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Initial claims for state unemployment benefits dropped 18,000 to a seasonally adjusted 202,000 for the week ended Dec. 30, the lowest level since mid-October. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast 216,000 claims for the latest week. Claims data tend to be volatile around this time of year because of holidays. They have largely bounced around in the lower end of their 194,000-265,000 range for 2023. Unadjusted claims fell 6,820 to 268,020 last week. Claims plunged by an estimated 7,572 in California and tumbled 6,080 in Texas. That helped to more than offset notable increases in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan, Massachusetts and Connecticut. The labor market is steadily cooling following 525 basis points worth of interest rate hikes from the Federal Reserve since March 2022.

German inflation rises in December due to base effects

German inflation rose in December due to base effects, putting a temporary halt on the downward trend seen in the last months and possibly offering the European Central Bank an argument in favor of keeping interest rates steady for some time. Inflation, harmonized to compare with other European Union countries, rose in December to 3.8% year-on-year, the federal statistics office said on Thursday, in line with the expectations of analysts polled by Reuters and up from 2.3% in November. Economists pay close attention to German inflation data, as Germany usually publishes its figures one day before the euro zone inflation data release. Euro zone inflation, due on Jan. 5, is expected to rise to 3.0% in December from 2.4% in November, according to economists polled by Reuters.

Japan service activity expands in Dec, led by strong new business

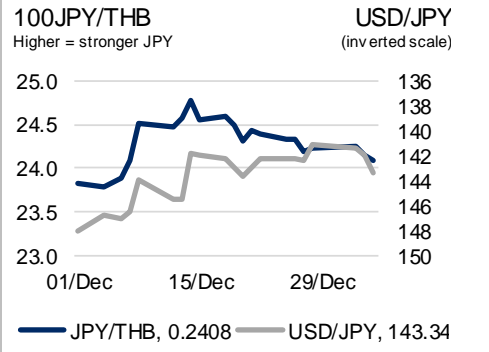
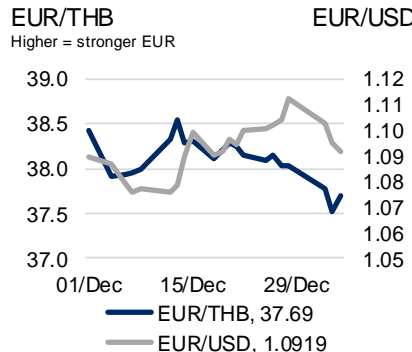
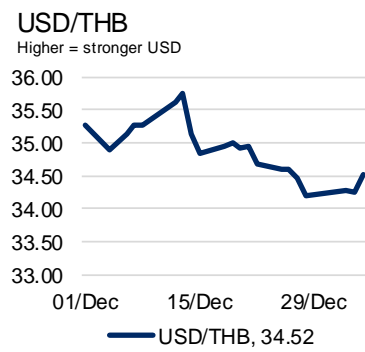
Japan's December service activity expanded at a faster pace from the previous month thanks to strong demand and a lift in confidence even though the overall growth rate was modest, a business survey showed. The service sector has been a bright spot for the world's third-largest economy, marking 16 consecutive months of growth and helping offset some of the drag on momentum from the struggles facing manufacturers. The final au Jibun Bank Service purchasing managers' index (PMI) climbed to 51.5 in December from 50.8 in November when it posted the slowest growth in 2023, according to index publisher S&P Global Intelligence. It was below the flash reading of 52.0 but remained above the 50.0 threshold separating expansion from contraction. Overall, the headline figure was the second softest for last year compared to those in early and mid-2023.

Dollar gains vs most currencies as US nonfarm payrolls loom

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.74, -0.13 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.74, -0.5 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.99, +8.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.52 Moving in a range of 34.52-34.59 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.45-34.75 today. The dollar rose against most currencies in choppy trading, bolstered by better-than-expected US labor market data that dampened expectations of multiple interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve this year. A crucial nonfarm payrolls report due on Friday could guide the outlook on Fed policy easing. Economists polled by Reuters forecast that 170,000 jobs were created in December, fewer than the 199,000 the month before. The US currency gained on news that US private employers hired more workers than expected in December. Private payrolls increased by 164,000 jobs last month, the ADP National Employment Report showed, the largest monthly increase since August. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast private payrolls rising by 115,000. Initial claims for state unemployment benefits dropped by 18,000 to a seasonally adjusted 202,000 for the week ended Dec. 30, also bolstering the dollar.

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

SET Index	1,434.6	S&P500	4,688.7	10Y UST	3.99%	Brent	78.5	Gold	2,049.1
4-Jan	▲ 0.35%	4-Jan	▼ -0.34%	4-Jan	▲ 8.0 bps	3-Jan	▲ 3.32%	4-Jan	▼ -0.24%
USD/THB	34.52	Daily ▲	0.75%	EUR/THB	37.69	Daily ▲	0.43%	JPY/THB	0.2408
		Weekly ▲	0.18%			Weekly ▼	-0.92%		Daily ▼
		Monthly ▼	-2.14%			Monthly ▼	-1.92%		Weekly ▼
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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		102.02	0.0%	0.4%	-0.8%	100.74	104.16
EUR/USD		1.0953	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.1%	1.0758	1.1121
USD/JPY		141.88	0.3%	-0.2%	-3.5%	141.15	148.90
USD/CHF		0.8494	0.6%	-0.8%	-2.7%	0.8402	0.8814
GBP/USD		1.2637	-0.7%	-0.6%	-0.4%	1.2549	1.2820
USD/CAD		1.3326	0.5%	0.4%	-1.9%	1.3189	1.3637
AUD/USD		0.6758	-0.8%	-0.7%	2.0%	0.6539	0.6860
NZD/USD		0.6259	-0.7%	-0.9%	1.5%	0.6081	0.6362
ASEAN Dollar		102.83	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.5%	102.39	104.76
USD/THB		34.26	0.0%	-1.0%	-2.0%	34.20	35.75
USD/SGD		1.3260	0.4%	0.2%	-0.5%	1.3167	1.3430
USD/MYR		4.6304	0.6%	0.3%	-0.5%	4.6016	4.6986
USD/IDR		15,422	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	15,350	15,582
USD/PHP		55.90	0.2%	0.8%	0.8%	55.35	56.08
USD/CNY		7.1416	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	7.1108	7.1871
USD/HKD		7.8097	-0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	7.7803	7.8206

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)
1-month		0.35	-0.20
3-month		1.10	-0.30
6-month		2.00	-0.40

Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)
Total		222,535	1364
Gold		16,118	274
SDR		5,515	17
IMF Reserves		1,205	42
Foreign Ccy		199,696	1031
Net Fwd Position		30,570	10

Last update: 22/12/2023

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
4/1/2024	651	1,220	1,871
3/1/2024	-899	10,426	9,527
2/1/2024	1,256	852	2,108
28/12/2023	3,972	2,603	6,574
27/12/2023	-792	-3,126	-3,917
Last 5 days	4,189	11,974	16,163

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↑ 1,009	↑ 12,498	↑ 13,506
QTD	Quarter	↑ 1,009	↑ 12,498	↑ 13,506
YTD	Year	↑ 1,009	↑ 12,498	↑ 13,506

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		2.50	2.00	2.50	ON		1.72	0.92	1.72	ON		0.07	0.07	0.08
1W		2.52	2.03	2.52	1W		1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.08
1M		2.55	2.08	2.55	1M		1.59	0.85	1.72	1M		0.11	0.08	0.11
2M		2.60	2.18	2.60	2M					2M		0.00	0.00	0.15
3M		2.65	2.26	2.65	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M		0.26	0.12	0.26
6M		2.72	2.37	2.72	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M		0.44	0.16	0.44
12M		2.84	2.49	2.84	12M		2.26	1.59	2.26	12M		0.80	0.23	0.80

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Last 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

Fixed Income Market

Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
UST10y		4.4400	-40.00	26.00	92.00	3.38	4.84
Gilt 10y		4.3173	-27.98	-2.70	52.82	3.65	4.60
Bund 10y		2.7000	-13.00	10.00	41.00	2.25	2.89
JGB 10y		0.8590	1.30	20.90	44.60	0.40	0.86
TGB 1y		2.3828	0.09	1.40	0.38	2.36	2.38
TGB 2y		2.3509	-0.13	0.68	-9.76	2.34	2.48
TGB 5y		2.4839	1.17	1.95	-11.76	2.45	2.64
TGB 7y		2.6152	0.28	1.08	-17.99	2.59	2.85
TGB 10y		2.7438	1.37	1.71	-22.58	2.70	3.03
AAA Spread		66.90	1.53	-3.66	-3.38	65.36	73.91
AA Spread		75.18	7.51	-5.31	-5.01	67.67	85.27
A Spread		109.79	-0.75	-12.68	-17.28	109.79	127.74
BBB Spread		234.76	-4.18	-0.26	8.81	225.85	244.50

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		78.45	3.4%	-3.2%	-0.5%	73.24	83.10
London Gold		1946.6	-2.1%	0.8%	-3.9%	1,821.9	2,038.9

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)		4,719.2	1.6%	3.3%	13.3%	4,117.4	4,768.4
STOXX (EU)		459.6	1.4%	3.4%	6.2%	421.2	466.0
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,088.1	0.8%	3.4%	-1.2%	3,954.4	4,172.4
DAX (DE)		15,614.4	6.3%	-1.0%	-1.9%	14,687.4	16,469.8
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,337.4	6.0%	-1.5%	-3.5%	5,036.7	5,582.2
TOPIX (JP)		2,336.6	3.6%	1.0%	12.6%	2,032.5	2,428.4
Shanghai (CH)		3,198.7	1.1%	-2.7%	-8.5%	3,165.0	3,495.5
Hang Seng (HK)		17,396.9	0.0%	-5.9%	-12.8%	17,213.9	19,948.7
ASX 200 (AU)		6,948.8	2.0%	-5.1%	-4.2%	6,812.3	7,455.9
SET (TH)		1,415.2	1.4%	-8.6%	-9.4%	1,395.9	1,567.4
SET50 (TH)		878.9	1.5%	-7.3%	-7.5%	865.8	966.2
Straits Times (SG)		3,132.1	2.3%	-2.9%	-3.4%	3,061.9	3,373.8
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,466.8	1.7%	0.3%	2.3%	1,376.1	1,466.8
JSX Index (ID)		6,862.1	1.5%	-1.9%	0.0%	6,619.8	7,011.7
PSE Index (PH)		6,161.9	0.3%	-1.0%	-7.7%	6,142.9	6,685.7
Vn Index (VN)		1,125.5	9.5%	-9.5%	5.6%	1,028.2	1,243.1

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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