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The Conference Board's consumer confidence index increased to 110.7 this month, the highest reading since July, from a downwardly revised 101.0 in November. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the index would rise to 104.0 from the previously reported 102.0. The increase in confidence was largest among households in the 35-54 age group and with annual incomes of \$125,000 and above. The survey's present situation index, based on consumers' assessment of current business and labor market conditions, rose to 148.5 from 136.5 last month. Its expectations index, based on consumers' short-term outlook for income, business and labor market conditions, jumped to 85.6 from 77.4 in November. Consumers' perceptions of a probable recession over the next 12 months were the lowest for the year, though two-thirds still viewed a downturn as possible in 2024.

German consumer sentiment to rise with start of new year

German consumer sentiment is set to improve with the start of the new year, though whether the rise marks the beginning of a sustained recovery from a very low level for Europe's biggest economy remains to be seen. The consumer sentiment index rose to -25.1 points heading into January from a revised -27.6 the month before and above expectations of analysts polled by Reuters for a -27.0 reading. A jump in income expectations in particular helped push up overall sentiment, while both the willingness to buy and positive economic expectations also increased, according to the survey of around 2,000 consumers published by the GfK institute and the Nuremberg Institute for Market Decisions (NIM).

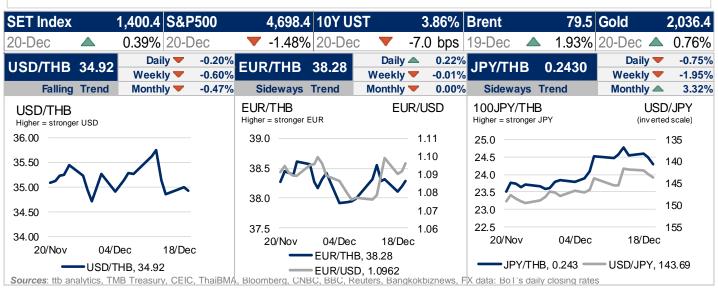
Japan government lifts economic growth estimates

Japan's government on Thursday slightly raised its economic growth projections for this fiscal year from its previous estimates, as external demand is likely to more than offset weak domestic consumption. In the twice-yearly economic outlook, the real economic growth rate for fiscal 2023/24 is estimated at 1.6%, up from 1.3% seen half a year ago as external demand contributed 1.4 percentage points to overall growth, due to a recovery in inbound tourism and automobile output. Auto manufacturing had been hit earlier by chip shortages. The economic growth rate is forecast to slow down slightly to 1.3% in the next fiscal year starting in April as the external demand contribution weakens sharply reflecting a rebound in domestic consumption.

Dollar rises on safe-haven bid, big UK inflation drop hits pound

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.77, -4.31 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.82, -8.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.86, -7.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.92 Moving in a range of 34.94-35.01 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.80-35.05 today. The dollar rose against a basket of currencies on Wednesday as a late-session selloff on Wall Street boosted the US currency's safe-haven appeal, and as data on sharply falling UK inflation prompted a steep drop in the British pound. US stocks closed lower on Wednesday after an abrupt mid-afternoon sell-off snapped a rally which had been driven by falling interest rates and the Federal Reserve's dovish turn. The dollar was last up 0.28% at 102.42, on pace to break a two-day losing streak. The index had dropped about 1.5% for the week ended Tuesday after last week's Federal Reserve meeting prompted traders to pencil in several rate cuts in 2024, starting as early as March. US Federal Reserve officials have since been pushing back on the idea of rapid rate cuts next year.

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

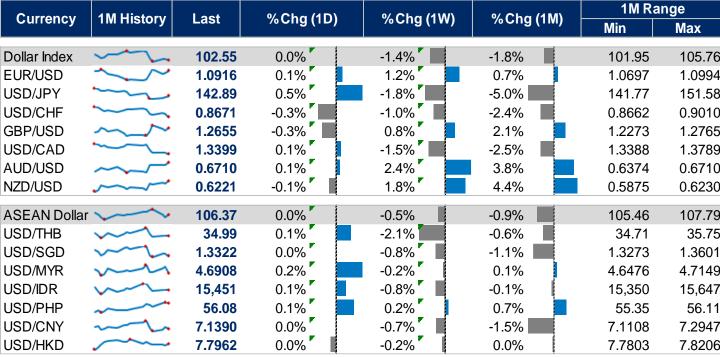




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Currency Market



FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%0	Chg(1D)
1-month	~~~ <u>~~</u>	0.20	-0.15	
3-month	~~~	0.88	-0.23	
6-month	~~~~	2.00	0.00	
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)
-				
Iotal		218,605	-1752	
		218,605 15,728	-	
Golds		,	-531	
Golds		15,728	-531 -21	
Golds SDR IMF Reserves		15,728 5,462	-531 -21 -22	
Total Golds SDR IMF Reserves Foreign Ccy Net Fwd Position		15,728 5,462 1,156	-531 -21 -22	

Foreign Fund Flows (THR mn)

Date		Ε.				Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)											
		E	quity	<i>,</i>	Вс	ond	Total										
20/12	20/12/2023		80		-3,488		-3,408										
19/12	19/12/2023 -1		,528			-28		1,556									
18/12	18/12/2023		-666		-5	-530		1,197									
15/12	15/12/2023 3		3,193		-2	-219		2,975									
14/12	14/12/2023 3		480		-1,0	-1,008		2,472									
Last	Last 5 days 4		4,560		-5,	-5,274		-714									
Period-to-date		Equity		E	Bond	Total											
MTD	Month		•	-1,780	•	-14,163	4	-15,942									
QTD	Quarter		Ψ	-36,895	•	18,957	•	-17,939									
YTD	Year		•	-194,066	•	8,276	•	-185,790									

Money Market														
THB	B 1M Hist Last	Last	1M Range	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	M Hist Last	1M Range		USD	1M Hist	Last	1M Range	
BIBOR	IIVI IIISL	Lasi	Min	Max	ІПВГІЛ			Min	Max	LIBOR	IIVI MISL	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	<u></u>	0.00	0.00	0.08
1M		2.55	2.05	2.55	1M	~~	1.62	0.69	1.72	1M	•	0.12	0.08	0.12
2M		2.60	2.13	2.60						2M		0.00	0.00	0.16
3M		2.65	2.21	2.65	3M	~~	1.84	1.07	1.84	3M	ســـ	0.38	0.12	0.38
6M		2.72	2.33	2.72	6M	~~	2.11	1.31	2.11	6M	مسب	0.63	0.16	0.63
12M		2.84	2.45	2.84	12M	~~	2.33	1.59	2.33	12M	مــــ	1.09	0.23	1.09
							Las	t Undated:	29/6/2023			Las	t Undated:	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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www.ttbbank.com/analytics **Fixed Income Market**

Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bro Cha (1M)	Bno Cha (4M)	1M Ra	1M Range		
Fixed income				Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	Min	Max		
UST10y		4.4200	-35.00	-2.00	59.00	3.70	4.93		
Gilt 10y	m	4.2039	-33.19	0.57	-12.51	4.14	4.64		
Bund 10y		2.6000	-11.00	-20.00	19.00	2.32	2.95		
JGB 10y		0.7560	-19.60	-0.20	31.80	0.38	0.95		
TGB 1y		2.3620	-0.11	-1.19	-2.86	2.36	2.39		
TGB 2y		2.3529	-0.25	-3.88	-14.29	2.34	2.52		
TGB 5y	<u></u>	2.4791	0.06	-3.62	-15.14	2.45	2.68		
TGB 7y	<u></u>	2.6530	-1.11	-5.55	-16.61	2.63	2.89		
TGB 10y		2.7732	-4.31	-7.29	-24.75	2.77	3.12		
AAA Spread	~~	67.35	-1.96	0.96	-5.17	64.94	73.93		
AA Spread	~~~	75.33	7.30	3.52	-3.57	67.08	85.02		
A Spread		110.01	-0.31	-10.40	-13.28	110.01	124.71		
BBB Spread	-1.	235.23	0.92	0.98	-2.62	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	Loct	9/ Cha (1D)	9/ Cha (1\A/)	9/ Cha (4 M)	1M Range	
Commodity	TWI HISTORY	Last	% Chg (1D)	% Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	~~~	79.47	1.9%	8.5%	-3.5%	73.24	83.10
London Gold	~~~	1976.1	-0.3%	2.8%	1.1%	1,823.3	1,984.2
Note: Unit of Brent crude of	oil price is \$/barrel; unit o	f gold price is \$/ou	ince				

Equity Market

Equity Index 1M History		Last %Chg (1D		%Chg (1W)) %Chg (1M)		- mr.rango		
Equity index	TWI HISTOTY	Lasi	//City (1D)	/6 Cilg (1 W)	/ /o City (TWI)	Min	Max		
S&P500 (US)		4,549.3	-0.4%	0.0%	5.4%	4,193.8	4,594.6		
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STOXX (EU)		455.5	0.0%	2.8%	4.5%	421.2	455.6		
FTSE All-Share(UK)	~~	4,071.1	-0.4%	1.4%	-1.1%	3,954.4	4,137.3		
DAX (DE)	~~~	15,900.5	5.0%	4.2%	-0.8%	14,800.7	16,469.8		
CAC All-Tradable(FR)	~~~	5,365.8	2.4%	1.9%	-1.0%	5,076.8	5,582.2		
TOPIX (JP)	~~~	2,275.5	1.0%	-4.5%	0.5%	2,191.5	2,405.6		
Shanghai (CH)	~~~	3,257.8	3.3%	-0.6%	-3.8%	3,081.8	3,449.9		
Hang Seng (HK)	~~~	17,195.8	-0.2%	-4.8%	-11.9%	17,172.1	20,040.4		
ASX 200 (AU)		6,925.5	0.4%	-1.6%	-5.3%	6,844.1	7,403.6		
OFT (TU)		4 4 4 7 0	4.00/	4.40/	7.40/	4.000.0	4 505 0		
SET (TH)		1,447.3	4.9%	-4.4%	-7.4%	1,380.0	1,565.9		
SET50 (TH)		860.5	0.6%	-7.2%	-9.2%	855.1	957.2		
Straits Times (SG)		3,155.1	2.4%	-1.9%	-3.2%	3,053.4	3,373.8		
FTSE Malay (MY)	~~~~	1,415.6	-1.4%	-2.4%	2.2%	1,376.1	1,463.4		
JSX Index (ID)		6,874.8	1.8%	-1.8%	2.3%	6,633.4	6,998.4		

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

6,018.5

1,075.5

6,661.1

1,241.4

-3.6%

0.8%

1M Range

PSE Index (PH)

Vn Index (VN)

4.2%

-2.1%

6,304.5

1,113.9

4.8%

3.6%