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US retail sales boost driven by surge in motor vehicle purchases

US retail sales grew at a strong pace in November, driven by a surge in car purchases and robust online shopping, which offset weaker spending in other areas. On a monthly basis, retail sales rose 0.7%, following upward revisions for the previous two months. Excluding autos, sales increased a more modest 0.2% for the second consecutive month. Seven of the 13 categories in the report saw gains. Auto sales reached their highest level in over three years, fueled by lower interest rates and significant year-end discounts from dealerships. E-commerce sales rose 1.8%, as Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions led to substantial sales.

US industrial production unexpectedly falls due to mining and utilities

US industrial production unexpectedly dropped 0.1% in November, marking a third straight monthly decline due to weaker utility and mining output. This followed a revised 0.4% drop in October, with a 0.3% increase expected. Utility output fell the most in four months, and mining saw its largest decline since May. Manufacturing rose 0.2%, driven by a 3.5% increase in motor vehicles and parts, but missed the forecasted 0.5%. Capacity utilization dropped to 76.8%, below the expected 77.3%, and 2.9 percentage points below its long-term average.

German business sentiment drops in December due to ongoing weakness

German business morale worsened more than expected in December, with the Ifo business climate index dropping to 84.7 amid geopolitical uncertainty and an industrial slump. However, a ZEW survey showed investors were more optimistic, hoping for a change in government.

UK wage growth accelerates, heightening Bank of England concerns

British wages increased more than expected in the three months to October, leading investors to reduce expectations for Bank of England rate cuts next year, despite signs of an economic slowdown. Average weekly earnings, excluding bonuses, rose 5.2% year-on-year, surpassing the 5.0% forecast.

Japan's trade balance improves in November on strong exports

Japan's trade balance unexpectedly improved in November, with stronger exports to the U.S. and China and a weaker yen. Exports rose 3.8% year-on-year, above the expected 2.8% increase, driven by stronger demand, particularly from China. However, domestic demand remained weak, as imports fell 3.8%, contrary to expectations of a 1% rise.

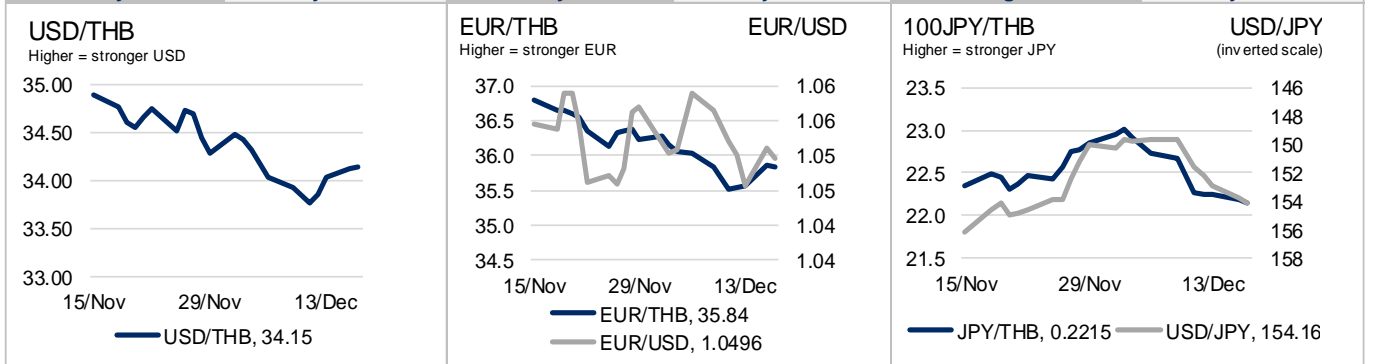
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The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.304, -2.34 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB346A) was 2.26, -4.0 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.40, +1.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.15, moving in a range of 34.16 – 34.18 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.00 – 34.30 today. The US dollar saw slight gains on Tuesday, but showed little reaction to US retail sales data as traders awaited the FOMC rate decision. The euro weakened, but not as much as the other currencies, following mixed German data. The Japanese yen was one of the top performers against the US dollar, benefiting from the broader risk-off sentiment rather than any currency-specific factors. Meanwhile, the British pound also gained, supported by strong UK wage data.

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<b>SET Index</b>	<b>1,395.6</b>	<b>S&amp;P500</b>	<b>6,050.6</b>	<b>10Y UST</b>	<b>4.40%</b>	<b>Brent</b>	<b>73.88</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>2,641.6</b>
17-Dec	▼ -1.72%	17-Dec	▼ -0.39%	17-Dec	▲ 1.0 bps	16-Dec	▼ -0.8%	17-Dec	▼ -0.7%

<b>USD/THB 34.15</b>	Daily ▲ 0.08%	<b>EUR/THB 35.84</b>	Daily ▼ -0.06%	<b>JPY/THB 0.2215</b>	Daily ▼ -0.20%
Sideways Trend	Weekly ▲ 1.12%	Sideways Trend	Weekly ▲ 0.89%	Falling Trend	Weekly ▼ -0.55%
	Monthly ▼ -2.14%		Monthly ▼ -2.61%		Monthly ▼ -0.87%



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		106.99	0.1%	0.53%	0.3%	105.06	107.24
EUR/USD		1.0496	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.5%	1.0456	1.0712
USD/JPY		154.16	0.3%	1.7%	-1.3%	149.64	156.13
USD/CHF		0.8954	0.5%	1.3%	0.8%	0.8765	0.8929
GBP/USD		1.2670	0.28%	-0.8%	-0.1%	1.2536	1.2918
USD/CAD		1.4273	0.32%	0.7%	1.6%	1.3917	1.4243
AUD/USD		0.6353	-0.23%	-0.3%	-1.7%	0.6358	0.6588
NZD/USD		0.5768	-0.1%	-0.5%	-1.6%	0.5762	0.5972
ASEAN Dollar		106.59	0.1%	0.8%	-0.5%	0.00	107.10
USD/THB		34.15	0.1%	1.1%	-2.1%	33.77	35.01
USD/SGD		1.3511	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%	1.3275	1.3486
USD/MYR		4.4484	-0.1%	0.6%	-0.6%	4.3983	4.4782
USD/IDR		15,980	0.5%	0.9%	1.2%	15,608	15,907
USD/PHP		59.03	0.3%	1.0%	-0.1%	57.97	59.25
USD/CNY		7.2933	0.18%	0.6%	0.9%	7.1816	7.2804
USD/HKD		7.7805	0.08%	0.1%	0.1%	7.7625	7.7896

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		239,338	1838
Gold		19,856	-157
SDR		5,465	-4
IMF Reserves		1,105	-1
Foreign Ccy		212,912	1999
Net Fwd Position		26,455	-535

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
17/12/2024	-558	-374	-932
16/12/2024	-1,271	-1,463	-2,734
13/12/2024	-484	-2,595	-3,079
12/12/2024	-1,528	-5,407	-6,935
11/12/2024	-2,147	-1,747	-3,894
Last 5 days	-5,988	-11,585	-17,573

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -9,092	↓ -500	↓ -9,592
QTD	Quarter	↓ -50,995	↓ -62,760	↓ -113,754
YTD	Year	↓ -146,565	↓ -39,387	↓ -185,952

Money Market

Last update: 06/12/2024

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		2.25	0.00	2.50	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W		2.27	0.00	2.53	1W		1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M		2.30	0.00	2.55	1M		1.59	0.88	1.72	1M		0.35	0.12	0.35
2M		2.35	0.00	2.60	2M					2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M		2.40	0.00	2.65	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M		0.75	0.34	0.75
6M		2.46	0.00	2.71	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M		1.04	0.56	1.04
12M		2.56	0.00	2.81	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		4.4000	1.00	25.00	9.00	4.15	4.44
Gilt 10y		4.4232	3.19	16.71	1.80	4.22	4.54
Bund 10y		2.2300	-1.00	11.00	-9.00	2.06	2.48
JGB 10y		1.0940	1.00	2.60	8.50	0.99	1.11
TGB 1y		2.0420	-2.81	-3.24	-9.70	2.07	2.14
TGB 2y		1.9866	-0.80	-0.02	-8.44	1.98	2.08
TGB 5y		2.0705	-1.98	-1.19	-13.92	2.06	2.22
TGB 7y		2.1666	-2.41	-0.88	-10.21	2.14	2.27
TGB 10y		2.3036	-2.35	-1.65	-13.83	2.29	2.45
AAA Spread		71.56	2.41	10.71	6.09	54.29	71.56
AA Spread		71.08	0.46	-4.43	3.53	67.14	82.46
A Spread		103.76	-2.75	3.74	-6.71	98.63	120.01
BBB Spread		0.00	0.00	0.00	-238.80	0.00	238.80

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		73.88	-0.8%	2.3%	0.8%	71.04	75.17
London Gold		2641.6	-0.7%	-2.1%	0.2%	2,548.5	2,713.6

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)		6,050.6	-0.39%	-0.7%	0.8%	5,870.6	6,090.3
STOXX (EU)		508.36	-0.3%	-1.0%	0.9%	491.4	513.7
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,076.1	0.2%	0.5%	-0.3%	3,933.2	4,137.3
DAX (DE)		20,313.8	-0.5%	-0.2%	5.7%	19,003.1	20,405.9
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,453.9	0.1%	-0.9%	-1.1%	5,302.0	5,512.0
TOPIX (JP)		2,728.2	-0.4%	0.0%	-0.4%	2,665.3	2,773.0
Shanghai (CH)		3,523.5	-0.7%	-1.2%	-3.1%	3,416.8	3,638.0
Hang Seng (HK)		19,700.5	-0.5%	-0.8%	-3.6%	19,151.0	20,953.3
ASX 200 (AU)		8,314.0	0.8%	-1.3%	0.6%	8,193.4	8,462.6
SET (TH)		1,395.6	-1.7%	-3.8%	-4.7%	1,395.6	1,481.7
SET50 (TH)		903.0	-1.8%	-3.5%	-4.1%	903.0	952.3
Straits Times (SG)		3,799.9	-0.6%	0.1%	1.6%	3,603.0	3,821.0
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,597.3	-0.6%	-1.0%	-0.7%	1,588.7	1,634.2
JSX Index (ID)		7,157.7	-1.4%	-3.0%	-1.8%	7,047.0	7,491.9
PSE Index (PH)		6,501.7	-1.7%	-3.4%	-6.3%	6,501.7	7,165.4
Vn Index (VN)		1,261.7	-0.2%	-0.7%	0.9%	1,205.2	1,272.1

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

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