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The number of Americans filing initial claims for unemployment benefits rose last week, indicating the labor market continues to cool in the year's fourth quarter. New state unemployment benefit claims rose by 12,000 last week to 218,000, according to the Labor Department. A Reuters poll showed economists expected an increase to 210,000 initial claims for the week ended Dec. 23. The rolls of those receiving benefits after one week of aid rose 14,000 from the week prior, reaching 1.875 million. Continued unemployment claims, a measure for hiring, have increased since mid-September, indicating those already out of work may be having difficulties getting a job. Amid slower job growth and milder inflation, the Federal Reserve has left its benchmark interest rate unchanged for three consecutive policy meetings.

China manufacturing activity grows more than expected in Dec

Chinese manufacturing activity grew past expectations in December, a private survey showed on Tuesday, as new orders clocked steady growth amid continued improvement in local and overseas demand for Chinese goods. The Caixin Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) grew 50.8 in December, beating expectations for a reading of 50.4, and growing slightly from the 50.7 seen in the prior month. A reading above 50 indicates expansion, with the index now remaining in expansion for a second consecutive month. The reading contrasted the results of a government survey released over the weekend, which showed that Chinese manufacturing activity remained in contraction through the final month of 2023. The official survey also showed that China's manufacturing sector contracted in 2023, with an average of the past 12 months' PMI data coming in at 49.8.

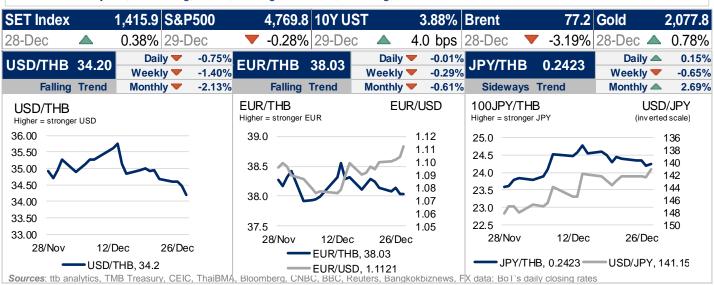
Singapore's Q4 GDP speeds up on firmer construction, manufacturing

Singapore's economy grew 2.8% in the fourth quarter year-on-year, preliminary government data showed on Tuesday, faster than some economists expected and helped by improvements in construction and manufacturing. The fourth quarter growth in gross domestic product (GDP) was faster than the 1% expansion in the third quarter of 2023. For the full year of 2023, Singapore's economy grew 1.2%, moderating from the 3.6% growth in 2022. Both OCBC economist Selena Ling and Maybank economist Chua Hak Bin said the year-on-year growth was better than they had anticipated in the fourth quarter. Ling was expecting a 1.8% expansion while Chua was looking at 2.5%. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally adjusted basis, GDP expanded 1.7% in the October to December period, extending the 1.3% expansion in the third quarter.

Dollar starts 2024 steady, focus switches to data

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.70, -2.70 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.82, -8.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.88, -4.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.20 Moving in a range of 34.28-34.35 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.20-34.40 today. The dollar was steady on the first trading day of the year as traders weighed the prospect of steep interest rate cuts from the Federal Reserve in 2024 and looked to economic data this week for clues on the central bank's next moves. The dollar index, which measures the U.S. currency against six rivals, fell 2% in 2023, snapping two years of gains, and was last at 101.43, up 0.049%. Markets are now pricing in an 86% chance of rate cuts to start from March, according to CME FedWatch tool, with over 150 basis points (bps) of easing anticipated in the year. The focus now switches to a slew of economic data due this week, including the data on job openings and nonfarm payrolls.

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



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Lact	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W	/) %Chg (1M	、 <u>1M</u>	1M Range		
Currency		Last	/6 City (1D)	76 Cilg (TW	// //City (Tivi	, Min	Max		
Dollar Index	~~~	101.49	0.0%	-0.9%	-1.8%	101.4	9 104.16		
EUR/USD		1.1039	0.2%	0.8%	0.8%	1.075			
USD/JPY	~~~	142.43	0.2%	-0.4%	-4.3%	141.7	7 149.50		
USD/CHF		0.8536	-0.3%	-1.0%	-3.2%	0.853	6 0.8844		
GBP/USD	<i></i>	1.2733	0.2%	0.7%	0.9%	1.249	8 1.2765		
USD/CAD		1.3196	-0.6%	-1.2%	-3.2%	1.319	6 1.3711		
AUD/USD	,	0.6826	0.3%	1.2%	3.7%	0.653	9 0.6826		
NZD/USD		0.6331	0.2%	1.3%	4.1%	0.603	9 0.6331		
ASEAN Dollar	~	102.90	0.0%	-0.7%	-1.4%	102.9	4 104.86		
USD/THB	~	34.46	-0.4%	-1.4%	-2.2%	34.4	6 35.75		
USD/SGD	~	1.3220	-0.1%	-0.6%	-1.1%	1.322	0 1.3430		
USD/MYR	~~~	4.6293	0.3%	-0.5%	-1.0%	4.616	0 4.6986		
USD/IDR	~~~	15,383	-0.1%	-0.6%	-0.7%	15,35	0 15,582		
USD/PHP	~~~	55.72	0.5%	-0.2%	0.6%	55.3	5 56.08		
USD/CNY	~	7.1356	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	7.110	8 7.1871		
USD/HKD	~~~	7.8051	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	7.780	3 7.8206		

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%0	Chg(1D)
1-month	~~~	0.35	-0.35	
3-month	~~~	1.10	-0.45	
6-month	~~~	2.00	-0.63	
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)
Total		222,535	1364	
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Golds		16,118	274	
Golds SDR		16,118 5,515	274 17	
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SDR		5,515	17	
SDR IMF Reserves		5,515 1,205	17 42	

Foreign Fund Flows (THR mn)

Date Punc	Equity	Bond	Total		
Date	Equity	Бопа	Total		
28/12/2023	3,972	2,603	6,574		
27/12/2023	-792	-3,126	-3,917		
26/12/2023	294	5,318	5,611		
25/12/2023	-299	-143	-442		
22/12/2023	-2,078	-1,018	-3,096		
Last 5 days	1,097	3,634	4,731		
Period-to-	date Equity	Bond	Total		
MTD Month	-204	-11,508	-11,712		
QTD Quarter	-35,3 °	19 🧌 21,611	-13,708		
TD Year	🤚 -192,	490 🦣 10,930	-181,560		

Money Market

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THB	1 1M HIST II ast ——	1M Llict	Lact	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M F	Range
BIBOR		Min	Max	INDEIX	IIVI FIISL	Last	Min	Max	LIBOR	IIVI FIISL	Lasi	Min	Max		
ON		2.50	2.00	2.50	ON		1.72	0.92	1.83	ON		0.07	0.07	0.08	
1W		2.52	2.03	2.53	1W		1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.08	
1M	,	2.55	2.07	2.55	1M	-	1.59	0.85	1.72	1M	•	0.11	0.08	0.11	
2M		2.60	2.16	2.60						2M		0.00	0.00	0.16	
3M		2.65	2.24	2.65	3M	_	1.81	1.09	1.82	3M	-	0.26	0.12	0.26	
6M		2.72	2.36	2.72	6M	_	1.95	1.31	1.99	6M	•	0.44	0.16	0.44	
12M		2.84	2.48	2.84	12M	~~	2.26	1.59	2.26	12M	مسب	0.80	0.23	0.80	
							Las	t Updated:	29/06/2023			Las	t Updated:	09/03/2022	

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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-9.94

-7.4%

1.1%

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234.24

1M Range

244.50

Fixed Income Market

Fixed Income	1M History	VTM (0/ \	Pro Cha (4D)) Bno Cha (4)	M) Bno Cha (4M)	1M Ra	1M Range	
rixed income	TWI HISTORY	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D) Bps Chg (1V	N) Bps Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
UST10y		4.6200	-26.00	6.00	82.00	3.61	4.88	
Gilt 10y	~~~	4.2795	-31.15	-1.11	9.12	3.97	4.64	
Bund 10y	~~~	2.6400	-16.00	-14.00	36.00	2.28	2.93	
JGB 10y	,	0.8520	-3.20	9.80	41.10	0.38	0.88	
TOD 4	1 _	0.0704	0.00	4 44	0.00	2.20	2.20	
TGB 1y		2.3731	0.22	1.41	-0.99	2.36	2.38	
TGB 2y		2.3429	0.19	-0.10	-15.34	2.34	2.50	
TGB 5y	\	2.4547	-0.29	-1.29	-22.75	2.45	2.68	
TGB 7y	-	2.5901	-0.74	-3.59	-29.71	2.59	2.89	
TGB 10y		2.6955	-2.70	-5.43	-42.25	2.70	3.12	
AAA Spread	-	68.72	3.26	2.13	-1.31	65.26	73.90	
AA Spread		67.99	0.45	-1.30	-11.47	67.10	84.99	
A Spread		109.98	-0.49	-10.03	-16.91	109.98	127.51	

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.

0.13

Commodity Market

BBB Spread

Commodity	1M History	Last	9/ Cha (1D)	9/ Cha (1\A)	9/ Cha /4 M)	1M Ra	inge
Commodity	TWI HISTORY	Lasi	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
D 10 1	- 		4.00/	0.40/	4.00/		00.40
Brent Crude		79.65	-1.8%	0.4%	-1.2%	73.24	83.10
London Gold	~~~~	1960.1	-1.4%	2.5%	0.1%	1,831.9	1,987.6
Note: Unit of Brent crude of	oil price is \$/barrel; unit o	f gold price is \$/ou	ince				

234.55

6,131.3

1,109.7

0.7%

3.2%

-4.24

Equity Market

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Equity Index	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
S&P500 (US)	V	4,707.1	1.4%	3.5%	9.0%	4,193.8	4,719.6
STOXX (EU)		455.6	0.9%	1.0%	4.1%	421.2	459.6
FTSE All-Share(UK)	~	4,088.1	0.1%	1.8%	1.1%	3,954.4	4,137.3
DAX (DE)	~~~	15,352.5	4.3%	0.9%	-4.4%	14,716.5	16,446.8
CAC All-Tradable(FR)	~~~	5,278.8	4.3%	0.3%	-2.8%	5,059.7	5,592.3
TOPIX (JP)	~~~	2,336.7	4.7%	-1.5%	8.1%	2,149.3	2,405.6
Shanghai (CH)	~	3,204.1	1.6%	-2.4%	-4.9%	3,155.2	3,456.4
Hang Seng (HK)	~	17,511.3	0.6%	-1.2%	-8.4%	16,991.5	19,978.3
ASX 200 (AU)	~~~	6,995.4	2.5%	-0.6%	-1.4%	6,826.9	7,403.6
SET (TH)		1,389.6	0.6%	-7.0%	-9.2%	1,381.8	1,576.7
SET50 (TH)		860.5	0.5%	-6.2%	-6.9%	856.5	966.7
Straits Times (SG)	~~~	3,135.3	2.3%	-2.0%	-1.9%	3,064.3	3,337.4
FTSE Malay (MY)	/	1,452.3	0.9%	0.5%	3.5%	1,376.1	1,459.0
JSX Index (ID)	~~~	6,838.2	1.5%	-1.2%	1.5%	6,619.8	6,982.8

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

6,041.0

1,060.6

6,635.1

1,235.0

PSE Index (PH)

Vn Index (VN)

1.5%

-3.9%