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Retail sales increased 0.3% last month after falling 0.2% in October, the Commerce Department's Census Bureau said. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast retail sales edging down 0.1%. Retail sales are mostly goods and are not adjusted for inflation. Sales increased 4.1% year-on-year in November. Though the pace has slowed as households adjust to higher borrowing costs and prices, it remains sufficient to ward off a recession. Retailers have been offering hefty discounts heading into the holiday shopping season to attract customers, while lower gasoline prices also freed money for spending elsewhere. The rise in sales last month was almost across the board. Shopping is increasingly shifting to online, away from brick-and-mortar retailers, with online retail sales rebounding 1.0% after sliding 0.3% in October.

Japan's factory activity extends declines as pressures persist

Japan's factory activity shrank for a seventh straight month in December while the service sector made modest gains, a business survey showed, as weak demand and price pressures capped growth. The au Jibun Bank flash Japan manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) shrank to 47.7 in December from 48.3 in November. It was the fastest deterioration in 10 months in the index, which has remained below the 50.0 threshold that separates contraction for seven straight months. "The overall performance of the private sector remained subdued," said Annabel Fiddes, Economics Associate Director at S&P Global Market Intelligence, which compiled the survey. The survey showed a sharp decline in new work in the manufacturing sector, which led to a reduction in factory output.

China's weak property sector, retail sales keep stimulus calls alive

China's property sector worsened in November as negative home buyer sentiment and indebted developers drove down sales and investment, while broader retail sector activity missed forecasts as recent stimulus struggled to revive demand. The world's second-largest economy has struggled to mount a strong post-COVID recovery as distress in the housing market, local government debt risks and weakening global demand slowed momentum. While the Asian giant grew faster-than-expected in the third quarter, domestic demand has remained tepid and manufacturers have had to discount prices to find buyers. A flurry of policy support measures have proven only modestly beneficial, raising pressure on authorities to roll out more stimulus as analysts say different parts of the economy are running at different speeds and long-standing issues persist.

Dollar tumbles on dovish Fed, euro gains as ECB talks down rate cuts

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.78, -7.03 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.82, -8.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.92, -12.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.13 Moving in a range of 34.83-34.96 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.75-35.00 today. The dollar fell to a two-week low against the euro and a more than four-month low against the Japanese yen in a broad based selloff on Thursday, after the Federal Reserve on Wednesday indicated that rate cuts are likely next year. The euro and pound, meanwhile, were supported by the European Central Bank and the Bank of England affirming the need to hold rates higher for longer. Fed Chair Jerome Powell said at Wednesday's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting that the tightening of monetary policy is likely over, with a discussion of cuts in borrowing costs coming "into view". The Fed's projections implied 75 basis points of cuts next year, from the current level. The euro gained 1.08% to \$1.0991, the highest since Nov. 29. The ECB kept rates steady and pushed back against bets on imminent cuts to interest rates on Thursday by reaffirming that borrowing costs would remain at record highs despite lower inflation expectations.

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





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Currency Market

Curroney	1M History	Last	% Cha (1D)	9/ Cha (1\N)	9/ Cha (1M)	1M Range	
Currency	TWI HISTOTY	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Dollar Index	~~~	103.99	0.0%	0.1%	-1.9%	102.67	106.00
EUR/USD	~~	1.0783	0.2%	-0.1%	1.0%	1.0672	1.0994
USD/JPY	~~~	145.50	0.0%	-1.1%	-4.1%	143.87	151.73
USD/CHF		0.8760	-0.3%	0.2%	-3.0%	0.8711	0.9032
GBP/USD		1.2549	-0.1%	-0.5%	2.7%	1.2218	1.2710
USD/CAD		1.3606	0.1%	0.2%	-1.6%	1.3526	1.3834
AUD/USD	/	0.6552	-0.4%	-0.5%	3.2%	0.6349	0.6656
NZD/USD		0.6111	-0.5%	-0.9%	3.9%	0.5875	0.6194
ASEAN Dollar	~~~	108.28	0.0%	1.2%	-0.4%	105.99	108.47
USD/THB		35.75	0.4%	1.7%	-0.9%	34.71	36.08
USD/SGD	~~~	1.3430	0.0%	0.2%	-1.4%	1.3301	1.3616
USD/MYR	~~~	4.6986	0.3%	0.6%	-0.2%	4.6476	4.7149
USD/IDR	~~~	15,576	0.0%	0.9%	-0.5%	15,350	15,656
USD/PHP	~~~	55.97	0.3%	0.8%	-0.2%	55.35	56.15
USD/CNY	~	7.1871	0.0%	0.5%	-1.6%	7.1216	7.3011
USD/HKD	~~~	7.8099	0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	7.7803	7.8206

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	% C	Chg(1D)
1-month		0.20	-0.15	
3-month	~~~	0.88	-0.23	
6-month	~~~	2.00	0.00	
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)
Total		220,357	2688	
Golds	_	16,259	541	
SDR		5,483	2	
IMF Reserves		1,178	0	
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IMF Reserves Foreign Ccy Net Fwd Position		•		

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

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Date	;	Ec	uity		Во	nd		Total					
14/1	2/2023	3,	480		-1,0	800	2	2,472					
13/1	13/12/2023		-542		3,447		2,905						
12/1	12/12/2023		-768		-555		-1,324						
8/12	/2023	-1,	304		1,7	'92		489					
7/12	/2023	-3,	984		-1,9	16	-{	5,900					
Last	5 days	-3	,118		1,7	760	-	1,358					
	Period-to-date			Equity Bond		Bond	Total						
MTD	Month		-2	,859	•	-9,897	•	-12,757					
QTD	Quarter		⊎ -3	7,975	•	23,222	4	-14,753					
YTD	Year		⊎ -1	95,146	•	12,541	•	-182,605					

Money Market														
ТНВ	1M Hist II as	4 1 0 04	1M Range	THBFIX	1M Hist	Logi	1M Range		USD	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	
BIBOR		Lasi	Min	Max	IDDLIY	IINI LIISU	Last	Min Max	Max	LIBOR	IINI LIIST	Lasi	Min	Max
ON		2.50	2.00	2.50	ON	~~	1.26	0.78	1.83	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		2.52	2.03	2.52	1W		1.56	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.08
1M		2.55	2.05	2.55	1M		1.62	0.69	1.72	1M	مسس	0.12	0.08	0.12
2M		2.60	2.12	2.60						2M		0.00	0.00	0.16
3M		2.65	2.19	2.65	3M	~~	1.84	1.07	1.84	3M	•	0.38	0.12	0.38
6M	•••	2.72	2.29	2.72	6M	$\overline{}$	2.11	1.31	2.11	6M	مسسب	0.63	0.16	0.63
12M	بسب	2.84	2.43	2.84	12M	~~	2.33	1.59	2.33	12M	مر	1.09	0.23	1.09
							Las	t Updated:	29/6/2023			Las	t Updated:	9/3/2022

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	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
UST10y	~~~~	4.4400	-42.00	12.00	67.00	3.71	4.86	
Gilt 10y	m	4.3251	-27.20	-3.05	8.00	4.12	4.65	
Bund 10y	~~~	2.5900	-24.00	-12.00	22.00	2.33	2.86	
JGB 10y		0.8600	0.40	14.50	41.30	0.38	0.86	
TGB 1y	~~~	2.3569	-1.71	-1.21	-4.63	2.36	2.40	
TGB 2y	-	2.3398	-5.19	-7.57	-20.47	2.34	2.54	
TGB 5y		2.4530	-6.23	-7.46	-32.78	2.45	2.78	
TGB 7y		2.6304	-7.81	-10.25	-34.71	2.63	2.98	
TGB 10y		2.7758	-7.03	-10.80	-41.02	2.78	3.19	
AAA Spread		66.90	1.51	-0.60	-6.36	65.39	73.91	
AA Spread		75.18	7.48	2.87	-5.66	67.14	85.02	
A Spread	-	109.79	-1.67	-11.04	-13.49	109.79	124.60	
BBB Spread		234.76	-4.18	0.43	-3.01	234.20	239.73	

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	9/ Cha (4D)	9/ Cha (1M)	0/ Cha (1M)	1M Range	
Commodity	TWI HISTORY	Lasi	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude		74.26	1.4%	-0.1%	-10.0%	73.24	83.10
London Gold	~~~	1973.4	-0.7%	2.2%	2.4%	1,870.0	1,987.6
Note: Unit of Brent crude of	oil price is \$/barrel; unit of	f gold price is \$/ou	ince				

Equity Market

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Equity Index	1M History	Last	% Chg (1D)) %Chg	(1W) %Chg (i ivi)	Min	Max
S&P500 (US)		4,567.8	0.4%	0.7%	8.9%		4,117.4	4,594.6
STOXX (EU)		450.6	1.1%	4.5%	4.8%		421.2	455.5
FTSE All-Share(UK)	~~	4,071.1	-0.4%	1.4%	-0.6%		3,933.2	4,137.3
DAX (DE)		15,748.2	7.2%	-0.2%	-0.5%		14,687.4	16,469.8
CAC All-Tradable(FR)	~~~	5,355.1	6.3%	-1.9%	0.2%		5,036.7	5,582.2
TOPIX (JP)	~~~	2,275.5	0.9%	-5.4%	-0.8%		2,206.3	2,405.6
Shanghai (CH)	~~~	3,257.8	3.0%	-1.0%	-3.9%		3,164.0	3,449.9
Hang Seng (HK)	~~~	17,195.8	-1.2%	-4.1%	-13.3%		17,195.8	19,916.6
ASX 200 (AU)		6,925.5	1.4%	-3.3%	-2.4%		6,826.9	7,403.6
SET (TH)		1,447.3	5.5%	-6.1%	-7.1%		1,371.2	1,565.9
SET50 (TH)	~~~	876.3	3.5%	-7.4%	-7.5%		846.9	960.5
Straits Times (SG)		3,155.1	3.0%	-2.7%	-2.0%		3,061.9	3,373.8
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,415.6	-1.7%	-2.9%	1.9%		1,374.6	1,463.4

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

6,619.8

6,142.8

1,060.6

6,996.8

6,661.1

1,243.3

2.4%

-3.1%

-0.4%

1M Range

JSX Index (ID)

Vn Index (VN)

PSE Index (PH)

-1.5%

2.5%

-9.2%

6,874.8

6,304.5

1,113.9

1.7%

2.6%

5.0%