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Manufacturing output rebounded 0.8% last month after a downwardly revised 1.1% drop in the prior month, the Fed said. Factory output was previously reported to have dropped 0.5% in January, weighed down by frigid temperatures. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast factory output would rise 0.3%. Production at factories fell 0.7% on a year-on-year basis in February. Despite the overall weakness, there remain pockets of manufacturing strength. Motor vehicle and parts output accelerated 1.8% last month, the US central bank's report showed. That followed a 3.8% weather-induced decline in January. Durable goods manufacturing production increased 1.0%. Machinery output rose 1.7%. There were also big increases in the production of wood products as well as miscellaneous goods. Output of computer and electronic products rose as did that of electrical equipment, appliances and components.

Japan core machinery orders fall more than expected, fuel economic uncertainty

Japan's core machinery orders fell more than expected in January on the back of a weak manufacturing sector, data showed, prompting the government to downgrade its view on the indicator for the first time in more than a year. The data, released on Monday by the Cabinet Office, follows recent data that highlighted concerns about the sluggish recovery in the world's fourth-biggest economy. It comes as the Bank of Japan (BOJ) kicks off its two-day monetary policy meeting, although core machinery orders data is unlikely to have a significant bearing on the central bank's decision, according to an economist. Core orders, a highly volatile data series regarded as a leading indicator of capital spending in the six to nine months ahead, fell 1.7% in January from the previous month.

China's upbeat industrial output, retail sales tempered by frail property

Industrial output rose 7.0% in the first two months of the year, data released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed on Monday, above expectations for a 5.0% increase in a Reuters poll of analysts and faster than the 6.8% growth seen in December. It also marked the quickest growth in almost two years. Retail sales, a gauge of consumption, rose 5.5%, slowing from a 7.4% increase in December but beating an expected 5.2% gain. The eight-day Lunar New Year holiday in February saw a solid return of travel, which supported revenue of tourism and hospitality sectors. That also led to a 3% growth in oil refinery throughput to meet strong demand for transport fuels. The NBS publishes combined January and February industrial output and retail sales data to smooth out distortions caused by the shifting timing of the Lunar New Year.

Dollar up, yen steady as BOJ policy shift looms

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.54, +0.67 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.535, +0.5 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.34, +3.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.96 Moving in a range of 35.955-36.045 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 35.80-36.10 today. The dollar edged higher on Monday ahead of a slew of central bank meetings this week, with the Bank of Japan potentially set to end negative interest rates and the market waiting for the Federal Reserve's latest projections for its rate cut plans. In addition to Japan and the United States, central banks in Britain, Australia, Norway, Switzerland, Mexico, Taiwan, Brazil and Indonesia are all due to meet this week. The dollar index, which measures the US currency against six other major currencies, rose 0.145% at 103.600. It has strengthened just over 2% this year as the US economy has fared better than expected, leading investors to rein in bets that the Fed will cut rates guickly and deeply this year.

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Currency Market

1M Range %Chg (1W) %Chg (1M) Currency **1M History** % Chg (1D) Last Min Max 0.7% Dollar Index 103.46 0.0% -1.2% 102.73 104.83 1.0874 -0.6% 1.4% 1.0706 EUR/USD -0.6% 1.0945 USD/JPY 148.39 0.5% 1.1% -1.2% 146.73 150.60 0.7% 0.8% USD/CHF 0.8848 0.0% 0.8745 0.8868 GBP/USD 1.2737 -0.5% -0.9% 1.4% 1.2563 1.2853 USD/CAD 1.3544 0.5% 0.4% 0.0% 1.3450 1.3589 AUD/USD 0.6562 -0.8% -0.8% 1.2% 0.6453 0.6625 -1.0% -1.1% NZD/USD 0.6103 0.3% 0.6062 0.6194 105.11 0.0% -1.2% **ASEAN Dollar** -0.8% 105.01 106.87 **USD/THB** 35.81 0.4% 1.1% -0.9% 35.43 36.16 USD/SGD 1.3372 0.4% 0.5% -0.8% 1.3306 1.3507 USD/MYR 4.7013 0.3% 0.4% -1.7% 4.6799 4.8034 -0.1% USD/IDR 15,515 -0.2% -0.3% 15,493 15,708 0.3% **USD/PHP** 55.81 0.0% -0.8% 55.67 56.51 0.0% 7.1947 0.1% USD/CNY -0.3% 7.1749 7.2154 0.0% 0.0%

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	-	225,419	2313		
Golds		17,096	739		
SDR		5,505	31		
IMF Reserves		1,172	7		
Foreign Ccy		201,646	1536		
Foreign Ccy Net Fwd Position		201,646 29,445	1536 45		

7.8215

Foreign Fund Flows (THR mn)

0.0%

Date	Equity	Bond	Total	
3/18/2024	-298	-6,023	-6,321	
3/15/2024	-2,178	-3,736	-5,914	
3/14/2024	3,647	-3,309	338	
3/13/2024	1,068	-437	631	
3/12/2024	-200	-3,794	-3,995	
Last 5 days	2,040	-17,300	-15,260	
Period-to-	date Equity	Bond	Total	
Month	-3,737	-14,750	-18,487	
Quarter	-31,749	-34,310	-66,059	
TD Year	J -31,749	J -34,310	4 -66,059	

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USD/HKD

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ТНВ	1M Hist	Loct	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange
BIBOR	IIVI MISL	Lasi	Min	Max	LUDLIY LIM LIST	INITIISL LASL	Min	Max	LIBOR	IIVI FIISL	Lasi	Min	Max	
ON	1	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	<i></i>	1.61	0.22	1.61	1W	\rightarrow	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		2.61	0.00	2.61						2M	\rightarrow	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
							Las	t Updated:	6/29/2023			Last	t Updated:	3/9/2022

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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Fixed Income Market

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Fixed Income	4M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)		Pro Cha (4)	A/\ D	Bps Chg (1M)		1M Range		
Fixed Income	1M History	1 I IVI (%)	ърs Cng ((טו	Bps Chg (1V	(V)	bps clig (TM)		Min	Max	
UST10y		4.0800	4.00		-75.00	-	78.00		3.30	4.83	
Gilt 10y	-	4.0169	17.95		-53.40	(61.29		3.32	4.61	
Bund 10y		2.2400	6.00		-65.00		14.00		2.02	2.89	
JGB 10y	-	0.7500	13.60		-6.10	4	41.50		0.34	0.84	
TGB 1y	~~	2.2374	0.04		0.47		-2.02		2.23	2.27	
TGB 2y		2.1386	0.71		1.56		-3.31		2.12	2.18	
TGB 5y		2.2418	1.93		4.62		-3.70		2.19	2.29	
TGB 7y		2.3384	1.66		2.85		-7.70		2.30	2.42	
TGB 10y	~	2.5326	1.60		4.11		-3.89		2.49	2.58	
AAA Spread		61.63	-1.11		-3.64	-	11.57		61.63	73.90	
AA Spread		79.81	3.94		12.27		-5.44		67.54	94.46	
A Spread		108.03	-0.92		-3.00	-2	20.02		108.03	128.05	
BBB Spread		273.39	37.58		34.56	4	47.03		225.60	273.39	

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)	9/ Cha (1M)	1M Range	
Commodity	TWI HISTOTY	Lasi	/6 City (1D)	/6 City (144)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	~~~~	85.65	0.4%	4.2%	2.6%	81.60	85.65
London Gold		2155.3	-0.7%	-1.1%	7.5%	1,990.8	2,178.5
Note: Unit of Brent crude oi	I price is \$/barrel; unit of	f gold price is \$/ou	nce				

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S&P500 (US)		5,096.3	0.0%	2.0%	11.1%	4,554.9	5,131.0
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STOXX (EU)		484.9	1.1%	2.7%	13.6%	422.0	490.2
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,088.1	0.8%	2.6%	2.4%	3,954.4	4,172.4
DAX (DE)		16,941.7	2.4%	13.8%	7.7%	14,892.2	16,941.7
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,671.3	3.3%	10.8%	1.7%	5,116.9	5,671.3
TOPIX (JP)		2,497.7	2.2%	10.3%	25.9%	1,937.1	2,497.7
Shanghai (CH)		2,889.9	-6.7%	-7.6%	-15.6%	2,889.9	3,559.0
Hang Seng (HK)		15,952.2	-0.9%	-6.1%	-21.0%	15,952.2	20,438.8
ASX 200 (AU)		7,600.2	1.3%	10.8%	4.0%	6,856.9	7,600.2
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SET (TH)	~~~	1,376.3	-2.3%	0.4%	-14.5%	1,371.2	1,620.0
SET50 (TH)	~~~	841.3	-2.6%	-0.7%	-13.6%	841.3	974.3
Straits Times (SG)	~~~	3,140.3	-1.9%	2.0%	-4.9%	3,078.8	3,374.0
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,506.3	0.5%	4.7%	5.7%	1,376.7	1,506.3
JSX Index (ID)		7,256.2	-1.3%	6.0%	9.5%	6,619.8	7,350.6

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

6,116.1

1,037.8

6,685.9

1,243.3

0.5%

8.9%

1M Range

PSE Index (PH)

Vn Index (VN)

5.8%

7.7%

6,630.7

1,177.5

0.3%

2.0%