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US inflation slowed marginally in April, while the gauge of core prices closely watched by the Federal Reserve decelerated slightly but remained stubbornly elevated. According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on Wednesday, the US consumer price index in April rose 3.4% on an annualized basis, in line with expectations, a small slowdown from the 3.5% growth seen the previous month. On a monthly basis, the index rose 0.3%, a small slowing from the expected 0.4% growth, which had also been seen in March. Meanwhile, the core reading, which strips out volatile items like food and energy, rose 3.6% year-on-year, a smaller rise than the 3.8% growth seen in March. On a month-on-month basis, the core figure increased by 0.3%, below the 0.4% growth seen in March.

Japan GDP shrinks more than expected in Q1 as consumption slows

The Japanese economy shrank more than expected in the first quarter of 2024, hit chiefly by a slowdown in consumer spending amid sticky inflation and sluggish wages, while capital spending also slowed. Gross domestic product shrank 0.5% quarter-on-quarter in the three months to March 31, government data showed on Thursday. The reading was more than expectations for a decline of 0.3% and fell sharply from the 0.1% increase seen in the December quarter. GDP shrank 2% year-on-year in Q1, missing expectations for a contraction of 1.5% and declining from the 0.4% growth seen in the prior quarter. The weaker GDP figures were driven chiefly by a 0.7% drop in private consumption through the quarter, which was much bigger than expectations for a decrease of 0.2%. Consumption makes up more than 50% of Japan's economic growth.

China's central bank leaves key policy rate unchanged

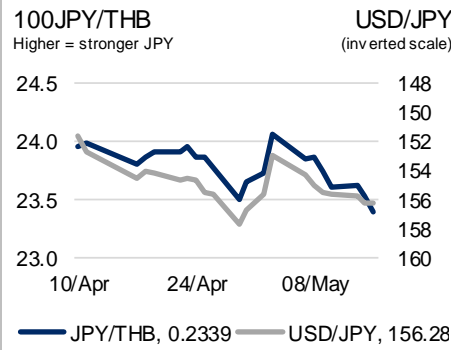
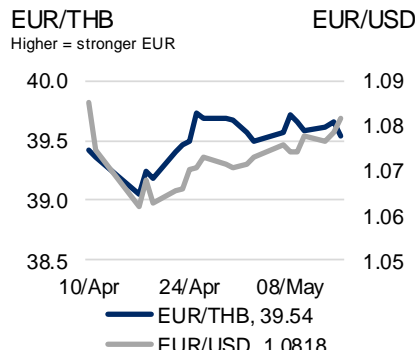
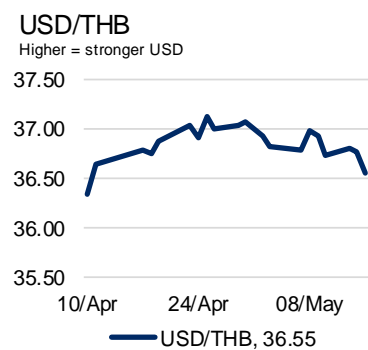
China's central bank left a key policy rate unchanged when rolling over maturing medium-term lending facility (MLF) loans, in line with market expectations. The steady MLF rate shows the central bank's focus on keeping currency stability, analysts say, even as an unexpected credit contraction in April added to the case for more policy stimulus to prop up the world's second-largest economy. The MLF loan operation also comes days ahead of the finance ministry's scheduled sales of the first batch of 1 trillion yuan in ultra long-term special treasury bonds. The People's Bank of China (PBOC) said it was keeping the rate on 125 billion yuan (\$17.28 billion) in one-year MLF loans to some financial institutions unchanged at 2.50% from the previous operation. In a Reuters survey of 32 market watchers, 84% of respondents expected the PBOC to leave the interest rate on MLF rate unchanged.

Dollar drops to one-month low vs euro before key CPI test

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.76, -0.69 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.76, -1.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.36, -9.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 36.55. Moving in a range of 36.22-36.27 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 36.10-36.40 today. The dollar dipped to a one-month low versus the euro amid lower Treasury yields as traders braced for a key US inflation report later in the day that could dictate the path of Federal Reserve policy. However, the yen hovered close to a two-week low as a still-gaping yield gap between local bonds and US peers continued to encourage selling of the Japanese currency. The euro edged up 0.03% to \$1.0823 in Asian trading hours, and earlier rose to \$1.0828 for the first time since April 10. The US dollar index - which measures the currency against six top rivals but is heavily weighted towards the euro - eased 0.11% to 104.94, after dipping to a 1-1/2-week low of 104.92 earlier.

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

SET Index	1,370.4	S&P500	5,246.7	10Y UST	4.36%	Brent	82.8	Gold	2,371.8
15-May	▼ -0.45%	14-May	▲ 0.48%	15-May	▼ -9.0 bps	14-May	▼ -0.70%	15-May	▲ 1.03%
USD/THB 36.55	Daily ▼ -0.60%	EUR/THB 39.54	Daily ▼ -0.30%	JPY/THB 0.2339	Daily ▼ -0.60%	USD/JPY 156.28			
Weekly ▼ -1.00%	Weekly ▼ -0.30%	Weekly ▼ -1.51%	Monthly ▲ 0.31%	Monthly ▼ -2.37%					
Sideways Trend	Monthly ▲ 0.61%	Sideways Trend	Monthly ▲ 0.31%	Falling Trend					



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		105.26	0.2%	-0.3%	1.1%	104.10	106.27
EUR/USD		1.0786	0.2%	0.4%	-0.7%	1.0618	1.0863
USD/JPY		156.28	0.3%	0.8%	3.1%	151.08	157.66
USD/CHF		0.9081	0.1%	-0.1%	0.4%	0.9029	0.9150
GBP/USD		1.2558	0.3%	0.5%	-0.8%	1.2357	1.2677
USD/CAD		1.3674	-0.1%	-0.5%	0.7%	1.3525	1.3827
AUD/USD		0.6600	0.1%	0.4%	-0.1%	0.6388	0.6620
NZD/USD		0.6017	0.1%	0.4%	-0.4%	0.5879	0.6066
ASEAN Dollar		107.03	0.0%	-0.4%	0.4%	106.39	108.22
USD/THB		36.77	-0.1%	-0.6%	0.6%	36.33	37.12
USD/SGD		1.3532	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.5%	1.3445	1.3640
USD/MYR		4.7275	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.4%	4.7275	4.7935
USD/IDR		16,064	0.3%	0.5%	1.9%	15,768	16,217
USD/PHP		57.99	0.1%	0.9%	2.3%	56.61	58.15
USD/CNY		7.2331	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	7.2035	7.2590
USD/HKD		7.8082	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%	7.8082	7.8363

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		223,468	1956
Gold		17,357	-273
SDR		5,448	25
IMF Reserves		1,158	-44
Foreign Ccy		199,504	2248
Net Fwd Position		28,025	-200

Last update: 03/05/2024

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
15/05/2024	-2,638	584	-2,054
14/05/2024	2,302	558	2,860
13/05/2024	1,150	1,858	3,008
10/05/2024	-616	141	-475
09/05/2024	-1,280	-1,931	-3,211
Last 5 days	-1,082	1,209	127

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -4,485	↑ 10,662	↑ 6,177
QTD	Quarter	↓ -572	↓ -14,807	↓ -15,379
YTD	Year	↓ -69,898	↓ -43,385	↓ -113,283

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	2.61	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		2.71	0.00	2.73	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M		0.44	0.15	0.44
12M		2.82	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		4.2000	10.00	31.00	51.00	3.37	4.88
Gilt 10y		3.9509	-0.44	23.42	-19.28	3.64	4.59
Bund 10y		2.3400	3.00	35.00	-8.00	1.99	2.97
JGB 10y		0.7520	2.70	5.90	32.00	0.39	0.86
TGB 1y		2.2874	-0.11	0.06	4.17	2.24	2.29
TGB 2y		2.3534	-0.30	0.68	16.22	2.16	2.38
TGB 5y		2.5227	-0.27	-2.14	20.29	2.27	2.58
TGB 7y		2.6505	-0.49	-0.90	17.18	2.40	2.69
TGB 10y		2.7643	-0.49	-1.07	14.21	2.57	2.78
AAA Spread		61.29	0.04	-6.09	-8.75	61.24	73.91
AA Spread		79.45	3.27	5.87	-0.01	67.07	85.03
A Spread		112.92	1.62	3.89	-13.96	108.03	127.03
BBB Spread		236.22	0.12	0.52	-8.28	225.86	244.50

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		82.78	-0.7%	-0.3%	-8.1%	82.78	90.45
London Gold		2371.8	1.0%	2.7%	1.1%	2,288.5	2,394.8

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)		5,116.2	0.0%	-1.7%	3.3%	4,891.0	5,224.6
STOXX (EU)		509.3	-1.0%	-2.2%	9.7%	436.8	520.2
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,088.1	0.8%	2.6%	2.4%	3,954.4	4,172.4
DAX (DE)		18,261.3	2.3%	9.1%	14.5%	14,716.5	18,261.3
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		6,023.9	1.7%	7.0%	11.5%	5,036.7	6,023.9
TOPIX (JP)		2,777.6	1.7%	19.7%	29.4%	2,037.3	2,777.6
Shanghai (CH)		3,225.9	1.0%	2.4%	-6.6%	2,832.8	3,557.1
Hang Seng (HK)		16,863.1	4.3%	2.8%	-10.0%	15,746.6	19,639.1
ASX 200 (AU)		7,780.2	-0.9%	3.9%	9.3%	6,826.9	7,847.0
SET (TH)		1,373.2	0.8%	-1.5%	-10.9%	1,362.6	1,560.2
SET50 (TH)		841.0	1.1%	-2.8%	-9.7%	831.6	960.5
Straits Times (SG)		3,198.1	2.1%	2.9%	0.3%	3,061.9	3,304.1
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,542.4	0.7%	5.5%	9.8%	1,377.7	1,542.4
JSX Index (ID)		7,433.3	1.9%	4.8%	10.0%	6,652.3	7,433.3
PSE Index (PH)		6,963.2	0.8%	7.5%	5.2%	6,088.4	6,963.2
Vn Index (VN)		1,281.8	1.5%	15.5%	18.9%	1,049.1	1,281.8

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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