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The Bank of England (BoE) kept interest rates steady at 5.0% on Thursday, with an 8-1 vote rather than the expected 7-2. Following a 25 basis point cut in August, the BoE plans a gradual approach to further reductions until inflation sustainably hits the 2.0% target. Governor Andrew Bailey cautioned that high wage growth and differing views on long-term inflation pressures pose challenges. The BoE forecasts inflation will rise to about 2.5% by year-end, up from 2.2%, but lower than the previous estimate of 2.75%, partly due to falling oil prices. Future changes will be assessed on a meeting-by-meeting basis. The BoE also announced a £100 billion reduction in government bonds over the next year, bringing the total to £558 billion.

Weekly initial jobless claims increased less than anticipated

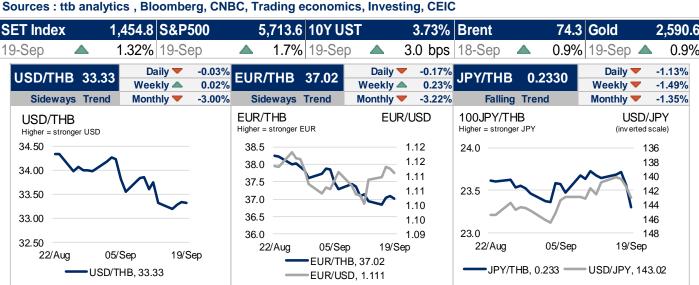
The number of Americans filing for first-time unemployment benefits increased less than expected last week, indicating that the US labor market remains relatively strong, even after the Federal Reserve's first interest rate cut in over four years earlier this week. Initial jobless claims rose to 219,000 for the week ending September 14, up from a revised 231,000 the previous week, while economists had anticipated 230,000. Meanwhile, continuing claims, which reflect those receiving benefits after the initial week, decreased by 14,000 to a seasonally adjusted 1.829 million.

Japan's CPI inflation reached a 10-month high in August

Japanese consumer price index increased as expected in August, driven by ongoing consumption growth linked to higher wages, just ahead of a Bank of Japan meeting later that day. Core CPI, which excludes volatile fresh food prices, rose 2.8% year-on-year, reaching a 10-month high and up from 2.7% in July. A more focused core reading that excludes both fresh food and energy prices, closely monitored by the BOJ as an indicator of underlying inflation, climbed to 2% in August from 1.9% the previous month. Headline CPI inflation also increased to 3% in August, up from 2.8% in July.

The dollar fell in volatile trading after the Fed's major rate cut

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.507, -1.55 bps. The benchmark government bond vield (LB346A) was 2,495, -2.0 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond vields was 3,73, +3,00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 33.33 moving in a range of 33.08 - 33.13 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 33.00 – 33.30 today. The dollar declined after the Fed's recent 50 basis point rate cut, which led to a day of increased risk-taking. Although various US data releases were better than anticipated, they did not lead to a lasting recovery for the greenback, with the dollar index remaining below the 101.00 mark. The euro gained from the weaker dollar, ignoring dovish remarks from ECB officials. The British pound benefited from the BoE's hawkish stance but lost some gains due to strong US data. Meanwhile, the Japanese yen weakened as risk appetite grew, although USD/JPY pulled back from intraday highs as the 144.00 level remained out of reach, with market participants now focused on upcoming Japanese inflation data and the conclusion of the BoJ's two-day policy meeting.



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Currency Market

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Currency	1M History Last		%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	1M Range		
Currency	TWITISTOLY	Last	70 Olig (1D)	/// Clig (1 V)	/ochig (IIII)	Min	Max	
Dollar Index	~	101.07	0.2%	0.03%	-0.2%	100.64	103.00	
EUR/USD		1.1110	-0.1%	0.2%	-0.2%	1.0970	1.1181	
USD/JPY	~	143.02	1.1%	1.5%	-1.6%	140.15	148.96	
USD/CHF	/	0.8483	0.4%	-0.1%	-0.4%	0.8415	0.8718	
GBP/USD		1.3208	0.3%	0.4%	1.0%	1.2861	1.3239	
USD/CAD	$\overline{}$	1.3608	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	1.3459	1.3742	
AUD/USD		0.6784	0.3%	0.9%	0.8%	0.6616	0.6796	
NZD/USD	~	0.6216	0.2%	0.4%	1.1%	0.5996	0.6280	
ASEAN Dollar		102.20	-0.1%	-0.8%	-1.9%	102.32	105.98	
USD/THB	1	33.33	0.0%	0.0%	-3.0%	33.20	34.45	
USD/SGD	~	1.2955	0.1%	-0.2%	-0.8%	1.2940	1.3210	
USD/MYR		4.2515	0.2%	-1.4%	-2.9%	4.2440	4.4487	
USD/IDR		15,245	-0.3%	-0.6%	-1.5%	15,295	15,628	
USD/PHP		56.03	0.1%	-0.4%	-1.1%	55.91	57.42	
USD/CNY		7.0794	-0.10%	-0.3%	-0.7%	7.0761	7.1726	
USD/HKD	-	7.7933	0.06%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7811	7.8010	

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)		Date		Equity		Bond		Total		
1-month		0.15	0.15		19/09)/2024	1,0	38	2	,370		3,407	
3-month	·-	0.70	-0.05		18/09	/2024	3,4	94	9	,749		13,242	
6-month	•	1.50	-0.20		17/09	/2024	-4	16		-186		-601	
				,	16/09	/2024	3	50		-66		285	
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)	13/09	/2024	1,7	61	1	,718		3,479	
Total		236.897	1212		Last	5 days	6,2	227	13	3,585		19,812	
Golds		18,978	100			Period-to-date	e Equity		Bond		Total		
SDR		5,583	16			renou-to-date							
IMF Reserves		1,144	3		MTD	Month	•	29,436	•	25,645	•	55,081	
Foreign Ccy		211,192	1092		QTD	Quarter	•	21,719	•	80,649	•	102,368	
Net Fwd Position		26,680	195		YTD	Year	•	-95,312	•	34,663	•	-60,649	
Money Market		Last	update:	06/09/2024									

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THB	1B 1M Hist L		1M Range		THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M Range		USD	1M Hist	Last	1M F	Range
BIBOR	IIVI FIISL	Lasi	Min	Max	INDEIX	IIVI HISL	Lasi	Min	Max	LIBOR	IIVI HISL	Last	Min	Max
ON	-	2.50	0.00	2.50	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W	~~	2.53	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	مسسب	0.35	0.12	0.35
2M	`	2.60	0.00	2.60						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M	~~~	2.65	0.00	2.65	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M	مسسب	0.75	0.34	0.75
6M		2.71	0.00	2.71	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M	مسس	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
							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

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Fixed income	IIVI HISTOTY	1 1 W (%)	bps clig (10)	bps Clig (1w)	bps clig (TW)	Min	Max	
UST10y	~	3.7300	3.00	7.00	-6.00	3.63	3.91	
Gilt 10y		3.7245	-8.54	-16.71	-14.41	3.72	4.02	
Bund 10y		2.2000	3.00	7.00	-2.00	2.10	2.33	
JGB 10y	<u> </u>	0.8890	2.90	-0.70	-0.70	0.86	0.95	
TGB 1y	-	2.2581	-0.29	-2.12	-2.14	2.26	2.29	
TGB 2y		2.1417	0.14	-2.69	-6.20	2.14	2.22	
TGB 5y		2.2048	-0.74	-4.97	-10.45	2.20	2.33	
TGB 7y		2.3550	-0.66	-5.63	-8.31	2.36	2.45	
TGB 10y		2.5066	-1.55	-3.74	-5.61	2.50	2.58	
AAA Spread	~~	56.73	2.40	2.01	-8.78	54.33	70.50	
AA Spread	~	80.68	-0.13	2.99	13.58	67.11	80.81	
A Spread		99.54	-1.10	-5.85	-13.78	99.54	122.28	
BBB Spread	<u> </u>	0.00	0.00	0.00	-234.27	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	Lact	%Chg (1D)		%Chg (1W)		%Chg (1M)		1M Range		
Commodity	TWI HISTORY	Last							Min	Max	
Brent Crude		74.32	0.9%		3.3%		-2.3%		69.19	81.43	
London Gold		2590.6	0.87%		0.7%		3.3%		2,462.2	2,590.6	

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)	I IVI IX	Tivi Italige		
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S&P500 (US)		5,713.6	1.70%	1.6%	2.6%	5,408.4	5,713.6		
STOXX (EU)		511.5	1.8%	1.7%	1.8%	492.4	512.1		
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,076.1	0.2%	-0.3%	2.9%	3,933.2	4,088.1		
DAX (DE)		19,002.4	1.6%	1.6%	2.8%	18,265.9	19,002.4		
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,651.2	2.2%	2.0%	1.3%	5,456.2	5,665.2		
TOPIX (JP)		2,616.9	2.0%	0.9%	-1.8%	2,530.7	2,733.3		
Shanghai (CH)		2,867.5	0.7%	0.5%	-4.6%	2,834.0	3,032.9		
Hang Seng (HK)		18,013.2	2.0%	4.5%	2.9%	17,108.7	18,013.2		
ASX 200 (AU)		8,191.9	0.6%	1.1%	2.1%	7,950.5	8,191.9		
SET (TH)		1,454.8	1.3%	2.1%	8.5%	1,323.4	1,454.8		
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SET50 (TH)		917.7	1.4%	2.0%	8.4%	837.3	917.7		
Straits Times (SG)		3,633.2	1.1%	2.0%	7.7%	3,355.6	3,633.2		
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,665.7	0.3%	1.7%	1.9%	1,623.9	1,678.8		
JSX Index (ID)		7,905.4	1.0%	1.4%	4.6%	7,432.1	7,905.4		
PSE Index (PH)		7,202.2	0.6%	2.6%	3.7%	6,692.9	7,202.2		

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

1,223.6

1,285.3

-0.1%

Vn Index (VN)

1.6%

1,271.3

0.5%