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US job growth accelerated in January and wages increased by the most in nearly two years, signs of persistent strength in the labor market that could make it difficult for the Federal Reserve to start cutting interest rates in May as currently envisaged by financial markets. Nonfarm payrolls increased by 353,000 jobs last month, the largest gain in a year, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said. The economy added 126,000 more jobs in November and December than previously reported. Payrolls shrugged off the drag from winter storms, which reduced the average workweek. Though annual "benchmark" revisions showed 266,000 fewer jobs were created in the 12 months through March 2023 than previously reported, employment gains last year totaled 3.1 million. Before the revisions, the job count for 2023 had been estimated at 2.7 million.

**US factory orders rise moderately in December**

New orders for US-made goods rose just moderately in December, but a pick up is likely in the months ahead as unfilled orders continued to pile up. Factory orders gained 0.2% after rebounding 2.6% in November. The increase was in line with economists' expectations. Orders increased 0.8% on a year-on-year basis in December. Manufacturing, which accounts for 10.3% of the economy, is being constrained by high interest rates. The outlook is, however, promising. The Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged on Wednesday. Fed Chair Jerome Powell told reporters that rates had peaked and would move lower in coming months. The Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing PMI neared the recovery zone in January. Shipments of manufactured goods were unchanged. Manufactured goods inventories edged up 0.1%, while unfilled orders increased 1.3% after rising by the same margin in November.

**Japan's January service activity surges on strong demand, weak yen**

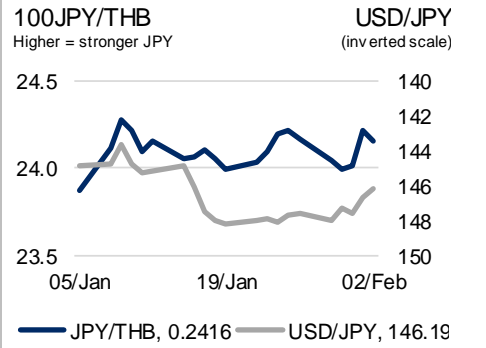
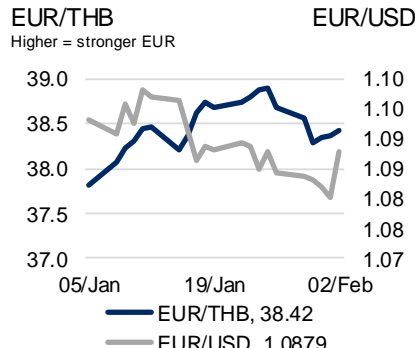
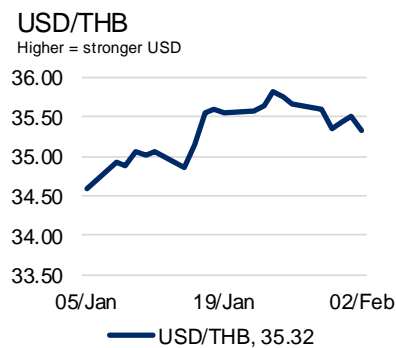
Japan's January service activity expanded at the strongest pace since September, supported by robust demand and the weak yen, while international demand jumped for the first time in five months. The service sector, which accounts for around 70% of the country's gross-domestic product (GDP), has been a bright spot for the world's third-largest economy, helping offset some of the drag on manufacturers from weak global demand. The final au Jibun Bank Service purchasing managers' index (PMI) rose to 53.1 in January from 51.5 in December, marking the 17th consecutive month of growth, according to index publisher S&P Global Intelligence. It exceeded the flash reading of 52.7 and remained above the 50.0 threshold separating expansion from contraction on a monthly basis.

**Dollar jumps, traders pare rate cut bets after strong jobs report**

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.64, +0.26 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.62, +1.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.03, +16.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.32 Moving in a range of 35.59-35.685 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 35.55-35.75 today. The US dollar index jumped to a seven-week high in a broad rally on Friday after data showed that employers added far more jobs in January than expected, reducing the chances of near-term Federal Reserve interest rate cuts. Nonfarm payrolls increased by 353,000 last month, beating economists' expectations for a gain of 180,000. Average hourly earnings increased 0.6% after rising 0.4% in December. The dollar had weakened in recent days in line with falling Treasury yields, even after Fed Chair Jerome Powell on Wednesday said that a March rate cut was unlikely.

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<b>SET Index</b>	1,384.1	<b>S&amp;P500</b>	4,958.6	<b>10Y UST</b>	4.03%	<b>Brent</b>	78.7	<b>Gold</b>	2,054.2		
2-Feb	▲ 1.17%	2-Feb	▲ 1.06%	2-Feb	▲ 16.0 bps	1-Feb	▼ -3.75%	2-Feb	▲ 0.81%		
<b>USD/THB</b>	35.32	Daily	▼ -0.56%	<b>EUR/THB</b>	38.42	Daily	▲ 0.16%	<b>JPY/THB</b>	0.2416		
		Weekly	▼ -0.76%			Weekly	▼ -0.38%		Weekly	▲ 0.49%	
Sideways	Trend	Monthly	▲ 2.09%	Sideways	Trend	Monthly	▲ 1.60%	Sideways	Trend	Monthly	▲ 1.17%



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		103.62	0.0%	0.1%	1.1%	100.75	103.62
EUR/USD		1.0801	-0.2%	-0.4%	-1.1%	1.0801	1.1121
USD/JPY		146.67	-0.6%	-0.6%	2.3%	141.15	148.19
USD/CHF		0.8634	0.0%	-0.4%	1.7%	0.8402	0.8699
GBP/USD		1.2675	0.0%	-0.3%	0.0%	1.2622	1.2820
USD/CAD		1.3446	0.2%	-0.2%	0.7%	1.3189	1.3523
AUD/USD		0.6554	-0.2%	-0.5%	-2.7%	0.6552	0.6860
NZD/USD		0.6121	0.1%	0.2%	-2.1%	0.6090	0.6362
ASEAN Dollar		108.50	0.0%	-0.4%	2.2%	106.54	108.93
USD/THB		35.51	0.2%	-0.4%	2.9%	34.20	35.83
USD/SGD		1.3400	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	1.3167	1.3441
USD/MYR		4.7294	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	4.6016	4.7358
USD/IDR		15,711	0.0%	-0.4%	1.6%	15,359	15,769
USD/PHP		56.39	-0.3%	-0.3%	1.1%	55.72	56.59
USD/CNY		7.1792	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	7.1145	7.2072
USD/HKD		7.8199	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	7.8038	7.8266

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		221,153	-85
Gold		15,846	-83
SDR		5,472	-5
IMF Reserves		1,167	-1
Foreign Ccy		198,667	5
Net Fwd Position		30,315	165

Last update: 26/1/2024

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
2/2/2024	2,097	-2,310	-212
1/2/2024	2,080	-1,171	910
31/1/2024	-961	-589	-1,551
30/1/2024	-1,397	-3,521	-4,917
29/1/2024	160	190	351
Last 5 days	1,980	-7,400	-5,419

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↑ 4,178	↓ -3,480	↑ 698
QTD	Quarter	↓ -26,696	↓ -7,713	↓ -34,410
YTD	Year	↓ -26,696	↓ -7,713	↓ -34,410

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	0.00	2.50	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON		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	0.09
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					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		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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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		4.0400	-35.00	-25.00	16.00	3.43	4.98
Gilt 10y		4.0888	-14.77	-34.07	38.84	3.23	4.63
Bund 10y		2.2000	-43.00	-47.00	-44.00	2.03	2.97
JGB 10y		0.7980	5.60	13.20	27.40	0.33	0.95
TGB 1y		2.3352	-0.34	-0.90	-4.78	2.34	2.38
TGB 2y		2.2634	-1.15	-3.85	-8.57	2.26	2.35
TGB 5y		2.3607	-0.84	-2.25	-11.73	2.35	2.49
TGB 7y		2.4926	-0.78	-1.80	-11.67	2.49	2.62
TGB 10y		2.6353	-1.13	-4.04	-10.73	2.64	2.79
AAA Spread		67.38	0.05	-0.55	-6.38	64.94	75.12
AA Spread		73.59	-1.24	-6.63	-18.87	67.08	95.98
A Spread		109.03	-1.12	-11.94	-15.27	109.03	128.74
BBB Spread		235.70	0.50	1.06	9.94	225.57	239.72

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		81.71	-1.4%	2.1%	6.1%	75.89	83.55
London Gold		1981.6	-1.5%	3.6%	8.5%	1,813.4	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)		4,739.2	-0.9%	-0.9%	13.2%	4,166.8	4,839.8
STOXX (EU)		473.8	-1.0%	-1.0%	4.4%	425.3	476.2
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,088.1	0.8%	2.6%	2.4%	3,954.4	4,172.4
DAX (DE)		16,766.1	5.0%	7.1%	9.1%	14,798.5	16,766.1
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,577.2	3.4%	3.5%	2.3%	5,054.9	5,620.8
TOPIX (JP)		2,353.2	-1.6%	-1.6%	18.4%	1,902.9	2,392.5
Shanghai (CH)		3,085.1	-2.6%	-5.8%	-8.7%	3,085.1	3,532.8
Hang Seng (HK)		16,228.8	-7.4%	-10.3%	-22.7%	16,228.8	21,738.7
ASX 200 (AU)		7,199.0	2.4%	0.1%	-1.2%	6,899.7	7,490.4
SET (TH)		1,391.0	-0.7%	-10.0%	-16.1%	1,391.0	1,688.4
SET50 (TH)		863.6	-0.3%	-8.7%	-13.2%	863.6	1,008.2
Straits Times (SG)		3,123.0	1.9%	-3.0%	-4.3%	3,065.9	3,360.7
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,447.1	-0.5%	-0.5%	-2.5%	1,380.6	1,489.8
JSX Index (ID)		7,075.3	0.9%	2.0%	2.0%	6,565.7	7,075.3
PSE Index (PH)		6,255.7	0.2%	0.2%	-9.0%	5,973.8	6,971.0
Vn Index (VN)		1,102.3	0.0%	-10.2%	7.6%	1,024.7	1,227.4

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

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