

The dollar advances for the third day in a row, while the pound continues to weaken

Fed officials signal interest rates likely on hold for a while

Several Federal Reserve officials confirmed Thursday that interest rates will likely remain unchanged for an extended period, with cuts only occurring once inflation significantly eases. Boston Fed President Susan Collins emphasized a gradual approach due to economic uncertainty, a view shared by others including Governor Michelle Bowman. Kansas City Fed President Jeff Schmid suggested rates may already be neutral, while Philadelphia Fed President Patrick Harker noted he could support rate cuts in 2025, depending on economic conditions.

US hiring announcements in 2024 lowest in nine years

According to The Challenger report, U.S. employers announced the lowest hiring plans since 2015 last year, with 769,953 hires, a 1.3% decrease from 2023. In December, hiring announcements fell to 7,999 from 11,621 in November. Slower hiring contributed to the job growth slowdown, pushing the unemployment rate up to 4.3% in July before stabilizing at 4.2% in November. Planned job cuts totaled 761,358, the highest since 2020, marking a 5.5% increase from 2023 and the highest outside of the pandemic since 2009.

Euro zone consumers cut spending amid economic stagnation

Euro zone retail sales rose by just 0.1% in November, below the expected 0.4% and only partially recovering from October's 0.3% decline. Year-on-year, sales grew by 1.2%, marking a second consecutive month of slower growth. Food and fuel sales drove the monthly increase, while non-food sales fell 0.6%. Germany and Spain saw significant monthly drops, though other countries performed better.

China's consumer prices decline, deepening deflation concerns

China's consumer inflation slowed further in December, rising just 0.1% year-on-year, marking a fourth consecutive monthly decline. Food prices were the main drag, falling to a six-month low. Core CPI, excluding food and fuel, rose 0.4%, the highest since July. For 2024, consumer prices increased only 0.2%, well below the 1.1% forecast at the beginning of the year. Meanwhile, producer prices fell 2.3%, slightly less than expected, continuing a 27-month contraction as factories faced weak demand and overcapacity.

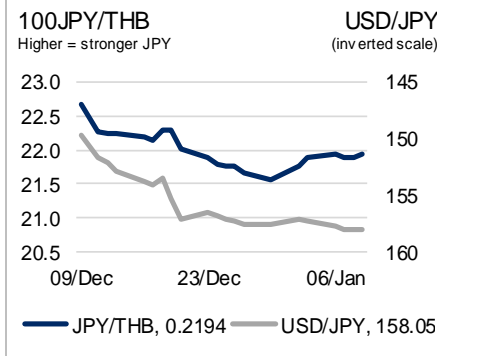
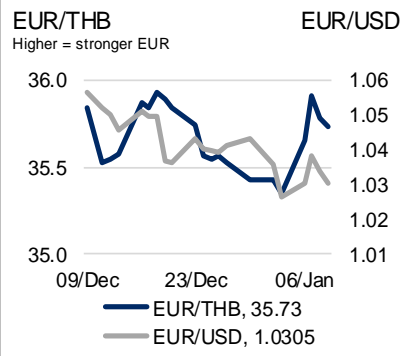
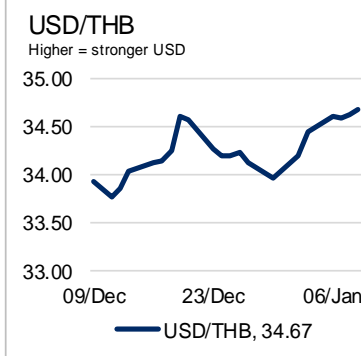
US Dollar strengthens ahead of NFPs

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.344, -0.25 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB346A) was 2.33, +0.0 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.68, +1.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 34.67, moving in a range of 34.50 – 34.56 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 34.40 – 34.70 today. The US dollar strengthened against most major currencies ahead of Friday's NFP report, though trading was subdued due to the US national mourning day for Jimmy Carter, with stock markets closed and Treasuries ending early. Fed speak took center stage, with both Harker and Collins highlighting stickier inflation than expected. Collins mentioned that the December Fed rate cut was a close call but aimed to provide stability for the labor market. The euro slipped slightly below 1.0300 against the dollar, pressured by weaker retail sales. The British pound continued to struggle following recent gilt market volatility, despite reassurances from BoE's Breeden. The Japanese yen saw slight gains after recent wage data, but gains were limited with USD/JPY fluctuating around 158.00.

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

SET Index	1,363.0	S&P500	5,918.3	10Y UST	4.68%	Brent	76.92	Gold	2,666.4
9-Jan	▼ -1.80%	8-Jan	▲ 0.16%	9-Jan	▲ 1.0 bps	9-Jan	▲ 1.0%	9-Jan	▲ 0.5%

USD/THB 34.67	Daily ▲ 0.18%	EUR/THB 35.73	Daily ▼ -0.14%	JPY/THB 0.2194	Daily ▲ 0.18%
Rising Trend	Weekly ▲ 0.67%	Sideways Trend	Weekly ▲ 1.09%	Sideways Trend	Weekly ▲ 0.19%
	Monthly ▲ 2.19%		Monthly ▼ -0.29%		Monthly ▼ -3.26%



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	% Chg (1D)	% Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		109.09	0.3%	-0.15%	3.0%	105.64	109.25
EUR/USD		1.0305	-0.3%	0.4%	-2.5%	1.0262	1.0589
USD/JPY		158.05	0.0%	0.5%	5.6%	149.64	158.07
USD/CHF		0.9111	0.1%	-0.1%	3.8%	0.8775	0.9121
GBP/USD		1.2344	-1.04%	-0.3%	-3.3%	1.2383	1.2773
USD/CAD		1.4386	0.13%	-0.2%	1.8%	1.4007	1.4455
AUD/USD		0.6197	-0.33%	-0.1%	-3.2%	0.6204	0.6492
NZD/USD		0.5599	-0.5%	0.0%	-4.1%	0.5600	0.5899
ASEAN Dollar		107.60	0.2%	0.3%	1.2%	0.00	107.60
USD/THB		34.67	0.2%	0.7%	2.2%	33.77	34.67
USD/SGD		1.3685	0.2%	-0.1%	2.2%	1.3366	1.3700
USD/MYR		4.5028	0.1%	0.2%	1.9%	4.4138	4.5066
USD/IDR		16,157	0.3%	0.1%	2.6%	15,745	16,195
USD/PHP		58.64	0.0%	0.6%	0.8%	57.97	59.25
USD/CNY		7.3406	0.04%	0.3%	1.1%	7.2439	7.3460
USD/HKD		7.7812	0.04%	0.0%	0.2%	7.7563	7.7820

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		237,129	940
Gold		19,760	-8
SDR		5,417	-3
IMF Reserves		1,063	-1
Foreign Ccy		210,889	952
Net Fwd Position		25,420	-890

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total
09/01/2025	-2,216	-1,446	-3,662
08/01/2025	-1,115	1,107	-8
07/01/2025	2,401	-719	1,683
06/01/2025	650	-2,734	-2,084
03/01/2025	479	-6,118	-5,639
Last 5 days	199	-9,909	-9,710

	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -1,059	↓ -9,669	↓ -10,727
QTD	Quarter	↓ -1,059	↓ -9,669	↓ -10,727
YTD	Year	↓ -1,059	↓ -9,669	↓ -10,727

Money Market

Last update: 27/12/2024

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		2.45	0.00	2.71	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M		1.04	0.56	1.04
12M		2.55	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

Fixed Income Market

Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
UST10y		4.6800	1.00	13.00	25.00	4.15	4.68
Gilt 10y		4.7951	12.07	17.16	32.39	4.21	4.80
Bund 10y		2.5600	5.00	17.00	18.00	2.07	2.56
JGB 10y		1.1780	-0.40	9.20	10.90	1.01	1.18
TGB 1y		1.9236	-0.32	-1.46	-15.38	1.93	2.09
TGB 2y		1.9876	-2.07	-1.87	0.76	1.98	2.02
TGB 5y		2.1075	-0.79	3.23	4.48	2.06	2.12
TGB 7y		2.1989	-0.18	1.92	4.22	2.14	2.21
TGB 10y		2.3439	-0.25	3.75	3.73	2.26	2.35
AAA Spread		67.68	-3.75	6.42	-3.22	0.00	73.93
AA Spread		68.90	-2.22	-13.64	-16.09	0.00	85.27
A Spread		104.28	-0.48	3.04	-19.33	0.00	124.56
BBB Spread		0.00	0.00	0.00	-237.63	0.00	239.83

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		76.92	1.0%	0.5%	4.6%	71.12	77.05
London Gold		2666.4	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	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)		5,918.3	0.0%	0.8%	0.4%	5,867.1	6,090.3
STOXX (EU)		515.52	0.4%	2.4%	3.7%	491.4	515.5
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,076.1	0.2%	0.9%	1.6%	3,954.4	4,128.5
DAX (DE)		20,317.1	-0.1%	1.7%	6.9%	19,003.1	20,426.3
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,542.1	0.5%	2.3%	2.7%	5,302.0	5,544.6
TOPIX (JP)		2,735.9	-1.2%	0.1%	1.3%	2,687.3	2,801.7
Shanghai (CH)		3,365.9	-0.6%	-5.8%	-4.0%	3,365.9	3,597.9
Hang Seng (HK)		19,240.9	-0.2%	-4.0%	-1.0%	19,151.0	20,414.1
ASX 200 (AU)		8,329.2	-0.2%	1.1%	0.5%	8,067.0	8,495.2
SET (TH)		1,363.0	-1.8%	-2.7%	-6.0%	1,363.0	1,462.5
SET50 (TH)		887.8	-1.6%	-2.3%	-5.1%	887.8	948.0
Straits Times (SG)		3,862.6	-0.6%	1.8%	3.5%	3,712.4	3,887.0
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,600.8	-0.9%	-2.3%	-0.2%	1,588.7	1,637.7
JSX Index (ID)		7,064.6	-0.2%	0.4%	-3.3%	6,977.2	7,464.8
PSE Index (PH)		6,511.6	0.2%	-0.4%	-3.0%	6,406.4	6,977.2
Vn Index (VN)		1,245.8	-0.4%	-2.1%	3.4%	1,205.2	1,273.8

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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