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### Trump was very confident on reaching trade deal

## Williams says the Fed doesn't need to adjust rates soon

President Williams echoed Fed Chair Powell, saying the economy is strong and current monetary policy is appropriate, with no need for rate changes soon. He emphasized uncertainty around future policy but said his overall views haven't changed. Tariffs will likely boost inflation and slow growth this year, so it's important to monitor their impact and inflation expectations. While recent inflation data is encouraging, it's still above target.

#### Initial jobless claims dip and beat forecasts

Initial jobless claims fell to 215K, below the 225K forecast, signaling continued labor market strength despite new tariffs from President Trump. The 4-week average dropped to 220.75K. However, continuing claims rose to 1.885M, above the 1.872M estimate.

### ECB cuts interest rates 25bps as market expected

The European Central Bank cut interest rates for the seventh time since last June, responding to trade tensions that risk hindering the region's economic rebound. The deposit rate was reduced by 0.25 percentage points to 2.25%. Notably, the ECB removed the term "restrictive" from its policy statement. In addition, the statement indicated growth rather than inflation risk concerns. This shift prompted markets to increase expectations for more rate cuts, as officials highlighted the economic challenges confronting Europe.

### Japan's March inflation rises as rice prices hit 50-year high

Japan's CPI climbed in March, partly driven by a sharp rise in rice costs. This acceleration occurred despite the dampening effect of government utility subsidies. Core CPI, which excludes fresh food, increased by 3.2% year-over-year in March, up from 3% in February and in line with market forecasts. Inflation excluding both fresh food and energy rose 2.9%, also matching expectations and marking the fastest pace since last March. Inflation in Japan is likely to remain high in the near term, as businesses facing rising expenses—from labor shortages, increased material prices, and a weak yen—are more inclined to pass those costs on to consumers.

#### **Dollar bounces after Powell**

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 1.933, -2.03 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB353A) was 1.928, -2.0 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.34, +5.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 33.22, moving in a range of 33.28 – 33.33 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 33.20 – 33.45 today. The dollar Index ticked up Thursday as markets digested Fed Chair Powell's comments, which softened earlier dovish sentiment from Waller. Gains were supported by Trump's optimism on trade deals with the EU and China. Meanwhile, economic data had minimal impact. With markets closed for Good Friday and limited data next week, trade developments will remain the key focus. The euro saw choppy trading after the ECB delivered a widely anticipated 25bps rate cut. The central bank's statement dropped earlier references to policy being restrictive, with some policymakers already viewing a June cut as likely. The yen weakened as U.S. long-term yields rose ahead of Japan's CPI.

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



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**Currency Market** 

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Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W	/) %Chg (1M)	1M Range							
Currency	TWI MISTORY	Lasi	/«City (1D)	/«Cilg (TW	// // City (TWI)	Min	Max						
Dollar Index	_	99.59	0.0%	-2.7%	-4.1%	99.62	104.43						
EUR/USD		1.1363	0.2%	3.03%	4.6%	1.0774	1.1344						
USD/JPY		142.61	0.2%	-2.0%	-4.0%	142.32	150.91						
USD/CHF		0.8173	0.2%	-3.2%	-7.5%	0.8161	0.8846						
GBP/USD	-	1.3221	-0.4%	3.1%	2.2%	1.2820	1.3276						
USD/CAD		1.3896	0.1%	-2.4%	-3.6%	1.3884	1.4457						
AUD/USD		0.6350	-0.2%	6.1%	0.5%	0.5984	0.6368						
NZD/USD		0.5916	0.0%	6.7%	3.3%	0.5545	0.5914						
ASEAN Dollar		106.37	-0.1%	-2.5%	-0.4%	104.01	109.04						
USD/THB		33.22	-0.3%	-4.6%	-1.3%	33.33	34.80						
USD/SGD		1.3131	0.0%	-2.7%	-1.6%	1.3126	1.3502						
USD/MYR		4.4075	-0.1%	-2.0%	-0.8%	4.4103	4.4971						
USD/IDR		16,762	0.0%	-0.5%	2.9%	16,295	16,851						
USD/PHP		56.79	0.0%	-1.7%	-1.2%	56.79	57.93						
USD/CNY	<b>\</b>	7.3061	0.03%	-0.9%	0.9%	7.2311	7.3700						
USD/HKD		7.7578	0.3%	-0.1%	-0.2%	7.7346	7.7862						

## **FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves**

## Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%C	hg(1D)	Date		Eq	uity	E	Bond		Total	
1-month	/	0.15	0.15		17/04	1/2025	-2	223	18	3,580		18,356	
3-month	<b>\</b>	0.70	-0.05		16/04	/2025	(	656	13	3,149		13,804	
6-month	•	1.50	-0.20		11/04	/2025	-1,	141	1	,995		854	
				,	10/04	/2025	(	958	1	,009		1,966	
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)	09/04	/2025	4	111	-1	,043		-632	
Total		246,915	1592		Last	5 days	6	60	3	3,689		34,349	
Golds		22,913	-356			Period-to-date		Equity		Bond	,	otal	
SDR		5,547	24			renou-to-date		Lquity		Jona		Otai	
IMF Reserves		1,044	5		MTD	Month	•	-7,300	•	47,583	•	40,283	
Foreign Ccy		217,410	1919		QTD	Quarter	4	-7,300	1	47,583	•	40,283	
Net Fwd Position		24,200	-480		YTD	Year	•	-47,167	•	60,153	•	12,985	
Money Market		Last	update:	04/04/2025									

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BIBOR		Lasi	Min	Max	ІПВГІЛ	IIVI FIISL	Lasi	Min	Max	LIBOR	1M Hist	Last	Min	Max			
ON	$\overline{}$	2.00	2.00	2.00	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08			
1W		2.02	2.02	2.02	1W	-	1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00			
1M		2.04	2.04	2.05	1M		1.59	0.88	1.72	1M	مسسب	0.35	0.12	0.35			
2M		2.09	2.09	2.10						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00			
3M		2.14	2.14	2.15	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M	مسسب	0.75	0.34	0.75			
6M	_	2.19	2.19	2.20	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M	مسسي	1.04	0.56	1.04			
12M	<u>••                                   </u>	2.30	2.30	2.31	12M	-	2.26	1.59	2.26	12M		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

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Fixed income Market
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Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range		
I ixed income	TWITISTOTY	1 1 WI ( /0 )	bps clig (1b)	bps ong (144)	bps clig (1M)	Min	Max	
UST10y	-	4.3400	5.00	8.00	9.00	4.01	4.42	
Gilt 10y	-	4.6058	-3.63	0.69	9.74	4.48	4.74	
Bund 10y	<u></u>	2.5300	3.00	-10.00	9.00	2.38	2.92	
JGB 10y		1.3050	-7.20	17.60	-12.20	1.13	1.58	
TGB 1y		1.6789	-0.82	-1.98	-21.84	0.00	1.91	
TGB 2y		1.5332	-3.08	-1.79	-31.61	0.00	1.86	
TGB 5y		1.6386	-3.06	-0.20	-27.80	0.00	1.92	
TGB 7y		1.8114	-2.46	0.79	-21.88	0.00	2.06	
TGB 10y		1.9331	-2.03	-2.54	-19.69	0.00	2.14	
AAA Spread		71.00	0.03	-0.31	-0.85	69.27	72.43	
AA Spread		66.53	0.13	4.47	2.10	62.06	67.30	
A Spread	$\overline{}$	109.01	0.54	-1.19	4.41	104.61	110.98	
BBB Spread		335.66	-0.02	-0.18	22.33	313.20	336.35	

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**

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I I M HISTORY	Lasi	//City (1D)		/6City (TW)		76 Crig (TWI)	Min	Max
-	67.96	3.2%		4.9%		-5.6%	62.82	74.95
	3324.4	0.6%		3.4%		9.9%	2,996.2	3,324.4
	1M History	67.96	67.96 3.2%	67.96 3.2%	67.96 3.2% 4.9%	67.96 3.2% 4.9%	67.96 3.2% 4.9% -5.6%	1M History Last %Chg (1D) %Chg (1W) %Chg (1M) Min  67.96 3.2% 4.9% -5.6% 62.82

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)	TMR	TWI Range		
Equity index	TIVI HISTOTY	Lasi	/6Cilg (ID)	/6 City (1 W)	/o City (TW)	Min	Max		
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S&P500 (US)		5,282.7	0.1%	-1.50%	-6.7%	4,982.8	5,776.7		
STOXX (EU)		517.79	-0.5%	3.7%	-8.1%	481.7	569.1		
FTSE All-Share(UK)	•	4,472.1	0.0%	3.9%	-4.8%	4,151.4	4,700.8		
DAX (DE)		21,205.9	-0.5%	4.1%	-7.8%	19,670.9	23,380.7		
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,415.9	-0.5%	2.8%	-9.6%	5,091.4	6,051.4		
TOPIX (JP)		2,530.2	1.3%	2.6%	-9.5%	2,288.7	2,815.5		
Shanghai (CH)		3,438.2	0.1%	1.3%	-4.3%	3,245.4	3,594.4		
Hang Seng (HK)	$\overline{}$	21,395.1	1.6%	2.3%	-13.6%	19,828.3	24,771.1		
ASX 200 (AU)	/	7,819.1	0.8%	2.3%	-1.3%	7,343.3	7,999.0		
SET (TH)		1,141.3	0.21%	4.9%	-2.5%	1,074.6	1,190.4		
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SET50 (TH)		729.3	-0.1%	4.8%	-1.4%	683.7	759.4		
Straits Times (SG)		3,720.3	1.6%	5.9%	-4.8%	3,393.7	3,981.6		
FTSE Malay (MY)	$\overline{}$	1,483.3	0.4%	2.0%	-2.9%	1,400.6	1,535.7		
JSX Index (ID)	$\overline{}$	6,438.3	0.6%	2.8%	-1.6%	5,968.0	6,665.0		

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

5,822.9

1,094.3

6,323.1

1,336.3

-2.7%

-8.1%

PSE Index (PH)

Vn Index (VN)

0.9%

-0.4%

6,134.6

1,217.3

-0.8%

0.6%