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The US economy grew at a stronger pace in the third quarter than initially estimated, driven partly by higher consumer spending and exports. GDP rose at an annualized rate of 3.1% in the third quarter, according to the third estimate, up from a previous forecast of 2.8%. Consumer spending increased to 3.7%, the highest since early 2023, and exports also grew more than anticipated, particularly in services. Other components like business investment and government spending were also revised up. The Fed's preferred inflation measure, the core PCE price index, was slightly increased to 2.2%.

BOE holds interest rates, signals gradual easing in 2025

The Bank of England kept the base rate at 4.75%, with three members dissenting due to concerns over weak demand and a softening labor market. The majority warned that rising inflation and wage growth could lead to persistent inflation. The BOE also emphasized a "gradual approach" to rate cuts but could not commit to timing or size of reductions in 2025.

BOJ keeps rates steady, but proposal hints at upcoming hike

The Bank of Japan kept its monetary policy unchanged, holding off on its next move, though a dissenting vote for a rate hike signals growing momentum for a future increase. The board kept the benchmark rate at around 0.25%, as expected. Board member Naoki Tamura opposed this decision, suggesting a hike to 0.5%, citing alignment with economic and price expectations and rising inflation risks. Although his proposal was rejected, it indicates the board may be preparing for a rate hike. However, Governor Kazuo Ueda hinted at the possibility of waiting longer for an interest rate increase, dampening expectations for a January move.

Japan's core inflation accelerates, boosting BOJ rate-hike expectations

Japan's November consumer price inflation slightly exceeded expectations, signaling a sustained rise that could prompt the Bank of Japan to raise interest rates in early 2025. National core CPI, excluding fresh food, grew 2.7% year-on-year, above the forecasted 2.6%. The core CPI, excluding both fresh food and energy, rose to 2.4% from 2.3%. Headline CPI surged to 2.9%, a four-month high. Strong private consumption and rising wages were key drivers of the inflation increase.

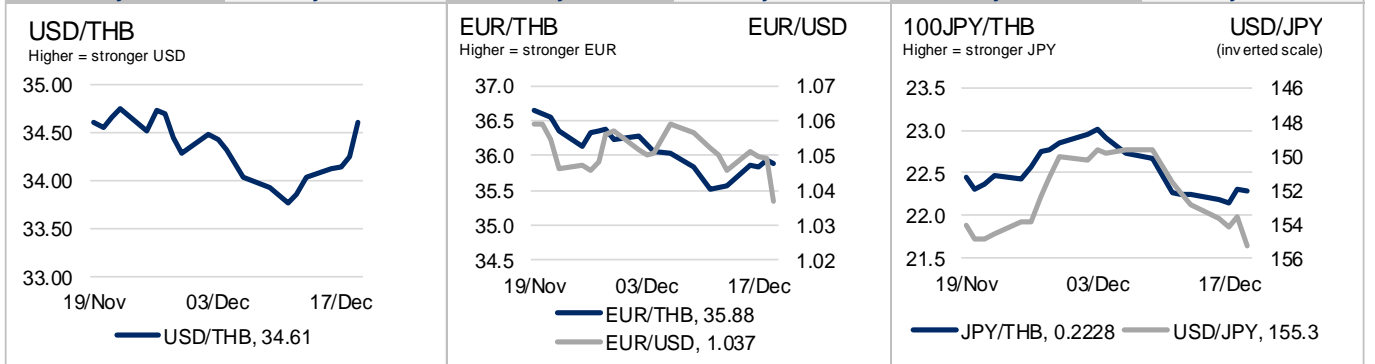
Pound weakens as Bank of England keeps interest rates unchanged

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.268, -0.38 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB346A) was 2.23, +0.0 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.57, +7.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.61, moving in a range of 34.61 – 34.64 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.50 – 34.70 today. The dollar remained mostly unchanged as volatility eased after the FOMC meeting. Its performance was mixed, with gains against the GBP and JPY, influenced by specific actions from the BoJ and BoE. Both the British pound and Japanese yen were weakened on Thursday due to central bank decisions. The yen's losses were amplified after the BoJ maintained its 0.25% rate with an 8-1 vote. Meanwhile, the euro saw some relief, with EUR/USD bouncing back from Wednesday's drop to 1.0422, though it later retraced, dropping back below 1.04 as news flow remained light.

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

SET Index	1,377.5	S&P500	5,867.1	10Y UST	4.57%	Brent	73.10	Gold	2,621.3
19-Dec	▼ -1.54%	19-Dec	▼ -0.09%	19-Dec	▲ 7.0 bps	18-Dec	▼ -0.1%	19-Dec	▼ -1.0%

USD/THB 34.61	Daily ▲ 1.06%	EUR/THB 35.88	Daily ▼ -0.13%	JPY/THB 0.2228	Daily ▼ -0.08%
Sideways Trend	Weekly ▲ 1.69%	Sideways Trend	Weekly ▲ 0.86%	Sideways Trend	Weekly ▲ 0.14%
	Monthly ▼ -0.01%		Monthly ▼ -2.11%		Monthly ▼ -0.77%



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		108.17	1.1%	0.95%	1.8%	105.64	107.24
EUR/USD		1.0370	-1.2%	-0.8%	-2.1%	1.0456	1.0613
USD/JPY		155.30	1.2%	1.6%	0.8%	149.64	156.13
USD/CHF		0.9003	0.9%	0.8%	1.9%	0.8775	0.8954
GBP/USD		1.2582	-0.94%	-0.6%	-0.8%	1.2536	1.2773
USD/CAD		1.4455	0.91%	1.5%	3.1%	1.3948	1.4324
AUD/USD		0.6220	-1.56%	-2.2%	-4.4%	0.6318	0.6529
NZD/USD		0.5627	-2.1%	-2.3%	-4.5%	0.5746	0.5928
ASEAN Dollar		106.96	0.2%	0.9%	2.8%	0.00	107.03
USD/THB		34.61	1.1%	1.7%	0.0%	33.77	35.01
USD/SGD		1.3621	0.9%	1.1%	1.8%	1.3366	1.3511
USD/MYR		4.5016	0.8%	1.1%	0.9%	4.4138	4.4782
USD/IDR		16,183	0.9%	1.8%	2.5%	15,727	16,031
USD/PHP		59.24	0.0%	1.0%	0.5%	57.97	59.25
USD/CNY		7.3058	0.31%	0.4%	1.1%	7.2242	7.2933
USD/HKD		7.7749	0.07%	0.0%	0.0%	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
19/12/2024	102	12,365	12,467
18/12/2024	-388	-101	-489
17/12/2024	-558	-374	-932
16/12/2024	-1,271	-1,463	-2,734
13/12/2024	-484	-2,595	-3,079
Last 5 days	-2,598	7,832	5,234

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -9,378	↑ 11,764	↑ 2,386
QTD	Quarter	↓ -51,280	↓ -50,496	↓ -101,776
YTD	Year	↓ -146,850	↓ -27,123	↓ -173,974

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		4.5700	7.00	35.00	26.00	4.15	4.57
Gilt 10y		4.5372	3.73	28.42	13.19	4.22	4.54
Bund 10y		2.2800	3.00	16.00	-4.00	2.06	2.48
JGB 10y		1.0970	1.80	1.90	8.80	0.99	1.11
TGB 1y		2.0256	-0.52	-4.72	-11.25	2.03	2.14
TGB 2y		1.9967	0.83	0.38	-7.56	1.98	2.08
TGB 5y		2.0778	1.45	-1.17	-13.54	2.06	2.22
TGB 7y		2.1450	0.63	-4.15	-12.45	2.14	2.27
TGB 10y		2.2682	-0.38	-5.29	-17.80	2.27	2.45
AAA Spread		71.47	3.12	10.65	5.83	54.72	71.47
AA Spread		71.12	1.75	-4.39	1.41	66.99	82.42
A Spread		104.80	-0.47	4.97	-11.21	98.86	122.44
BBB Spread		0.00	0.00	0.00	-234.40	0.00	238.93

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		73.10	-0.1%	-0.4%	0.4%	71.04	75.17
London Gold		2621.3	-1.0%	-1.8%	-1.8%	2,590.1	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)		5,867.1	-0.1%	-2.8%	-2.2%	5,867.1	6,090.3
STOXX (EU)		502.24	-1.4%	-1.8%	-0.3%	491.4	513.7
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,076.1	0.2%	0.5%	-0.9%	3,933.2	4,137.3
DAX (DE)		20,242.6	0.0%	-0.5%	5.3%	19,003.1	20,405.9
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,401.1	-1.2%	-1.5%	-2.0%	5,329.2	5,512.0
TOPIX (JP)		2,713.8	-0.2%	-1.0%	-0.9%	2,682.8	2,773.0
Shanghai (CH)		3,532.5	-0.4%	-1.5%	-2.9%	3,416.8	3,638.0
Hang Seng (HK)		19,752.5	-0.6%	-2.8%	-3.3%	19,151.0	20,953.3
ASX 200 (AU)		8,168.2	-1.7%	-2.7%	-1.2%	8,168.2	8,462.6
SET (TH)		1,377.5	-1.5%	-4.8%	-6.0%	1,377.5	1,481.7
SET50 (TH)		891.0	-1.6%	-4.7%	-5.4%	891.0	952.3
Straits Times (SG)		3,762.9	-0.4%	-1.3%	0.6%	3,603.0	3,821.0
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,600.1	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.6%	1,588.7	1,634.2
JSX Index (ID)		6,977.2	-1.8%	-6.4%	-4.3%	6,977.2	7,491.9
PSE Index (PH)		6,395.6	-1.1%	-4.9%	-7.8%	6,395.6	7,165.4
Vn Index (VN)		1,254.7	-0.9%	-1.4%	0.3%	1,205.2	1,272.1

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

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