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US trade deficit narrows to \$73.1 billion as exports increase

The US trade deficit decreased for the first time in three months, as the value of goods and services exports rose by the largest amount since earlier this year. The deficit in goods and services narrowed by 2.5% from the previous month to \$73.1 billion, slightly higher than the \$72.5 billion shortfall predicted by a Bloomberg survey. Exports grew by 1.5%, while imports increased by 0.6%. The rise in merchandise exports was broad-based, with notable increases in shipments of commercial aircraft, natural gas, other petroleum products, and motor vehicles. Imports were driven up by higher spending on pharmaceuticals and capital goods.

German industrial orders surge, boosting economic hopes

German industrial orders surged more than expected in June, offering a hopeful sign for Europe's largest economy, which faces the possibility of recession after a contraction in the second quarter. Orders rose by 3.9% from the previous month, adjusting for seasonal and calendar factors, surpassing analysts' forecast of a 0.5% increase.

Japan's June real wages rise for first time in nearly two years

In June, Japan's inflation-adjusted real wages increased for the first time in over two years, as nominal wages surged at their fastest rate in nearly 30 years. Real wages rose by 1.1% in June, reversing a revised 1.3% decline from May and marking the first increase in 27 months. However, separate data released on Tuesday indicated that household spending dropped by 1.4% year-on-year in June, exceeding the median market forecast of a 0.9% decline. This suggests that rising living costs may be deterring consumers from increasing their spending.

RBA pushes back against near-term rate cut on inflation risk

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) maintained its interest rates at 4.35%, as anticipated, and indicated that it will need to keep monetary conditions tight to address ongoing inflationary pressures. This decision marks the sixth consecutive meeting with no change in the official cash rate. The RBA's move was expected after the consumer price index (CPI) grew in line with the bank's forecasts for the second quarter. While underlying inflation eased slightly, providing some hope that it will eventually decrease, CPI inflation remains significantly above the RBA's target range of 2% to 3%, prompting a cautious stance from the central bank.

Dollar stabilizes against yen as market eases

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.563, +4.15 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB346A) was 2.56, +4.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 3.90, +12.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.43 moving in a range of 35.49 – 35.52 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 35.35 - 35.60 today. The dollar made only slight gains, with the index staying near 103.00. The Japanese yen lagged after its recent rally, while the Australian dollar led the gains following hawkish remarks from RBA Governor Bullock, who revealed that the RBA considered a rate hike at this meeting.



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Currency Market

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Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	1M Range		
Currency	TWITHSTOLY	Lasi				Min	Max	
Dollar Index	~~	102.84	-0.1%	-1.4%	-2.1%	102.90	105.97	
EUR/USD		1.0949	0.2%	1.1%	1.2%	1.0720	1.0934	
USD/JPY		145.16	0.8%	-4.7%	-9.7%	144.03	161.63	
USD/CHF		0.8553	0.5%	-2.9%	-4.8%	0.8512	0.9043	
GBP/USD		1.2780	0.0%	-0.6%	0.1%	1.2629	1.3005	
USD/CAD	\sim	1.3817	-0.5%	-0.1%	1.5%	1.3608	1.3880	
AUD/USD	·	0.6512	0.6%	0.1%	-3.2%	0.6470	0.6766	
NZD/USD	\sim	0.5948	0.2%	0.5%	-2.8%	0.5885	0.6144	
ASEAN Dollar		104.21	-0.1%	-1.2%	-2.2%	104.35	106.92	
USD/THB		35.43	0.6%	-0.8%	-3.2%	35.21	36.83	
USD/SGD		1.3239	0.1%	-1.2%	-1.9%	1.3222	1.3586	
USD/MYR		4.4612	1.1%	-3.1%	-5.2%	4.4148	4.7210	
USD/IDR		16,113	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.7%	16,074	16,303	
USD/PHP		58.25	0.3%	-0.8%	-0.9%	58.07	59.05	
USD/CNY		7.1332	0.16%	-1.3%	-2.0%	7.1220	7.2894	
USD/HKD		7.7905	0.24%	-0.2%	-0.2%	7.7718	7.8156	

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%C	hg(1D)	Date		Equity		В	Bond		Total	
1-month		0.15	0.15		06/08	/2024	-724		13	,250		12,526	
3-month		0.70	-0.05		05/08	/2024	-72			-890		-962	
6-month		1.50	-0.20		02/08	/2024	-1,843		6	,794		4,951	
					01/08	/2024	-207		7	,957		7,751	
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)	31/07	/2024	301		1	,887		2,189	
Total	-	228.710	987		Last	5 days	-2,544		28	8,998		26,454	
Golds	-	17,999	-108			Period-to-date	Equ	itv	B	Bond	т	otal	
SDR		5,484	6			Tenou-to-uate	Equ	ity .				otar	
IMF Reserves		1,126	1		MTD	Month	🦊 -2	,845	•	27,111	•	24,266	
Foreign Ccy		204,101	1089		QTD	Quarter	🖕 -4	,597	Ŷ	54,928	•	50,331	
Net Fwd Position	and all all a	27,475	-260		YTD	Year	🤟 -1	21,629	•	8,942		-112,687	7
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Money Market

Last update: 26/07/2024

THB		Lact	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	USD	4M Llist	Last	1M F	Range
BIBOR	BIBOR 1M Hist Las	Lasi	Min	Max			Lasi	Lasi Min	Max	LIBOR	1M Hist	Lasi	Min	Max
ON	<u> </u>	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	2.61						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M	\sim	2.65	0.00	2.66	3M	~	1.81	1.09	1.82	3M	مسسر	0.75	0.34	0.75
6M	\sim	2.71	0.00	2.73	6M	~	1.95	1.31	1.99	6M		1.04	0.56	1.04
12M	<u> </u>	2.81	0.00	2.84	12M	~	2.26	1.59	2.26	12M	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	1.49	1.00	1.49
							Las	t Updated:	29/06/2023			Las	t Updated:	09/03/2022

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 Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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Fixed Income Market

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Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)		Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range		
Fixed income	TWI HIStory	(%)			Bps Clig (1W)		Min	Max	
UST10y		3.9000	12.00		-19.00	-40.00	3.78	4.36	
Gilt 10y		3.8364	-2.46		-19.53	-26.73	3.84	4.22	
Bund 10y		2.1700	4.00		-16.00	-39.00	2.13	2.60	
JGB 10y		0.9080	12.70		-16.20	-18.40	0.78	1.10	
TGB 1y		2.3322	-0.98		-4.27	-4.13	2.34	2.39	
TGB 2y		2.2310	-0.45		-9.22	-12.49	2.24	2.36	
TGB 5y		2.3037	4.04		-3.90	-16.19	2.26	2.50	
TGB 7y		2.4079	3.55		-3.89	-16.93	2.37	2.60	
TGB 10y	+	2.5632	4.15		-2.44	-11.86	2.52	2.70	
AAA Spread	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	60.35	6.45		1.50	-10.15	53.90	73.77	
AA Spread	\sim	78.61	2.92		0.49	-1.89	67.14	82.76	
A Spread		100.76	-1.64		-14.01	-21.27	100.76	124.56	
BBB Spread		0.00	0.00		-236.27	-239.74	0.00	248.70	

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	Loot	Last %Chg (1D) %Chg (1W)		9/ Cha (1M)	1M Range		
Commodity		LdSI	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
Brent Crude	~~~~~	76.30	-0.66%	-3.0%	-11.0%	76.30	87.43	
London Gold	\sim	2414.2	-0.31%	-0.2%	2.2%	2,357.2	2,470.4	

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		
	TWITHSTOLY	Lasi				Min	Max	
S&P500 (US)	\checkmark	5,240.0	1.0%	-5.1%	-6.0%	5,186.3	5,667.2	
STOXX (EU)		473.3	0.1%	-6.1%	-6.1%	472.8	517.7	
FTSE All-Share(UK)	<u> </u>	4,076.1	0.2%	-0.3%	2.9%	3,933.2	4,088.1	
DAX (DE)		17,354.3	0.1%	-6.2%	-4.8%	17,339.0	18,748.2	
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,291.7	-0.2%	-5.4%	-4.8%	5,291.7	5,718.5	
TOPIX (JP)		2,434.2	9.3%	-12.9%	-15.1%	2,227.2	2,929.2	
Shanghai (CH)		3,005.4	0.2%	-2.4%	-3.1%	2,998.6	3,126.4	
Hang Seng (HK)		16,647.3	-0.3%	-4.0%	-5.0%	16,647.3	18,293.4	
ASX 200 (AU)		7,680.6	0.4%	-5.1%	-1.9%	7,649.6	8,114.7	
SET (TH)	-~_	1,274.0	-0.1%	-3.5%	-2.9%	1,274.0	1,332.0	
SET50 (TH)		806.2	0.0%	-3.1%	-1.0%	800.1	832.8	
Straits Times (SG)		3,198.4	-1.4%	-7.5%	-6.6%	3,198.4	3,499.9	
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,574.4	2.5%	-3.1%	-2.5%	1,536.5	1,636.6	
JSX Index (ID)		7,129.2	1.0%	-1.7%	-1.9%	7,059.7	7,327.6	
PSE Index (PH)	$\overline{}$	6,433.2	0.0%	-2.8%	-1.5%	6,433.2	6,791.7	
Vn Index (VN)	$\overline{}$	1,210.3	1.9%	-3.3%	-6.4%	1,188.1	1,293.7	
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Note: A = actual, P = previous; C = consensus

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