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ECB policymakers support additional interest rate cuts

European Central Bank policymakers showed strong support for additional interest rate cuts on Wednesday, suggesting that a reduction next week is almost certain, with further cuts likely to follow. According to Lagarde's remarks in Davos, the policy direction is clear, and while the pace depends on data, a gradual move is likely. Meanwhile, Klaas Knot also expressed support for rate cuts on January 30 and March 6, citing "encouraging" economic data. Similarly, Yannis Stournaras endorsed gradual adjustments, advocating for 25 basis point reductions and suggesting that the ECB's 3% deposit rate should approach 2% by year-end.

Japan's exports rise as Trump's tariff impact looms

Japan's exports rose 2.8% in December, driven by a weaker yen and strong demand for chip-making machinery and semiconductor parts, exceeding the 2.4% forecast. Imports increased 1.8%, led by machinery and related goods. The yen averaged 152.48 per dollar, 3.8% weaker year-on-year. This helped exporters but made imports more expensive. The trade balance swung to a surplus of ¥130.9 billion (\$837 million) for the first time in six months.

China unveils plan to encourage insurance funds into stock markets

China announced that it will guide state insurers and commercial insurance funds to increase investments in the A-share market to boost the struggling stock market. A plan from six financial regulators requires state-owned insurers to raise their investments in mainland-listed Chinese stocks and equity funds. The plan also introduces a long-term performance evaluation, with annual equity returns weighted at no more than 30% and 60% for a three-to-five-year cycle. This comes as Chinese stocks start 2025 with losses amid fears of potential U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods.

South Korea's economy struggles amid political turmoil

South Korea's economy struggled last quarter, with President Yoon Suk Yeol's brief martial law declaration dampening consumer confidence amid slowing export growth. GDP grew just 0.1% in the fourth quarter, falling short of the 0.2% forecast. Year-on-year, the economy rose 1.2%, below the expected 1.4%. For 2024, the economy expanded by 2%, slower than the anticipated 2.1%.

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The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.348, -6.64 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB346A) was 2.34, -6.0 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.60, +3.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 33.91, moving in a range of 33.865 – 33.90 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 33.70 – 34.00 today. The dollar remained mostly unchanged on the day, following a recovery in the index after dipping below the 108.00 mark, in a session with little economic data and while market participants considered President Trump's recent tariff threats. Attention now shifts to Trump's pre-recorded interview. The euro eventually lost ground after struggling to maintain the gains seen earlier in the European session, with the currency weighed down by Trump's tariff threat against the EU and a series of comments from the ECB. The Japanese yen weakened despite expectations of an upcoming rate hike from the BoJ on Friday, as USD/JPY advanced after rising above the 156.00 level, supported by stock market gains and a modest increase in US yields.



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Currency Market

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Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W	/) %Chg (1N	1M R	1M Range	
Currency	TWITHSTOLY	Lasi	//City (1D)	/8 Cilg (1 W	70 City (TW	" Min	Max	
Dollar Index	_	108.27	-0.1%	-0.9%	0.5%	106.96	109.81	
EUR/USD		1.0394	0.14%	1.1%	-0.4%	1.0225	1.0496	
USD/JPY		155.49	0.3%	-0.6%	-0.6%	153.53	158.17	
USD/CHF	_	0.9062	-0.1%	-0.7%	1.5%	0.8926	0.9172	
GBP/USD		1.2302	0.18%	0.8%	-2.2%	1.2171	1.2702	
USD/CAD		1.4366	-0.09%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4273	1.4455	
AUD/USD		0.6254	0.04%	0.8%	0.0%	0.6146	0.6353	
NZD/USD		0.5650	0.2%	0.8%	-0.1%	0.5561	0.5768	
ASEAN Dollar		107.56	-0.2%	-0.9%	0.1%	0.00	108.65	
USD/THB	-	33.91	-0.4%	-1.9%	-1.0%	33.97	34.77	
USD/SGD		1.3551	-0.1%	-1.0%	0.1%	1.3502	1.3724	
USD/MYR		4.4506	-0.3%	-1.0%	-1.0%	4.4484	4.5066	
USD/IDR		16,278	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	15,980	16,289	
USD/PHP		58.75	0.3%	0.1%	-0.1%	58.05	59.25	
USD/CNY		7.2569	0.07%	-1.2%	-0.5%	7.2516	7.3460	
USD/HKD		7.7730	0.3%	-0.2%	0.1%	7.7513	7.7908	

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)	Date	Equity	Bond	Total
1-month		0.15	0.15	22/01/2025	1,705	908	2,612
3-month	•	0.70	-0.05	21/01/2025	170	4,155	4,325
6-month	-	1.50	-0.20	20/01/2025	446	140	586
			,	17/01/2025	-1,268	258	-1,011
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)	16/01/2025	-1,240	-690	-1,930
Total		235,358	-1087	Last 5 days	-187	4,770	4,583
Golds	Market Street	20,285	381	Period-to-da	ate Equity	Bond	Total
SDR		5,374	-19	Period-to-da	tte Equity	Вопа	Total
IMF Reserves		1,054	-4	MTD Month	-5,380	4 -14,392	4 -19,773
Foreign Ccy		208,645	-1445	QTD Quarter	-5,380	J -14,392	J -19,773
Net Fwd Position		24,350	-560	YTD Year	-5,380	4 -14,392	-19,773
Money Market		Last	update: 10/01/2025				

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THB	4M Hist	Lact	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M Ra	ange	USD	4M High	Last	1M F	lange
BIBOR	1M Hist	Lası	Min	Max	ТПВГІЛ	IIIIIIIII	TIVI TIISL LASL	Min	Max	LIBOR	1M Hist	Lasi	Min	Max
ON		2.25	0.00	2.50	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON	<u>-</u> -	0.08	0.07	0.08
1W	$\overline{}$	2.27	0.00	2.53	1W	-	1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M	$\overline{}$	2.30	0.00	2.55	1M		1.59	0.88	1.72	1M	مسسب	0.35	0.12	0.35
2M	$\overline{}$	2.35	0.00	2.60						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M	$\overline{}$	2.40	0.00	2.65	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M	مسسب	0.75	0.34	0.75
6M	$\overline{}$	2.45	0.00	2.71	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M	مسسم	1.04	0.56	1.04
12M	$\overline{}$	2.55	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

1M History

YTM (%)

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Bps Chg (1M)

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1M Range

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Fixed income Market	
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Fixed Income

UST10y	•	4.6000	3.00	-17.00	35.00	4.15	4.78
Gilt 10y	-	4.5933	-6.70	-25.35	30.79	4.21	4.89
Bund 10y	-	2.5000	-1.00	-12.00	30.00	2.06	2.63
JGB 10y	<u></u>	1.2050	1.10	0.30	13.10	1.06	1.26
TGB 1y		2.0280	1.05	6.78	1.19	1.92	2.03
TGB 2y		2.0765	-0.39	2.41	8.06	1.99	2.08
TGB 5y		2.1514	-1.17	-1.94	7.91	2.06	2.18
TGB 7y	\sim	2.2654	-1.37	-1.63	12.54	2.14	2.28
TGB 10y	<u></u>	2.3479	-6.64	-6.95	8.67	2.26	2.42
AAA Spread		69.17	-0.41	12.51	-1.30	0.00	71.23
AA Spread		66.21	-0.60	-14.37	-13.67	0.00	85.02
A Spread		104.34	-0.20	2.92	-18.84	0.00	123.20
BBB Spread	+	0.00	0.00	0.00	-237.50	0.00	239.68

Bps Chg (1W)

Bps Chg (1D)

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)	9/ Cha (4M)	1M Ra	ange
Commodity	TWI HISTORY	Lasi	%Cilg (1D)	% Crig (TW)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude		79.00	-0.4%	-2.8%	7.4%	72.63	82.03
London Gold		2760.2	1.4%	1.9%	5.9%	2,606.2	2,760.2
Note: Unit of Brent crude	oil price is \$/barrel; unit	of gold price is \$/c	ounce				

Equity Market

Equity Index	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg ((1W) %Chg (1M	TWINATIGE		
Equity index	TWITISTORY	Lasi	%City (1D)	/₀Clig (Min	Max	
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S&P500 (US)		6,086.4	0.6%	2.3%	0.9%	5,842.9	6,086.5	
STOXX (EU)		532.12	0.5%	1.8%	6.7%	492.5	5 532.1	
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,076.1	0.2%	0.9%	1.6%	3,954.4	4,128.5	
DAX (DE)		21,254.3	1.0%	5.6%	10.1%	19,146.2	21,254.3	
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,782.6	0.7%	5.5%	8.5%	5,302.0	5,782.6	
TOPIX (JP)		2,737.2	0.9%	0.8%	1.8%	2,665.3	3 2,801.7	
Shanghai (CH)		3,368.1	-0.9%	1.7%	-4.5%	3,312.9	3,628.3	
Hang Seng (HK)		19,778.8	-1.6%	4.8%	2.1%	18,874.1	20,397.1	
ASX 200 (AU)		8,429.8	0.3%	2.9%	-0.2%	8,067.0	8,495.2	
SET (TH)		1,361.8	0.7%	0.5%	-4.8%	1,340.5	5 1,454.8	
SET50 (TH)		890.7	<u></u>	1.0%	-3.5%	876.0	•	
Straits Times (SG)		3,781.2	-0.4%	-0.3%	1.1%	3,708.1	3,862.6	
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,587.8	0.5%	0.1%	-0.4%	1,562.1	1,642.3	
JSX Index (ID)		7,257.1	1.0%	3.4%	0.2%	6,977.2	7,464.8	

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

6,330.5

1,235.7

6,863.0

1,275.1

-6.7%

-0.7%

PSE Index (PH)

Vn Index (VN)

0.1%

0.6%

0.1%

-0.3%

6,348.3

1,242.5