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Headline US inflation accelerated in December, while an annual underlying reading slowed marginally, as Federal Reserve officials search for signs of easing price gains before rolling out possible interest rate cuts this year. The seasonally-adjusted year-on-year consumer price index (CPI) in the world's largest economy sped up to 3.4% last month, up from 3.1% in November, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Month-on-month, the pace increased to 0.3%, driven by increased shelter and energy costs. Economists had seen the figures at 3.2% and 0.2%, respectively. Meanwhile, the rate of the so-called "core" measure, which strips out volatile items like food and energy, ticked down to 3.9% annually from 4.0% in the prior month.

China CPI picks up slightly in Dec, but disinflation remains in play

Chinese consumer inflation increased slightly in December as the year-end holidays boosted spending, although a sustained decline in producer inflation showed that a disinflationary trend was still decidedly in play. Consumer price index (CPI) inflation grew 0.1% month-on-month in December, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed. The reading was lower than expectations for a rise of 0.2%, but picked up from a 0.5% drop seen in the prior month. Year-on-year, CPI inflation fell 0.3%, slightly beating estimates for a drop of 0.4% and improving from the 0.5% fall seen in November. The marginal improvement in CPI inflation was driven chiefly by increased holiday spending on travel and shopping.

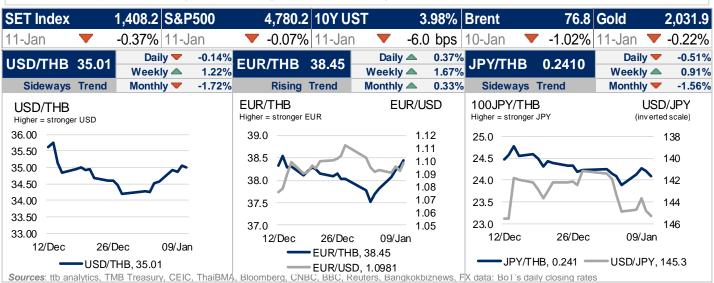
Thai Dec consumer confidence at high of nearly 4 years on govt measures, tourism

Thai consumer confidence rose in December, reaching the highest level in 46 months, boosted by government measures to ease living costs and increased tourism. The consumer index of the University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce increased to 62.0 in December from 60.9 the previous month, the university said in a statement. Consumer confidence rose for the fifth straight month, suggesting consumer confidence should continue to increase, particularly if the government can quickly boost the economy this year with its planned policies, the university said. The government is forging ahead its controversial digital wallet handout program, which involves a 500 billion baht (\$14.3 billion) plan to transfer 10,000 baht (\$286) to 50 million people to spend within six months.

Dollar down on day, but off lows after hotter than expected inflation

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.72, +0.04 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.70, +1.0 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.98, -6.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.01 Moving in a range of 35.019-35.09 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.85-35.10 today. The dollar was down on the day against the euro and the yen on Thursday but off lows reached before data showed that US consumer price inflation came in above economists' expectations in December, raising some doubts that the Federal Reserve will cut rates as soon as traders expect. Bitcoin also surged to a two-year high as several exchange-traded funds (ETFs) tied to the spot price of the cryptocurrency began trading. The headline US Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.3% last month, for an annual gain of 3.4%, against expectations of 0.2% and 3.2%, respectively. The cost of shelter, which includes rents, hotel and motel stays as well as school housing, accounted for more than half of the increase in the CPI. Traders are pricing in aggressive expectations for rate cuts this year, with the Fed seen as beginning to cut rates in March.

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



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Currency Market

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Currency 4M Histo		Loot	9/ Cha (1D)	%Chg (1W)	9/ Cha (4.84)	1M Ra	1M Range		
Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	Chg (1D) %Chg (1W) %Chg (1M)		Min	Max		
D. II I. I.		400.50	0.00/	0.40/	4.00/	400.74	40440		
Dollar Index		102.58	0.0%	0.1%	-1.2%	100.74	104.16		
EUR/USD	~~	1.0926	-0.3%	0.1% _	1.4%	1.0758	1.1121		
USD/JPY		144.76	0.8%	1.0%	0.6%	141.15	147.07		
USD/CHF	─	0.8524	0.6%	0.4%	-2.7%	0.8402	0.8783		
GBP/USD		1.2701	-0.5%	0.2%	1.0%	1.2549	1.2820		
USD/CAD		1.3390	0.3%	0.3%	-1.6%	1.3189	1.3622		
AUD/USD	~~~	0.6696	-0.3%	-0.6%	1.5%	0.6539	0.6860		
NZD/USD	~~	0.6239	-0.3%	-0.3%	1.4%	0.6111	0.6362		
ASEAN Dollar		103.27	0.0%	0.7%	-0.2%	102.31	104.67		
USD/THB	-	35.06	0.5%	1.6%	-0.6%	34.20	35.75		
USD/SGD		1.3317	0.3%	0.2%	-0.5%	1.3167	1.3430		
USD/MYR		4.6505	0.2%	0.2%	-0.4%	4.6016	4.6986		
USD/IDR	~~	15,487	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	15,359	15,582		
USD/PHP		56.42	0.8%	1.1%	1.6%	55.45	56.42		
USD/CNY		7.1785	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	7.1108	7.1871		
USD/HKD		7.8193	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	7.7962	7.8266		

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

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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		224,484	1949							
Golds		16,192	75							
SDR		5,527	12							
IMF Reserves		1,208	3							
Foreign Ccy		201,557	1861							
Net Fwd Position	and the latest	30,105	-465							

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)											
Date	,	Equ	uity	Во	nd		Total				
11/0	1/2024	-1,0	66	-8,7	781	-(9,847				
10/0	1/2024	-1,8	28	14,3	361	12	2,533				
09/0	1/2024	-1,0	06	1,7	785		779				
08/0	1/2024	-2	71	-4,7	791	-{	5,061				
05/0	1/2024	-3,0	96	3	356	-2	2,740				
Last	5 days	-7,	267	2,9	930	-	4,337				
	Period-to	o-date	Equity	E	Bond	т	otal				
MTD	Month		-6,259	•	15,428	Ŷ	9,169				
QTD	Quarter		-6,259	•	15,428	•	9,169				
YTD	Year	ı	- 6,259	•	15,428	•	9,169				

Money Market

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ТНВ	1M Hist	Loct	Logi	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M Ra	ange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange
BIBOR	IIVI MIST	Last	Min	Max	ІПВГІХ	Min Max LIBO	LIBOR	IIVI MISE	Lasi	Min	Max				
ON		2.50	0.00	2.50	ON		1.72	1.04	1.72	ON	$\overline{}$	0.07	0.07	0.08	
1W		2.52	0.00	2.52	1W		1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.08	
1M		2.55	0.00	2.55	1M	•	1.59	0.88	1.72	1M		0.11	0.08	0.11	
2M	•••	2.60	0.00	2.60						2M		0.00	0.00	0.15	
3M		2.65	0.00	2.65	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M		0.26	0.11	0.26	
6M	••••	2.72	0.00	2.72	6M	~~	1.95	1.31	1.99	6M	مسر	0.44	0.15	0.44	
12M		2.84	0.00	2.84	12M	~	2.26	1.59	2.26	12M		0.80	0.22	0.80	
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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 Market

Fixed Income	4M Hiotom	VTM (0/ \	Bps Chg (1D)	Bno Cha (4M)	Bno Cha (4M)	1M Range	
Fixed income	1M History	YTM (%)	ърs Cng (то)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	Min	Max
UST10y		4.4100	-16.00	15.00	98.00	3.43	4.63
Gilt 10y	~~	4.1094	-37.04	-53.51	71.17	3.24	4.64
Bund 10y		2.6000	-12.00	-7.00	16.00	2.24	2.92
JGB 10y		0.7980	-9.70	17.70	37.60	0.28	0.90
TGB 1y		2.3671	-0.75	-1.58	-0.51	2.36	2.38
TGB 2y		2.3024	-1.91	-4.67	-10.19	2.30	2.42
TGB 5y		2.3968	-4.33	-8.12	-12.75	2.40	2.53
TGB 7y	$\overline{}$	2.5319	-4.38	-7.74	-19.43	2.53	2.73
TGB 10y	~	2.7185	-3.49	-2.41	-15.12	2.70	2.88
AAA Spread	~~	67.39	-1.91	-3.91	-4.78	65.51	73.76
AA Spread	$\overline{}$	74.87	6.88	-5.43	-11.13	67.11	86.00
A Spread		110.20	0.51	-12.37	-17.36	109.69	128.21
BBB Spread	1	235.27	0.99	-4.56	8.96	225.89	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	Loct	9/ Cha (1D)	9/ Cha (1\A/\	9/ Cha (4M)	1M Range	
Commodity	TWI HISTORY	Last	% Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	~~~	77.59	1.9%	2.2%	4.8%	73.24	81.07
London Gold	~~~~	1988.6	0.0%	5.2%	-1.0%	1,874.1	2,029.6
Note: Unit of Brent crude of	oil price is \$/barrel; unit o	f gold price is \$/ou	ince				

Equity Market

Equity Index 1M History		Lact	9/ Cha /1D)	0/ Cha /1\N	\ 0/Cha/4M\	90		
		Last	% Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W) %Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
S&P500 (US)		4,754.6	-0.3%	4.1%	13.6%	4,137.2	4,781.6	
STOXX (EU)		468.0	1.1%	4.1%	5.8%	421.2	473.0	
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,088.1	0.8%	2.6%	-0.2%	3,954.4	4,175.9	
DAX (DE)		15,900.5	4.7%	1.2%	0.7%	15,186.7	16,201.2	
CAC All-Tradable(FR)	-	5,365.8	2.5%	-0.6%	-4.1%	5,199.5	5,618.0	
TOPIX (JP)	~~~	2,391.1	6.1%	4.4%	18.2%	1,961.8	2,391.1	
Shanghai (CH)	<u></u>	3,210.2	0.1%	-2.8%	-7.5%	3,205.4	3,557.1	
Hang Seng (HK)	$\overline{}$	17,733.9	0.4%	-3.2%	-13.1%	17,466.9	20,485.2	
ASX 200 (AU)	<u></u>	7,058.4	2.3%	-0.8%	-3.6%	6,899.7	7,360.2	
SET (TH)		1,414.2	-0.2%	-7.3%	-11.3%	1,414.2	1,594.1	
SET50 (TH)		874.6	-0.2%	-7.2%	-9.0%	874.6	963.5	
Straits Times (SG)	\	3,114.9	-0.9%	-1.2%	-5.5%	3,114.9	3,325.0	
FTSE Malay (MY)	/	1,455.9	0.4%	0.7%	1.8%	1,376.7	1,455.9	
JSX Index (ID)		6,961.8	2.5%	1.4%	3.8%	6,628.1	6,963.4	

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

5,962.0

1,040.6

6,684.4

1,226.0

-6.3%

2.3%

1M Range

PSE Index (PH)

Vn Index (VN)

-7.8%

6,211.9

1,088.5

4.2%

0.8%