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The FOMC Minutes from July 30-31 aligned with Fed Chair Powell's earlier comments, noting a possible September rate cut based on upcoming data. While some members saw recent inflation progress and rising unemployment as justifying a 25bps cut, most favored holding rates steady. The Minutes also revealed increased concern about employment risks and reduced focus on inflation, showing the Fed's balanced attention to both goals.

Payrolls sharply revised down by 818,000

The U.S. economy added far fewer jobs over the past year than initially reported, following a major downward revision of previous data. The BLS revised payroll numbers down by 818,000, showing that job growth from April 2023 to March 2024 was weaker than earlier estimates. Instead of a 2.9 million job increase, the actual rise was only 2.1 million. This adjustment means an average monthly increase of 178,000 jobs, down from the previously reported 246,000, likely strengthening the case for an interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve next month.

Japan manufacturing PMI lags in August, services strong

Japanese manufacturing activity declined as major automakers faced ongoing output disruptions, exacerbated by a scandal involving falsified safety checks. The flash au Jibun Bank Japan Manufacturing PMI was 49.5 for August, slightly below the expected 49.8 but up from July's 49.1. In contrast, services activity continued to grow, with the au Jibun Bank Japan Services PMI rising to 54.0 from 53.7 in July. This growth in the services sector was driven by stronger local demand and the positive effects of significant wage increases earlier in the year.

Thai central bank maintains key rate, awaits stimulus details

Thailand's central bank decided to keep its key interest rate unchanged for the fifth consecutive meeting, maintaining the rate at 2.50%, its highest level in over a decade. The decision, made by a 6-1 vote, reflects the bank's view that the current rate is neutral and appropriate while awaiting potential changes in economic stimulus policies from the new prime minister. The Bank of Thailand's (BOT) monetary policy committee believes that this rate supports the economy moving towards its potential and helps maintain macro-financial stability.

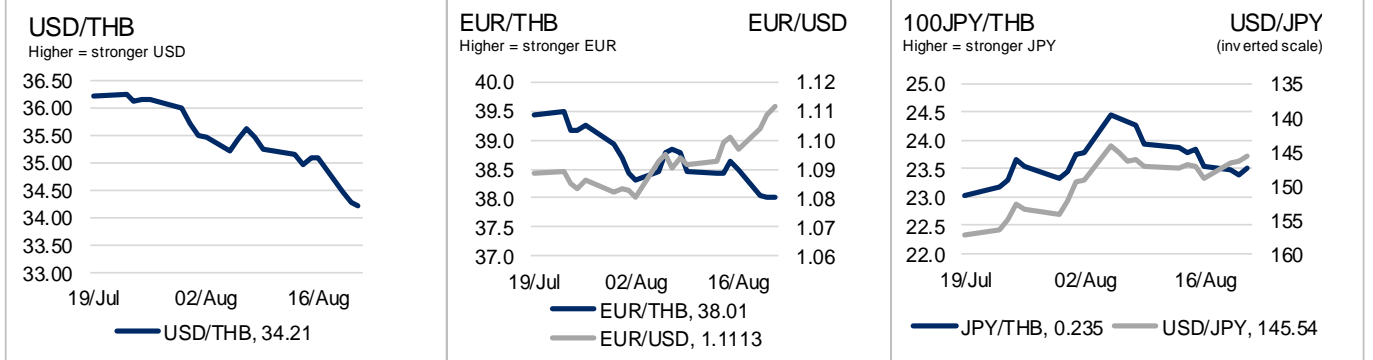
Dollar falls after job revisions, with some Fed officials favoring a July rate cut

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.570, -0.07 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB346A) was 2.565, +0.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.79, -3.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.21 moving in a range of 34.24 – 34.27 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.15 - 34.45 today. The Dollar Index weakened further on Wednesday, falling before and after the BLS payrolls revision. Initially, the index ticked up slightly but then declined, falling below 101 and reaching 100.92. The euro gained for the fourth consecutive day, climbing to 1.11 and pushing its YTD high to 1.1173. Safe haven currencies gained strength due to rising US Treasuries, with the Japanese yen falling to 144.46.

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

SET Index	1,337.8	S&P500	5,620.9	10Y UST	3.79%	Brent	77.2	Gold	2,507.7
21-Aug	▲ 0.73%	21-Aug	▲ 0.42%	21-Aug	▼ -3.0 bps	20-Aug	▼ -0.6%	21-Aug	▼ -0.55%

USD/THB 34.21	Daily ▼ -0.23%	EUR/THB 38.01	Daily ▲ 0.04%	JPY/THB 0.2350	Daily ▲ 0.43%
Falling Trend	Weekly ▼ -2.54%	Sideways Trend	Weekly ▼ -1.61%	Sideways Trend	Weekly ▲ -1.42%
	Monthly ▼ -5.74%		Monthly ▼ -3.65%		Monthly ▼ 2.04%



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		101.51	-0.3%	-1.1%	-2.7%	101.84	104.58
EUR/USD		1.1113	0.3%	0.9%	2.1%	1.0801	1.1083
USD/JPY		145.54	-0.7%	-1.1%	-7.5%	144.03	158.51
USD/CHF		0.8544	-0.8%	-1.3%	-3.9%	0.8512	0.8959
GBP/USD		1.3022	0.2%	1.4%	0.7%	1.2691	1.3005
USD/CAD		1.3625	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.7%	1.3627	1.3880
AUD/USD		0.6737	0.2%	2.0%	0.6%	0.6470	0.6766
NZD/USD		0.6147	0.4%	2.4%	2.0%	0.5885	0.6123
ASEAN Dollar		101.59	-1.1%	-1.6%	-3.8%	102.53	106.11
USD/THB		34.21	-0.2%	-2.5%	-5.6%	34.29	36.25
USD/SGD		1.3062	-0.1%	-0.8%	-2.8%	1.3073	1.3444
USD/MYR		4.3727	0.1%	-1.4%	-6.5%	4.3681	4.6801
USD/IDR		15,382	-0.3%	-1.5%	-4.4%	15,421	16,229
USD/PHP		56.74	-0.2%	-0.8%	-3.3%	56.85	58.87
USD/CNY		7.1225	-0.05%	-0.3%	-2.0%	7.1220	7.2748
USD/HKD		7.7913	0.13%	0.1%	-0.3%	7.7718	7.8110

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)
1-month		0.15	0.15
3-month		0.70	-0.05
6-month		1.50	-0.20

Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)
Total		232,191	83
Gold		18,334	-93
SDR		5,514	-1
IMF Reserves		1,132	0
Foreign Ccy		207,211	178
Net Fwd Position		26,535	-705

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
21/08/2024	756	3,693	4,450
20/08/2024	1,789	-1,542	247
19/08/2024	-10,487	5,098	-5,388
16/08/2024	335	-2,587	-2,253
15/08/2024	-516	-8,832	-9,348
Last 5 days	-8,122	-4,170	-12,292

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -9,137	↑ 30,122	↑ 20,986
QTD	Quarter	↓ -10,889	↑ 57,939	↑ 47,051
YTD	Year	↓ -127,920	↑ 11,954	↓ -115,966

Money Market

Last update: 09/08/2024

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		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		2.52	0.00	2.53	1W		1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M		2.55	0.00	2.55	1M		1.59	0.88	1.72	1M		0.35	0.12	0.35
2M		2.60	0.00	2.60	2M					2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M		2.65	0.00	2.65	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M		0.75	0.34	0.75
6M		2.71	0.00	2.72	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M		1.04	0.56	1.04
12M		2.81	0.00	2.82	12M		2.26	1.59	2.26	12M		1.49	1.00	1.49

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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

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

Fixed Income Market

Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
UST10y		3.7900	-3.00	-13.00	-49.00	3.78	4.28
Gilt 10y		3.9267	1.72	5.81	-19.06	3.81	4.13
Bund 10y		2.2200	-2.00	3.00	-21.00	2.13	2.48
JGB 10y		0.8960	-2.00	3.50	-17.70	0.78	1.08
TGB 1y		2.2855	0.06	-0.18	-9.97	2.28	2.39
TGB 2y		2.2154	0.47	1.09	-12.95	2.20	2.35
TGB 5y		2.3252	1.91	4.30	-5.89	2.26	2.40
TGB 7y		2.4500	1.30	2.39	-5.52	2.37	2.51
TGB 10y		2.5700	-0.07	1.16	-6.32	2.52	2.64
AAA Spread		60.02	-0.40	0.87	-7.90	58.17	71.37
AA Spread		82.55	5.00	6.94	2.34	66.99	84.68
A Spread		101.71	1.40	-11.84	-19.48	100.31	122.86
BBB Spread		0.00	0.00	-235.72	-234.64	0.00	263.02

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		77.20	-0.59%	-3.2%	-4.7%	76.30	85.11
London Gold		2507.7	-0.55%	2.1%	4.0%	2,371.3	2,521.6

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)		5,620.9	0.4%	1.4%	1.2%	5,186.3	5,620.9
STOXX (EU)		502.3	0.6%	1.4%	0.0%	472.8	507.3
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,076.1	0.2%	-0.3%	2.9%	3,933.2	4,088.1
DAX (DE)		18,449.0	0.5%	1.5%	0.3%	17,339.0	18,557.7
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,574.8	0.5%	1.3%	0.1%	5,291.7	5,645.3
TOPIX (JP)		2,664.9	-0.2%	2.5%	-5.9%	2,227.2	2,868.6
Shanghai (CH)		2,993.9	-0.4%	-0.7%	-1.6%	2,987.7	3,126.4
Hang Seng (HK)		17,391.0	-0.7%	1.6%	0.5%	16,647.3	17,635.9
ASX 200 (AU)		8,010.5	0.2%	1.8%	0.6%	7,649.6	8,114.7
SET (TH)		1,337.8	0.7%	3.7%	1.6%	1,274.0	1,337.8
SET50 (TH)		845.5	0.7%	3.4%	2.8%	806.0	845.5
Straits Times (SG)		3,373.8	0.1%	1.8%	-2.5%	3,198.4	3,471.2
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,635.3	-0.5%	1.4%	0.9%	1,536.5	1,648.7
JSX Index (ID)		7,554.6	0.3%	2.0%	4.0%	7,059.7	7,554.6
PSE Index (PH)		6,900.6	-0.6%	3.1%	2.2%	6,433.2	6,944.8
Vn Index (VN)		1,284.1	0.9%	4.9%	3.7%	1,188.1	1,284.1

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

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