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US consumer confidence retreated in February after three straight monthly increases as households worried about the labor market and the domestic political environment. The Conference Board said that its consumer confidence index slipped to 106.7 this month from a downwardly revised 110.9 in January. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the index little changed at 115.0 from the previously reported 114.8. "February's write-in responses revealed that while overall inflation remained the main preoccupation of consumers, they are now a bit less concerned about food and gas prices, which have eased in recent months, said Dana Peterson, chief economist at The Conference Board in Washington. "But they are more concerned about the labor market situation and the US political environment." Consumers' inflation expectations fell to 5.2%, the lowest level since March 2020, from 5.3% in January.

#### US durable goods orders slump; business investment on equipment appears soft

Orders for long-lasting US manufactured goods fell by the most in nearly four years in January, while business investment on equipment appeared to have eased, signs that the economy lost momentum at the start of the year. Concerns about the economy's outlook, especially the labor market, and the upcoming presidential election were uppermost in consumers' minds in February resulting in confidence retreating after three straight monthly increases. The decline in confidence reported by the Conference Board was despite inflation expectations over the next 12 months falling to the lowest level in almost four years. The reports joined a stream of weak data, including retail sales, housing starts and manufacturing production.

#### German consumer sentiment stabilizes at low level in March

German consumer sentiment is expected to stabilize at a low level in March as households are confronted with great uncertainty due to constantly rising prices and a weaker outlook for Europe's largest economy. The consumer sentiment index published jointly by GfK and the Nuremberg Institute for Market Decisions (NIM) rose slightly heading into March, to -29.0 from a revised -29.6 the month before, in line with a forecast by analysts polled by Reuters. The German government recently slashed its economic growth outlook for this year to just 0.2% from 1.3% previously. Despite February income expectations increasing to their highest value since February 2022 - before the war in Ukraine broke out - consumers' willingness to buy was still extremely low as households remain cautious about making major purchases.

#### Dollar slips vs yen after Japan inflation data, US durable goods

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.56, -0.47 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.57, +2.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.31, +3.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.89 Moving in a range of 35.835-35.90 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 35.70-35.95 today. The dollar eased against the Japanese yen after data showed Japan's core consumer inflation exceeded forecasts while US durable goods orders fell more than expected in January. Overnight data out of Japan kept alive some expectations that the Bank of Japan might end negative interest rates by April. In the US, the Commerce Department's Census Bureau said orders for durable goods, items ranging from toasters to aircraft meant to last three years or more, tumbled 6.1% last month, exceeding the 4.5% decline forecast by economists polled by Reuters. Markets have recently pulled back expectations on the timing and size of Federal Reserve rate cuts this year as the US economy remains strong and inflation pressures stubborn.

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





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1M Range

**Currency Market** 

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W	') %Chg (1M)	1M R	1M Range	
Currency	TWITISTOLY	Lasi	//Clig (ID)	78 Cilg (1 <b>W</b>	/a City (TWI)	Min	Max	
Dollar Index	~	103.98	0.0%	-0.2%	0.5%	102.96	104.86	
EUR/USD		1.0818	-0.1%	0.4%	-0.2%	1.0706	1.0888	
USD/JPY	~~	150.49	0.2%	0.4%	2.0%	146.19	150.50	
USD/CHF	<b>-</b>	0.8809	0.3%	0.0%	1.6%	0.8567	0.8868	
GBP/USD		1.2656	0.1%	0.3%	-0.4%	1.2549	1.2757	
USD/CAD		1.3495	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	1.3371	1.3570	
AUD/USD		0.6562	0.1%	0.3%	-0.4%	0.6453	0.6612	
NZD/USD		0.6194	0.0%	0.9%	1.4%	0.6062	0.6194	
ASEAN Dollar		107.33	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	106.30	107.36	
USD/THB	<b>~~</b>	36.00	0.3%	0.2%	0.9%	35.32	36.16	
USD/SGD	~	1.3434	0.0%	-0.1%	0.3%	1.3350	1.3507	
USD/MYR		4.7783	-0.2%	0.0%	1.1%	4.7257	4.8034	
USD/IDR	~	15,517	-0.3%	-0.3%	-1.6%	15,517	15,769	
USD/PHP	~	56.03	-0.2%	-0.4%	-0.9%	56.03	56.59	
USD/CNY	<b>~~~</b>	7.2003	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	7.1595	7.2154	
USD/HKD	<b>→</b>	7.8247	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	7.8085	7.8302	

### **FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves**

$\overline{}$	0.35	-0.20	
	1.10	-0.30	
	2.00	-0.40	
3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)
	221,153	448	
	15,805	-87	
	5,463	9	j
	1,163	-1	
	198,723	527	
	29,680	-525	
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Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)											
Date	:	Eq	uity		Во	nd		Total			
27/0	2/2024	-2,	300		-2,3	866	-4	4,666			
23/0	2/2024	-1,9	939		1,9	99		61			
22/0	2/2024	3,4	426		-2	282	;	3,143			
21/0	2/2024	6,3	312		3,6	95	10	0,007			
20/0	2/2024		-74		-5	641		-616			
Last	5 days	5,	425		2,5	504		7,930			
	Period-t	o-date	Equi	ty	В	Bond	т	otal			
MTD	Month		<b>6,4</b>	56	•	-16,761	•	-10,306	6		
QTD	Quarter		<b>-24</b>	,418	4	-20,994	4	-45,413	3		
YTD	Year		<b>-2</b> 4	,418	•	-20,994	•	-45,413	3		

Mone	Money Market													
THB	1M Hist	t last	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M F	Range
BIBOR		Lası	Min	Max	ІПВГІЛ	IIVI MISL	Lasi	Min	Max	LIBOR	IINI LIIST	Lasi	Min	Max
ON	<del>, , , ,</del>	2.50	0.00	2.50	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON		0.07	0.07	0.08
1W	<u></u>	2.53	0.00	2.53	1W	<i>_</i>	1.61	0.22	1.61	1W	<u> </u>	0.00	0.00	
1M		2.55	0.00	2.55	1M	$\overline{}$	1.59	0.88	1.72	1M		0.11	0.08	0.11
2M		2.60	0.00	2.60						2M	$\overline{}$	0.00	0.00	0.15
ЗМ		2.65	0.00	2.65	3M	~	1.81	1.09	1.82	3M		0.26	0.11	0.26
6M		2.73	0.00	2.73	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
							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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### www.ttbbank.com/analytics **Fixed Income Market**

Fixed Income	1M History	VTM (0/ \	Bps Chg (1D) Bps Chg (1W)		Pro Cha (1M)	1M Range		
Fixed income	1M History	YTM (%)	bps cng (1D)	bps Cng (1w)	Bps Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
UST10y		4.0100	8.00	-80.00	62.00	3.38	4.95	
Gilt 10y		3.8078	9.11	-77.34	48.88	3.32	4.60	
Bund 10y	-	2.2100	22.00	-68.00	-6.00	1.99	2.89	
JGB 10y	_	0.6490	-4.40	-9.80	12.00	0.38	0.88	
TGB 1y		2.2352	-0.27	-1.88	-10.90	2.24	2.35	
TGB 2y	~	2.1509	-0.34	-1.54	-15.10	2.15	2.34	
TGB 5y	~	2.2467	-0.45	-3.60	-13.65	2.25	2.42	
TGB 7y	~	2.3665	-0.42	-5.12	-14.41	2.37	2.56	
TGB 10y	<b>√</b>	2.5611	-0.11	-0.98	-11.46	2.54	2.71	
AAA Spread	~	62.73	-3.03	-2.83	-10.37	62.73	74.72	
AA Spread	~~	75.85	2.53	6.16	-7.84	67.70	94.49	
A Spread		108.89	0.48	-7.67	-15.52	108.41	128.26	
BBB Spread		235.69	0.11	1.07	9.94	225.66	248.70	

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\N)	9/ Cha /4M)	1M Range	
Commodity	TWI HISTORY	Last	% Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	~~~	81.67	0.1%	-2.3%	-0.9%	77.33	83.67
London Gold	~~~~	2036.3	0.0%	11.8%	2.7%	1,821.9	2,037.6
Note: Unit of Brent crude of	oil price is \$/barrel; unit o	f gold price is \$/ou	ınce				

## **Equity Market**

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Equity Index	1M History	Last	% Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
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S&P500 (US)		5,026.6	1.5%	5.1%	11.4%	4,382.8	5,026.6
STOXX (EU)		477.5	1.3%	3.1%	6.8%	422.1	483.6
FTSE All-Share(UK)	<b>~~</b>	4,088.1	0.8%	2.6%	2.4%	3,954.4	4,172.4
DAX (DE)		16,689.8	-0.3%	9.6%	9.7%	14,687.4	16,733.1
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,523.4	-1.8%	6.2%	3.4%	5,098.8	5,630.3
TOPIX (JP)	~~	2,393.5	2.6%	2.0%	15.6%	1,957.3	2,393.5
Shanghai (CH)		3,105.8	0.1%	-5.4%	-10.8%	3,081.8	3,519.8
Hang Seng (HK)	$\overline{}$	16,224.5	-2.4%	-6.4%	-18.6%	16,224.5	21,283.5
ASX 200 (AU)		7,520.5	1.3%	9.1%	9.0%	6,854.3	7,520.5
SET (TH)	·	1,414.9	0.7%	-2.5%	-10.1%	1,386.0	1,669.2
SET50 (TH)		867.9	-0.3%	-2.1%	-7.6%	857.9	991.5
Straits Times (SG)	-	3,198.0	2.9%	1.4%	0.5%	3,071.3	3,374.0
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,487.6	1.5%	4.8%	3.8%	1,376.1	1,487.6
JSX Index (ID)		7,350.6	2.2%	5.9%	7.2%	6,619.8	7,350.6

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

6,188.2

1,024.8

-1.3%

9.2%

7,027.4

1,236.8

1M Range

PSE Index (PH)

Vn Index (VN)

3.6%

2.3%

6,618.5

1,144.2

1.5%

3.8%