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Global interest rates are in flux. The Bank of Japan, a holdout dove as central banks across the developed world raised borrowing costs from late 2021, finally called time on its easy money era. Most other big central banks, in contrast, are on the brink of victory in their fight against inflation. Rate setters in the United States, Britain, Switzerland and Norway meet this week and may at least offer clues about when they will cut rates. The Bank of Japan ended eight years of negative interest rates. As well as bringing interest rates up to a range of 0-0.1%, the BOJ also abandoned yield curve control, where it purchased vast amounts of Japanese government bonds to cap state borrowing costs. With inflation exceeding the BoJ's target for over a year, a shift had been expected in March or April. Still, the moves were a mark of confidence from the BoJ that Japan has finally emerged

US single-family housing starts, permits near two-year highs

U.S. single-family homebuilding rebounded sharply in February, hitting the highest level in nearly two years, boosted by mild temperatures and a persistent shortage of previously owned houses on the market. Despite the hurdle created for many first-time buyers by higher mortgage rates, builders are cutting prices and offering other incentives to increase sales. They are also reducing the size of the homes being built to manage higher material costs. The report from the Commerce Department also showed permits for the future construction of single-family housing units rose to more than a 1-1/2-year high last month. With mortgage rates gradually trending lower on expectations the Federal Reserve will start cutting interest rates by June, homebuilding could contribute to economic growth this year.

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German investor morale improved more than expected in March on expectations of an ECB interest rates cut and positive signs out of China. ZEW reported a rise in its economic sentiment index to 31.7 points from 19.9 in February, and the March figure exceeded analyst estimates in a Reuters poll for a reading of 20.5. Data on Monday showed that China's factory output and retail sales beat expectations in the January-February period, joining recent better-than-expected exports and consumer inflation indicators that together marked a solid start to this year. By comparison, ZEW's assessment of the current situation improved only slightly, rising to -80.5 from -81.7 last month and beating a fall to -82.0 that was predicted by analysts.

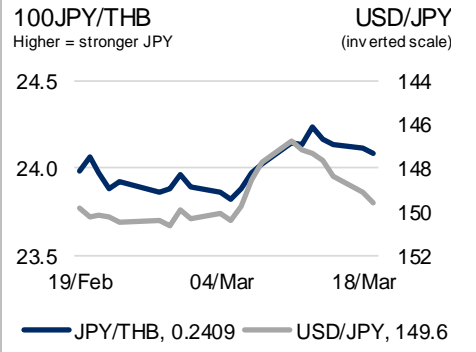
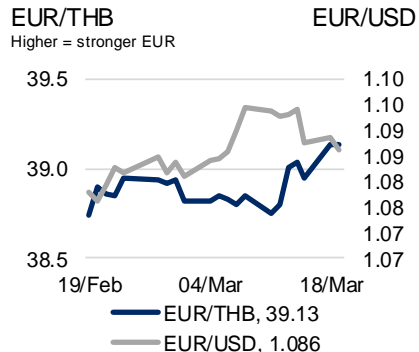
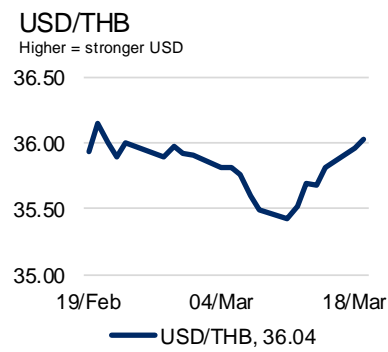
Yen falls in defiance of historic BOJ shift; dollar firm

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.56, +1.88 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.54, +2.0 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.34, +3.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 36.04. Moving in a range of 36.055-36.105 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 35.95-36.20 today. The yen tumbled after the Bank of Japan's momentous, but widely anticipated, decision to end its negative interest rate policy, while the dollar strengthened ahead of the Federal Reserve's latest outlook for rates. In a historic shift from decades of massive monetary stimulus, the Japanese central bank ended eight years of negative interest rates and other remnants of unorthodox economic policy after a two-day meeting of policymakers. As most investors had already priced in a change, the yen dropped by as much as 1% and weakened past 150 to the dollar after the news. The yen was last down about 1.02% at 150.66 to the dollar. Against the euro, the Japanese currency similarly slid 0.8% to 163.48, around its weakest in three weeks.

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

SET Index	1,382.5	S&P500	5,149.4	10Y UST	4.34%	Brent	86.7	Gold	2,155.3
19-Mar	▼ -0.25%	18-Mar	▲ 0.63%	18-Mar	▲ 3.0 bps	19-Mar	▼ -0.18%	18-Mar	▼ -0.70%

USD/THB 36.04	Daily ▲ 0.22%	EUR/THB 39.13	Daily ▼ -0.01%	JPY/THB 0.2409	Daily ▼ -0.11%
Weekly ▲ 0.96%	EUR/USD 1.086	Weekly ▲ 0.32%	Weekly ▼ -0.61%	Monthly ▲ 0.43%	
Monthly ▲ 0.26%	Sideways Trend	Monthly ▲ 1.00%	Sideways Trend	Monthly ▲ 0.43%	



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		103.47	-0.3%	0.6%	-0.9%	102.73	104.83
EUR/USD		1.0884	0.1%	-0.4%	1.2%	1.0706	1.0945
USD/JPY		149.11	0.5%	1.3%	-0.7%	146.73	150.60
USD/CHF		0.8829	-0.2%	0.6%	0.2%	0.8764	0.8868
GBP/USD		1.2730	-0.1%	-0.7%	1.1%	1.2563	1.2853
USD/CAD		1.3527	-0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	1.3450	1.3589
AUD/USD		0.6560	0.0%	-0.7%	0.7%	0.6453	0.6625
NZD/USD		0.6089	-0.2%	-1.3%	-0.1%	0.6062	0.6194
ASEAN Dollar		105.75	0.0%	-0.1%	-1.4%	105.56	107.18
USD/THB		35.96	0.4%	1.3%	-0.4%	35.43	36.16
USD/SGD		1.3383	0.1%	0.6%	-0.6%	1.3306	1.3507
USD/MYR		4.7172	0.3%	0.8%	-1.3%	4.6799	4.8034
USD/IDR		15,571	0.4%	0.2%	-0.1%	15,493	15,708
USD/PHP		55.93	0.2%	0.4%	-0.5%	55.67	56.51
USD/CNY		7.2026	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	7.1749	7.2154
USD/HKD		7.8230	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.8140	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		225,419	2313
Gold		17,096	739
SDR		5,505	31
IMF Reserves		1,172	7
Foreign Ccy		201,646	1536
Net Fwd Position		29,445	45

Last update: 8/3/2024

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
19/3/2024	-18,802	-4,112	-22,914
18/3/2024	-298	-6,023	-6,321
15/3/2024	-2,178	-3,736	-5,914
14/3/2024	3,647	-3,309	338
13/3/2024	1,068	-437	631
Last 5 days	-16,562	-17,617	-34,179

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -22,538	↓ -18,862	↓ -41,400
QTD	Quarter	↓ -50,550	↓ -38,422	↓ -88,972
YTD	Year	↓ -50,550	↓ -38,422	↓ -88,972

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		2.61	0.00	2.61	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		4.0800	4.00	-75.00	78.00	3.30	4.83
Gilt 10y		3.9480	6.89	-64.91	55.03	3.24	4.65
Bund 10y		2.2200	2.00	-61.00	-22.00	1.99	2.83
JGB 10y		0.7210	10.00	-12.40	35.90	0.33	0.86
TGB 1y		2.2376	0.02	0.22	-1.99	2.23	2.26
TGB 2y		2.1412	0.26	1.49	-3.11	2.12	2.18
TGB 5y		2.2453	0.35	5.67	-4.21	2.19	2.29
TGB 7y		2.3479	0.95	4.69	-7.07	2.30	2.42
TGB 10y		2.5393	0.67	4.44	-3.86	2.49	2.58
AAA Spread		62.50	-0.29	-2.90	-9.66	62.50	73.91
AA Spread		78.93	3.01	11.21	-7.35	67.72	94.44
A Spread		107.93	-0.86	-3.54	-20.13	107.93	128.06
BBB Spread		235.83	0.12	-3.11	9.43	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		86.73	-0.2%	5.9%	3.8%	81.62	86.89
London Gold		2155.3	-0.7%	-1.1%	7.5%	1,990.8	2,178.5

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)		5,096.3	0.0%	2.0%	11.1%	4,554.9	5,131.0
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)		16,972.3	1.6%	15.2%	7.4%	14,731.1	16,972.3
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,693.9	2.6%	11.7%	1.6%	5,098.8	5,693.9
TOPIX (JP)		2,529.5	1.9%	12.1%	26.3%	1,959.4	2,529.5
Shanghai (CH)		2,905.2	-5.4%	-5.7%	-14.8%	2,905.2	3,519.8
Hang Seng (HK)		16,077.2	-1.4%	-5.9%	-20.8%	16,077.2	20,782.5
ASX 200 (AU)		7,680.7	2.4%	12.1%	4.6%	6,854.3	7,680.7
SET (TH)		1,373.1	-2.9%	-1.1%	-14.2%	1,373.1	1,612.6
SET50 (TH)		838.5	-3.1%	-2.4%	-13.1%	838.5	966.2
Straits Times (SG)		3,150.0	-1.3%	2.6%	-4.4%	3,071.3	3,373.8
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,515.4	1.9%	5.6%	6.5%	1,383.2	1,515.4
JSX Index (ID)		7,227.8	-0.8%	5.5%	10.1%	6,565.7	7,283.6
PSE Index (PH)		6,622.0	-0.3%	6.5%	0.3%	6,110.9	6,675.5
Vn Index (VN)		1,173.0	1.1%	6.1%	9.5%	1,040.3	1,245.5

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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