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US prices accelerated in January amid a surge in the costs of services like housing and finance, but the annual increase in inflation was the smallest in three years, keeping a mid-year interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve on the table. The report from the Commerce Department on Thursday also showed consumer spending slowing last month, restrained by decreases in outlays on goods, including motor vehicles, furniture and other long-lasting household equipment. The inflation and consumer spending readings were in line with economists' expectations. But with the costs of services increasing by the most in 12 months, likely as businesses raised prices at the start of the year, the timing of the first Fed rate cut remains uncertain. Most economists do not expect the price increases to repeat in February.

Japan unemployment rate remains steady at 2.4% in Jan as expected

Japan's unemployment rate remained steady in January as expected, staying close to one-year lows even as recent data pointed to more cooling in the Japanese economy. The unemployment rate stayed at 2.4%, official data showed on Friday, largely meeting market expectations. Japan's jobs to applications ratio also remained steady at 1.27% in January. The reading comes even as recent data showed a bigger-than-expected decline in industrial production through January, while other readings also showed the country's manufacturing sector shrank more than expected during the month. The trend also comes after Japan unexpectedly fell into recession in the fourth quarter of 2023.

China manufacturing activity shrinks as expected in Feb

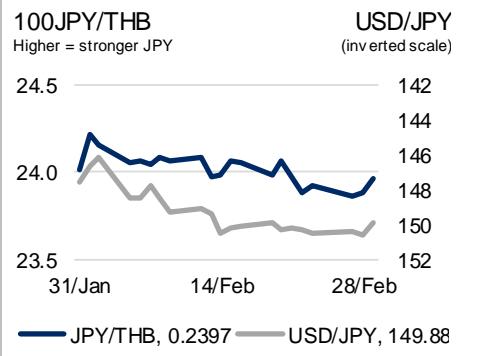
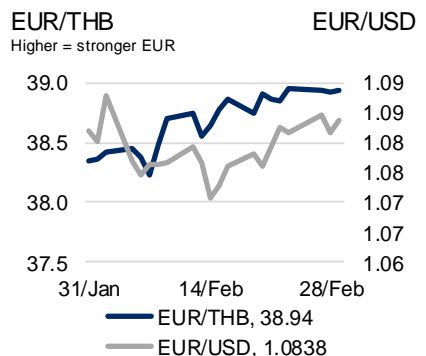
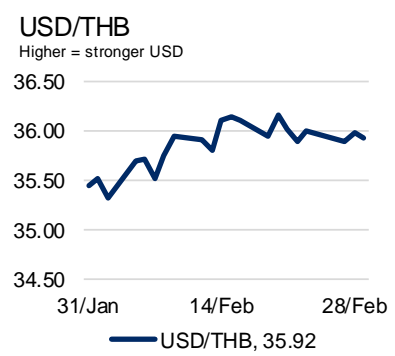
Chinese manufacturing activity shrank as expected in February, taking little support from increased demand during the Lunar New Year holiday as broader economic weakness persisted. The official manufacturing purchasing managers index read 49.1 in February, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed on Friday. The reading was in line with expectations and worsened from the 49.2 seen in January. A reading below 50 indicates contraction, with the PMI now remaining in contraction for a fifth consecutive month. China's manufacturing sector is among the biggest drivers of economic growth in the country and is at the heart of a sluggish post-COVID rebound over the past year. In addition to weak local demand, the sector is also grappling with muted export demand as economic conditions in China's biggest export destinations remain dour.

Dollar gains in choppy trading, inflation meets expectations

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.56, +0.38 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.56, +0.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.25, -2.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.92 Moving in a range of 35.86-35.91 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 35.70-36.00 today. The dollar rose on Thursday in choppy trading and was on track for its second consecutive monthly gain against the euro and yen, overcoming an earlier dip after data showed that US inflation was as expected in January. The yen gained after a policymaker hinted at the need to exit ultra-easy policies, while bitcoin held near a more than two-year high reached on Wednesday. The dollar fell earlier on Thursday after data showed that US price gains in January were the smallest in nearly three years, keeping a June interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve on the table. The dollar index had hit a three-month high after the Consumer Price Index (CPI) released on Feb. 13 showed prices accelerated more than expected in January.

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

SET Index	1,370.7	S&P500	5,096.3	10Y UST	4.25%	Brent	82.7	Gold	2,032.8
29-Feb	▼ -0.83%	28-Feb	▲ 0.52%	29-Feb	▼ -2.0 bps	27-Feb	▲ 1.20%	29-Feb	▲ 0.37%
USD/THB	35.92	EUR/THB	38.94	JPY/THB	0.2397				
Daily ▼ -0.14%		Daily ▲ 0.06%		Daily ▲ 0.34%					
Weekly ▲ 0.10%		Weekly ▲ 0.22%		Weekly ▲ 0.35%					
Monthly ▲ 1.35%		Monthly ▲ 1.53%		Monthly ▼ -0.20%					
Sideways Trend		Rising Trend		Sideways Trend					



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		104.05	0.0%	-0.1%	0.6%	102.96	104.83
EUR/USD		1.0817	-0.3%	0.2%	-0.1%	1.0706	1.0879
USD/JPY		150.60	0.2%	0.3%	2.3%	146.19	150.60
USD/CHF		0.8808	0.1%	-0.2%	2.3%	0.8567	0.8868
GBP/USD		1.2655	-0.2%	0.4%	-0.5%	1.2549	1.2757
USD/CAD		1.3562	0.4%	0.2%	1.2%	1.3371	1.3570
AUD/USD		0.6516	-0.3%	-0.5%	-1.5%	0.6453	0.6612
NZD/USD		0.6110	-0.9%	-1.0%	-0.5%	0.6062	0.6194
ASEAN Dollar		107.38	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	106.36	107.77
USD/THB		35.97	0.2%	-0.1%	1.8%	35.32	36.16
USD/SGD		1.3461	0.2%	0.0%	0.6%	1.3350	1.3507
USD/MYR		4.7641	-0.3%	-0.8%	0.8%	4.7257	4.8034
USD/IDR		15,599	0.3%	-0.1%	-0.6%	15,517	15,769
USD/PHP		56.51	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	56.03	56.59
USD/CNY		7.2115	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	7.1595	7.2154
USD/HKD		7.8335	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	7.8085	7.8335

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	448
Gold		15,805	-87
SDR		5,463	9
IMF Reserves		1,163	-1
Foreign Ccy		198,723	527
Net Fwd Position		29,680	-525

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Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
29/02/2024	-4,337	-403	-4,739
28/02/2024	743	1,837	2,580
27/02/2024	-2,300	-2,366	-4,666
23/02/2024	-1,939	1,999	61
22/02/2024	3,426	-282	3,143
Last 5 days	-4,406	786	-3,621

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↑ 2,862	↓ -15,327	↓ -12,465
QTD	Quarter	↓ -28,012	↓ -19,560	↓ -47,572
YTD	Year	↓ -28,012	↓ -19,560	↓ -47,572

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		2.53	0.00	2.53	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		2.73	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

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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

Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
UST10y		4.0400	15.00	-68.00	45.00	3.43	4.84
Gilt 10y		3.8374	26.62	-74.17	55.24	3.29	4.61
Bund 10y		2.1800	22.00	-62.00	0.00	1.96	2.80
JGB 10y		0.6210	-4.20	-15.80	27.90	0.33	0.86
TGB 1y		2.2332	0.02	-0.59	-10.36	2.23	2.34
TGB 2y		2.1531	0.94	-0.19	-12.62	2.14	2.30
TGB 5y		2.2502	1.33	0.41	-10.03	2.24	2.38
TGB 7y		2.3661	0.64	-0.13	-12.01	2.36	2.52
TGB 10y		2.5602	0.37	1.68	-7.75	2.54	2.68
AAA Spread		62.80	-1.18	-2.84	-10.44	62.80	73.78
AA Spread		75.92	2.44	6.22	-7.91	67.55	94.44
A Spread		108.79	0.00	-7.20	-16.28	108.43	128.18
BBB Spread		235.71	0.14	1.33	9.89	225.63	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	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Brent Crude		82.66	1.2%	0.4%	-1.1%	77.33	83.67
London Gold		2039.6	-0.8%	9.7%	5.0%	1,817.5	2,055.6

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)		4,953.2	-0.9%	2.1%	9.1%	4,415.2	5,029.7
STOXX (EU)		481.9	-0.2%	2.3%	7.1%	423.4	481.9
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,088.1	0.8%	2.6%	2.4%	3,954.4	4,172.4
DAX (DE)		16,704.6	0.0%	8.3%	10.4%	14,810.3	16,706.2
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,491.5	-2.4%	5.3%	4.7%	5,059.7	5,642.7
TOPIX (JP)		2,444.5	4.7%	5.6%	22.2%	1,961.8	2,444.5
Shanghai (CH)		3,097.6	0.8%	-4.8%	-10.0%	3,072.8	3,548.9
Hang Seng (HK)		16,097.3	-3.1%	-6.5%	-18.3%	16,097.3	21,190.4
ASX 200 (AU)		7,506.0	-0.4%	7.9%	7.0%	6,826.9	7,537.9
SET (TH)		1,408.2	0.0%	-2.1%	-10.0%	1,380.3	1,664.9
SET50 (TH)		863.9	-1.2%	-1.5%	-7.9%	852.9	991.0
Straits Times (SG)		3,201.4	1.9%	1.1%	0.9%	3,064.3	3,325.0
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,498.8	2.3%	5.9%	7.5%	1,374.6	1,498.8
JSX Index (ID)		7,200.2	0.2%	4.7%	5.2%	6,618.9	7,200.2
PSE Index (PH)		6,613.7	2.2%	4.9%	0.1%	6,088.4	6,881.3
Vn Index (VN)		1,154.7	5.3%	3.7%	12.9%	1,023.1	1,243.3

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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