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US initial jobless claims fall to eight-month low to end 2024

US unemployment applications ended 2024 at an eight-month low, showing muted job cuts in a resilient labor market. New claims fell by 9,000 to 211,000 in the week ending Dec. 28, below expectations. Continuing claims also dropped to a three-month low of 1.84 million in the week ending Dec. 21.

US manufacturing PMI shows mild contraction, below expectations

The US S&P Global Manufacturing final PMI for December was revised upward to 49.4 from the preliminary 48.3, though it remains in contractionary territory and down from November's 49.7. Additionally, there were sharper declines in output and new orders, a significant acceleration in input cost inflation, and continued growth in employment.

Eurozone factories felt little holiday boost in December

Eurozone manufacturers ended last year on a weak note, with factory activity declining more sharply. HCOB's final eurozone manufacturing PMI dropped to 45.1 in December, slightly below the preliminary estimate and well under the 50 mark. The output index fell to 44.3 from 45.1 in November, while new orders hit a three-month low. The downturn was widespread, with Germany, France, and Italy all in an industrial recession, while Spain's manufacturing sector showed strong growth.

China's factory growth slows as the recovery continues to face challenges

China's manufacturing growth slowed in December as investors awaited additional economic stimulus. The Caixin manufacturing PMI dropped to 50.5 from 51.5 in November. Although a reading above 50 suggests growth, this result fell short of the expected 51.7. The decline was driven by fewer export orders and reduced business optimism about China's economic outlook.

China plans export curbs on battery parts, mineral technology

China plans to tighten export controls on technologies for battery components and the processing of gallium and lithium, amid rising global trade tensions. The government proposes adding battery cathode material preparation to the export restriction list and strengthening regulations on extraction technologies. The public can provide feedback until February 1.

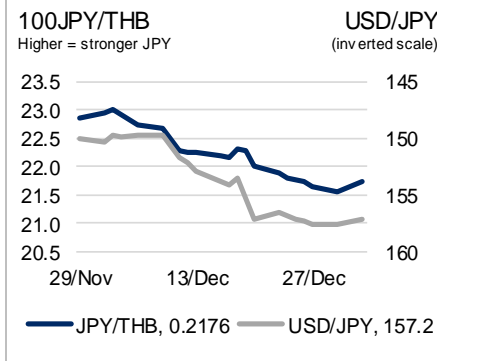
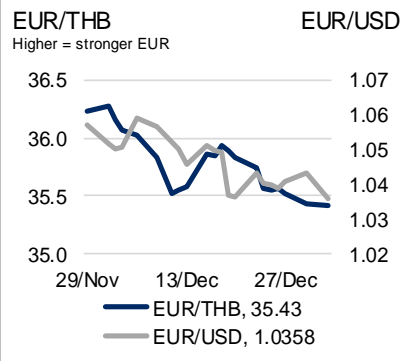
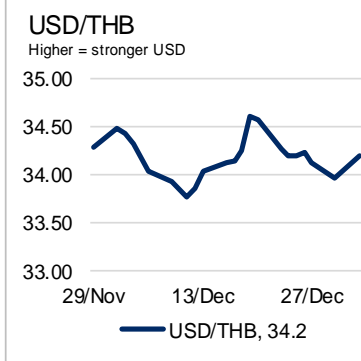
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The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.310, +0.59 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB346A) was 2.28, +2.0 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.57, -1.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.20, moving in a range of 34.36 – 34.40 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.30 – 34.50 today. The dollar began 2025 with broad gains, particularly against the EUR and GBP, although the news supporting this rise was limited. Despite weekly initial claims unexpectedly dropping to 211k, there was little market reaction to the data. The euro started the year on a weaker note, falling below the 1.03 level to its lowest since late 2022, with no new catalysts driving the move and ongoing uncertainty in the region ahead of Trump's inauguration on January 20th. The Japanese yen also weakened as the stronger dollar pushed USD/JPY back above the 157.00 mark.

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

SET Index	1,379.9	S&P500	5,868.6	10Y UST	4.57%	Brent	75.93	Gold	2,644.6
2-Jan	▼ -1.46%	2-Jan	▼ -0.22%	2-Jan	▼ -1.0 bps	2-Jan	▲ 1.5%	2-Jan	▲ 1.3%

USD/THB 34.20	Daily ▲ 0.69%	EUR/THB 35.43	Daily ▼ -0.01%	JPY/THB 0.2176	Daily ▲ 0.95%
Sideways Trend	Weekly ▲ 0.03%	Falling Trend	Weekly ▼ -0.35%	Sideways Trend	Weekly ▼ -0.01%
	Monthly ▼ -0.22%		Monthly ▼ -2.24%		Monthly ▼ -4.90%



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	% Chg (1D)	% Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		108.42	0.5%	0.24%	2.4%	105.64	108.39
EUR/USD		1.0358	-0.7%	-0.4%	-2.0%	1.0365	1.0589
USD/JPY		157.20	-0.3%	0.0%	4.8%	149.64	157.61
USD/CHF		0.9054	0.5%	0.6%	2.8%	0.8775	0.9009
GBP/USD		1.2525	-0.51%	-0.1%	-1.5%	1.2495	1.2773
USD/CAD		1.4367	-0.12%	-0.1%	2.7%	1.3948	1.4455
AUD/USD		0.6211	-0.40%	-0.3%	-4.6%	0.6215	0.6524
NZD/USD		0.5614	-0.8%	-0.5%	-5.0%	0.5625	0.5912
ASEAN Dollar		107.14	0.3%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.00	107.88
USD/THB		34.20	0.7%	0.0%	-0.2%	33.77	34.73
USD/SGD		1.3623	0.5%	0.2%	1.7%	1.3366	1.3621
USD/MYR		4.4757	0.3%	-0.2%	0.9%	4.4138	4.5057
USD/IDR		16,075	0.0%	-0.4%	1.8%	15,745	16,195
USD/PHP		58.05	-0.2%	-1.1%	-1.3%	57.97	59.25
USD/CNY		7.3132	0.26%	0.2%	1.2%	7.2292	7.3058
USD/HKD		7.7730	0.21%	0.1%	-0.1%	7.7563	7.7830

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

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

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
02/01/2025	-1,258	241	-1,017
30/12/2024	-361	-1,982	-2,343
27/12/2024	-80	559	480
26/12/2024	434	-1,489	-1,055
25/12/2024	-22	88	65
Last 5 days	-1,287	-2,583	-3,870

Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)
Total		236,188	-1731
Gold		19,768	-207
SDR		5,420	-21
IMF Reserves		1,063	-37
Foreign Ccy		209,937	-1465
Net Fwd Position		26,310	-345

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -1,258	↑ 241	↓ -1,017
QTD	Quarter	↓ -1,258	↑ 241	↓ -1,017
YTD	Year	↓ -1,258	↑ 241	↓ -1,017

Money Market

Last update: 20/12/2024

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	2.52	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	-1.00	5.00	26.00	4.15	4.62
Gilt 10y		4.5701	-2.58	3.29	10.20	4.22	4.60
Bund 10y		2.3600	-3.00	13.00	-3.00	2.07	2.48
JGB 10y		1.1030	1.70	0.90	11.00	0.94	1.10
TGB 1y		1.9549	-2.39	-3.96	-16.12	1.98	2.13
TGB 2y		2.0112	-1.04	1.56	0.42	1.98	2.03
TGB 5y		2.0754	-2.02	0.13	0.04	2.06	2.16
TGB 7y		2.1915	0.94	4.20	2.57	2.14	2.25
TGB 10y		2.3104	0.59	4.63	-1.53	2.26	2.43
AAA Spread		70.78	-0.86	10.41	-0.94	0.00	73.93
AA Spread		67.02	-5.46	-11.58	-15.60	0.00	82.62
A Spread		105.12	1.27	4.64	-19.24	0.00	124.71
BBB Spread		0.00	0.00	0.00	-237.66	0.00	239.75

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		75.93	1.5%	2.8%	3.1%	71.12	75.93
London Gold		2644.6	1.3%	1.2%	0.3%	2,606.2	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)		5,868.6	-0.2%	-1.1%	-2.2%	5,868.6	6,090.3
STOXX (EU)		507.49	0.4%	1.3%	0.7%	492.5	513.7
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,076.1	0.2%	0.5%	1.6%	3,954.4	4,128.5
DAX (DE)		20,024.7	0.6%	-1.1%	5.2%	19,004.8	20,405.9
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,479.8	0.2%	1.5%	0.5%	5,329.2	5,539.8
TOPIX (JP)		2,784.9	-0.6%	2.6%	1.6%	2,664.3	2,801.7
Shanghai (CH)		3,419.8	-2.7%	-2.7%	-4.7%	3,416.8	3,638.0
Hang Seng (HK)		19,623.3	-2.2%	-0.7%	-5.3%	19,159.2	21,007.0
ASX 200 (AU)		8,201.2	0.5%	0.4%	-1.1%	8,131.8	8,474.9
SET (TH)		1,379.9	-1.5%	1.1%	-6.1%	1,365.1	1,481.7
SET50 (TH)		891.7	-1.6%	0.9%	-5.9%	883.7	952.3
Straits Times (SG)		3,800.8	0.3%	2.2%	1.6%	3,603.0	3,821.0
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,632.9	-0.6%	2.6%	1.5%	1,588.7	1,642.3
JSX Index (ID)		7,163.2	1.2%	0.8%	-3.0%	6,983.9	7,505.3
PSE Index (PH)		6,550.4	0.3%	0.7%	-8.6%	6,395.6	7,257.9
Vn Index (VN)		1,269.7	0.2%	0.6%	2.0%	1,216.5	1,275.1

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

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