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Key US inflation gauge and spending pick up in solid economy

The September PCE data met expectations, with a 0.2% month-over-month increase, up from 0.1%. Year-over-year, it rose by 2.1%, matching forecasts, while the prior figure was revised to 2.3%. Core metrics also aligned with predictions, increasing 0.3% month-over-month and 2.7% year-over-year, slightly above the expected 2.6%. In addition, personal income increased by 0.3%, aligning with forecasts, while adjusted consumption rose by 0.5%, surpassing the 0.4% estimate and the prior revised figure of 0.3%. Overall, the data was as anticipated, but the higher core figure is unlikely to affect the Fed's strategy ahead of next week's meeting.

US jobless claims fall to five-month low as storm impact fades

Applications for US unemployment benefits dropped last week to their lowest level since May, as southeastern states continued to recover from two severe storms. Initial claims fell by 12,000 to 216,000 for the week ending Oct. 26, below the median forecast of 230,000. The four-week moving average declined to 236,500, while continuing claims fell to 1.86 million.

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The Bank of Japan (BoJ) unanimously decided to maintain its short-term policy rate at 0.25%, as anticipated, citing various uncertainties impacting the Japanese economy, including developments in the U.S. economy, the results of the U.S. presidential election, and domestic political instability. Nevertheless, the BoJ remains confident that it is on track to meet its inflation target, indicating the possibility of another rate hike in the coming months. In addition, the BoJ governor notes that currency movements are having a major impact on the economy and price trend.

Eurozone inflation rises, supporting a cautious approach to rate cuts

Eurozone inflation in October rose more than expected, reaching 2% year-over-year, up from 1.7% the previous month and exceeding the forecast of 1.9%. This increase, driven by smaller declines in energy prices and higher food costs. Meanwhile, core inflation remained steady at 2.7%, with service inflation unchanged at 3.9%. These figures reinforce ECB officials' warnings against aggressive rate cuts amid the region's economic struggles.

Dollar falls against yen, US data leaves rate cut hopes intact

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.443, +0.65 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB346A) was 2.425, +1.0 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.28, -1.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 33.75, moving in a range of 33.82 – 33.83 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 33.70 – 34.00 today. The dollar weakened slightly, pushing the index below 104.00 due to a stronger yen and euro. Recent data was mixed: most PCE price metrics met estimates, but employment costs were slightly softer. The euro rose for the fourth consecutive day after better-than-expected EU inflation data, remaining within the 1.0800 range against the dollar. The yen performed well, with USD/JPY attempting to fall below 152.00 following the BoJ's policy decision and Governor Ueda's press conference, where he downplayed financial stability risks that could hinder further tightening.

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



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Currency Market

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Currency	1M History	Loot	9/ Cha (1D)	9/ Cha (1)A/)	9/ Cha (4 M)	1M Ra	ange
Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Dollar Index	~~~	104.12	-0.2%	-0.10%	3.3%	100.32	104.49
EUR/USD	~~	1.0850	0.4%	0.4%	-2.5%	1.0788	1.1189
USD/JPY		152.94	-0.2%	0.6%	6.3%	142.13	153.49
USD/CHF		0.8656	-0.3%	-0.2%	2.4%	0.8406	0.8690
GBP/USD	\	1.2959	-0.29%	0.1%	-3.1%	1.2935	1.3413
USD/CAD		1.3918	-0.10%	0.3%	2.9%	1.3433	1.3932
AUD/USD		0.6570	0.31%	-0.8%	-5.0%	0.6549	0.6931
NZD/USD		0.5976	0.2%	-0.3%	-5.6%	0.5966	0.6372
ASEAN Dollar		109.56	0.0%	0.8%	5.0%	104.35	109.56
USD/THB		33.75	0.0%	-0.1%	4.0%	32.26	33.79
USD/SGD		1.3220	-0.2%	0.1%	2.8%	1.2786	1.3251
USD/MYR	-	4.3761	-0.1%	0.6%	5.2%	4.1044	4.3822
USD/IDR		15,620	-0.3%	0.3%	3.6%	15,044	15,664
USD/PHP		58.38	-0.3%	0.0%	3.3%	56.08	58.61
USD/CNY	~	7.1203	-0.25%	-0.1%	1.6%	6.9837	7.1383
USD/HKD	~~~	7.7697	-0.08%	-0.1%	0.0%	7.7604	7.7841

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%С	hg(1D)	Date		Equity	Bond	Total
1-month		0.15	0.15		31/10)/2024	-437	33	-404
3-month	<u> </u>	0.70	-0.05		30/10	/2024	-4,269	-139	-4,407
6-month	•	1.50	-0.20		29/10	/2024	-1,702	-533	-2,235
				·	28/10	/2024	-794	-1,347	-2,141
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)	25/10	/2024	-39	658	619
Total		240,518	489		Last	5 days	-7,241	-1,327	-8,568
Golds		20,523	484			Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
SDR		5,526	-16			renou-to-date	Equity	Bolla	Total
IMF Reserves		1,122	-11		MTD	Month	-28,166	⊎ -33,021	-61,187
Foreign Ccy		213,348	32		QTD	Quarter	-28,166	-33,021	-61,187
Net Fwd Position		25,975	-40		YTD	Year	-123,736	-9,648	-133,384
Money Market		Last	update:	18/10/2024					

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THB	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	USD	4M High	Loct	1M F	Range
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ON	<u>~~</u>	2.50	0.00	2.50	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON	<u>-</u>	0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		2.52	0.00	2.52	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	-	2.70	0.00	2.71	6M	~~	1.95	1.31	1.99	6M	مسسي	1.04	0.56	1.04
12M		2.81	0.00	2.81	12M	~	2.26	1.59	2.26	12M	مسسي	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	1M History YTM (%		Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range	
Fixed income	TWI HISTOTY	1 1 IVI (%)	ърs Ciig (то)	Bps Clig (1W)	bps clig (IM)	Min	Max
UST10y		4.2800	-1.00	3.00	49.00	3.74	4.29
Gilt 10y		4.3271	4.15	12.48	30.43	3.92	4.33
Bund 10y		2.4100	10.00	13.00	28.00	2.06	2.41
JGB 10y	\sim	0.9470	-1.40	-0.80	8.80	0.85	0.98
TGB 1y	<u> </u>	2.1584	-0.18	-0.46	-9.84	2.16	2.27
TGB 2y	~~~	2.1041	-0.88	0.34	-4.45	2.09	2.21
TGB 5y	~~~	2.2141	0.18	2.81	-3.32	2.17	2.32
TGB 7y	~~~	2.2925	0.11	1.20	-4.82	2.25	2.40
TGB 10y	~~~	2.4429	0.65	3.99	-5.48	2.39	2.57
AAA Spread	~~	66.06	-2.56	5.70	-1.32	53.77	68.72
AA Spread	_	75.03	-5.96	-7.51	0.16	67.67	82.54
A Spread	<u></u>	104.64	2.40	3.45	-5.56	99.89	116.19
BBB Spread		0.00	0.00	0.00	-235.32	0.00	238.94

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	% Cha /1D	`	9/ Cha (1\M)	9/ Cha /1M)	1M Ra	ange
Commodity	TIVI HISTOTY	Lasi	%Chg (1D	,	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	<u>~~~</u>	72.55	2.0%		-2.5%	-1.8%	71.12	80.93
London Gold		2779.4	-0.2%		2.2%	5.1%	2,617.3	2,784.0

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 Ra	ange
Equity index	TWI HISTOTY	Lasi	%Cilg (ID)	% Crig (TW)	% Crig (Tivi)	Min	Max
S&P500 (US)	-	5,705.5	-1.9%	-1.8%	0.1%	5,695.9	5,864.7
STOXX (EU)	-	499.2	-0.9%	-2.2%	-1.74%	499.2	518.7
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,076.1	0.2%	-0.3%	2.9%	3,933.2	4,088.1
DAX (DE)	-	19,077.5	-0.9%	-2.0%	0.3%	19,015.4	19,657.4
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,455.5	-1.0%	-1.9%	-1.5%	5,455.5	5,656.7
TOPIX (JP)		2,695.5	-0.3%	2.9%	1.6%	2,618.3	2,740.9
Shanghai (CH)	$\overline{}$	3,437.8	0.4%	-0.6%	9.3%	2,881.1	3,657.6
Hang Seng (HK)		20,317.3	-0.3%	-1.3%	-3.9%	19,129.1	23,099.8
ASX 200 (AU)		8,160.0	-0.2%	-0.6%	-0.5%	8,150.0	8,355.9
SET (TH)		1,466.0	1.3%	0.2%	0.1%	1,442.7	1,495.0
SET50 (TH)	~	936.7	1.3%	-0.1%	1.3%	914.1	956.5
Straits Times (SG)		3,558.9	0.0%	-1.0%	-0.5%	3,558.9	3,640.2
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,601.9	-0.8%	-1.9%	-2.3%	1,601.9	1,660.1
JSX Index (ID)		7,574.0	0.1%	-1.6%	0.4%	7,480.1	7,789.0
PSE Index (PH)	~	7,143.0	-1.9%	-2.3%	-3.3%	7,143.0	7,554.7
Vn Index (VN)	<u></u>	1,264.5	0.5%	0.9%	-1.1%	1,252.7	1,292.2

Sources: ttb analytics. CEIC

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