442		11,216				
Period-to-date		o-date	E	quity		Bond		Total				
	lonth		•	259	-	-11,658	3 🤟	-11,39	99			
QTD Q	uarter		•	-34,857	•	21,462	- 4	-13,39	95			
YTD Y	ear		•	-192,028	3 🏚	10,781	- 🎍	-181,2	247			

#### Money Market

1M Hist	laet	1M R	ange	THREIY	1M Hist	laet	1M R	ange	USD	1M Hist	laet	1M R	ange
	Lasi	Min	Max			Last	Min	Max	LIBOR	THE THOU	Last	Min	Max
<b></b> •••	2.50	2.00	2.50	ON	my m	1.26	0.43	1.83	ON	<u></u>	0.08	0.07	0.08
·	2.52	2.03	2.52	1W		1.56	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.08
	2.55	2.05	2.55	1M	~~~	1.62	0.69	1.72	1M		0.12	0.08	0.12
	2.60	2.11	2.60						2M		0.00	0.00	0.16
	2.65	2.17	2.65	3M	~	1.84	1.07	1.84	ЗM		0.38	0.12	0.38
	2.72	2.27	2.72	6M	~~	2.11	1.31	2.11	6M		0.63	0.16	0.63
	2.84	2.41	2.84	12M	~~~	2.33	1.59	2.33	12M		1.09	0.23	1.09
						Las	t Updated:	29/6/2023			Las	t Updated:	9/3/2022
		1M Hist         Last           2.50         2.52           2.55         2.60           2.65         2.65           2.72         2.72	1M Hist         Last         1M R Min           2.50         2.00           2.52         2.03           2.55         2.05           2.60         2.11           2.65         2.17           2.72         2.27	IM Hist         Last         IM Range Min           2.50         2.00         2.50           2.52         2.03         2.52           2.55         2.05         2.55           2.60         2.11         2.60           2.65         2.17         2.65           2.72         2.27         2.72	IM Range Min         THBFIX           2.50         2.00         2.50           2.52         2.03         2.52           2.55         2.05         2.55           2.60         2.11         2.60           2.65         2.17         2.65           2.72         2.27         2.72	1M Hist         Last         1M Range Min         THBFIX         1M Hist           2.50         2.00         2.50         0         0         0           2.52         2.03         2.52         1W         1           2.55         2.05         2.55         1W         1           2.60         2.11         2.60         2.17         2.65           2.72         2.72         2.72         6         0	1M Hist         Last         1M Range Min         THBFIX         1M Hist         Last           2.50         2.00         2.50         2.00         2.50         100         1.26           2.52         2.03         2.52         2.05         2.55         100         1.26           2.55         2.05         2.55         2.55         100         1.26           2.65         2.11         2.60         2.11         2.60         1.84           2.72         2.27         2.72         2.72         2.72         2.33           2.84         2.41         2.84         12M         2.33	IM Hist         Last         IM Range Min         THBFIX         IM Hist         Last         IM R Min           2.50         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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

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Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W	) Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range		
	Initiationy	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				Min	Max	
UST10y		4.6700	-24.00	12.00	96.00	3.71	4.91	
Gilt 10y		4.2930	-21.37	0.24	2.78	4.18	4.64	
Bund 10y		2.7000	-24.00	-8.00	24.00	2.32	2.94	
JGB 10y		0.9200	16.30	16.20	53.00	0.38	0.92	
TGB 1y	~	2.3690	-1.02	-1.29	-4.13	2.37	2.43	
TGB 2y		2.4154	-2.77	-6.27	-11.68	2.42	2.55	
TGB 5y	$\sim$	2.5276	-6.62	-11.01	-27.96	2.53	2.87	
TGB 7y	~~~~	2.7329	-6.17	-11.28	-28.50	2.73	3.06	
TGB 10y	~~~~	2.8839	-8.24	-15.03	-29.52	2.88	3.24	
AAA Spread	~~~~	68.79	3.68	2.19	-4.52	65.11	73.91	
AA Spread		68.05	0.97	-1.24	-12.22	67.08	85.03	
A Spread		110.01	-2.45	-10.00	-12.80	110.01	124.61	
BBB Spread	~~~^	234.49	-4.40	0.06	-3.29	234.27	239.83	

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)	% Cha (1)//)	% Cha (1M)	1M Ra	ange
Commodity		Lasi	/8 Clig (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	~~~~	77.20	-2.1%	-3.5%	-9.1%	77.20	86.85
London Gold	$\sim \sim \sim$	1967.8	1.0%	3.8%	2.8%	1,828.3	1,978.2

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		
		Lasi	/aciig(ib)			Min	Max	
S&P500 (US)	~	4,514.0	0.1%	2.3%	6.9%	4,117.4	4,514.0	
STOXX (EU)	~~~	438.1	2.8%	3.1%	2.0%	421.2	450.2	
FTSE All-Share(UK)	~~~~~	4,071.1	-0.4%	1.0%	0.7%	3,933.2	4,137.3	
DAX (DE)	m	15,152.6	0.7%	-0.4%	-5.5%	15,045.2	16,240.4	
CAC All-Tradable(F	R/	5,185.0	1.0%	-1.5%	-5.7%	5,132.8	5,543.3	
TOPIX (JP)	~~~~~	2,275.5	-0.7%	-4.2%	0.7%	2,218.9	2,428.4	
Shanghai (CH)	$\sim \sim \sim$	3,257.8	3.4%	-0.6%	-1.4%	3,151.1	3,419.2	
Hang Seng (HK)	~~~~~	17,195.8	-3.0%	-3.0%	-10.2%	17,195.8	20,078.9	
ASX 200 (AU)	m	6,925.5	-0.8%	-1.5%	-4.9%	6,925.5	7,450.7	
SET (TH)	~~~~	1,447.3	0.7%	-4.0%	-2.1%	1,437.9	1,568.8	
SET50 (TH)	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	865.8	-2.5%	-6.3%	-4.1%	865.8	966.2	
Straits Times (SG)	$\sim \sim \sim$	3,155.1	1.8%	-1.4%	-1.6%	3,099.6	3,371.2	
FTSE Malay (MY)	$\sim$	1,415.6	-2.1%	-1.9%	2.1%	1,383.1	1,462.7	
JSX Index (ID)	m	6,874.8	0.4%	-0.7%	3.2%	6,652.3	7,011.7	
PSE Index (PH)	$\sim$	6,304.5	0.6%	3.4%	-1.4%	6,094.7	6,677.9	
Vn Index (VN)	~~~~	1,113.9	2.4%	-3.5%	-0.6%	1,087.9	1,245.5	

#### Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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