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The Fed is not rushing to reduce policy rates

Fed holds rates steady amid mounting risks of weaker growth and rising inflation

The FOMC kept rates steady at 4.25–4.50% as expected, citing increased uncertainty in the economic outlook and rising risks of both higher unemployment and inflation. It maintained its view that economic activity is expanding at a solid pace, though net export swings have affected data. In his press conference and Q&A, Chair Powell struck a cautious tone, reaffirming a "wait-and-see" approach and noting current policy gives the Fed room to respond if needed. He said tariff impacts have been larger than expected but haven't shown up clearly in data yet. As the economy evolves, the Fed will adjust policy based on how far employment and inflation are from target, but it's too early to say which is more at risk. Powell emphasized patience, while also noting the Fed can act quickly if necessary.

Trump announces upcoming news on a "Major Trade Deal" with a major country

President Donald Trump announced a news conference on Thursday to discuss "a major trade deal with representatives of a respected country." The briefing, scheduled for 10 a.m. Washington time, will be held in the Oval Office. Trump did not specify the country or details of the deal but called it "the first of many."

Trump to remove Global chip limits, set new Al regulations

The Trump administration intends to reverse Biden-era restrictions on AI chip exports as part of a wider revision of semiconductor trade policies. The move aims to undo a policy introduced under President Biden, which established three categories for regulating chip exports from companies like Nvidia. The Trump administration will not enforce the "AI diffusion rule" set to take effect on May 15 and is working on a new rule to tighten controls on chips abroad.

The dollar gained ground against its peers following the Fed's rate decision

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 1.828, -6.00 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB353A) was 1.821, -6.31 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.26, -4.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 32.73, moving in a range of 32.815 – 32.88 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 32.70 – 32.95 today. The dollar strengthened on Wednesday night after the FOMC meeting, where the Fed kept the FFR at 4.25-4.50% in a unanimous decision, as expected. The Dollar Index continued to rise during Powell's press conference, where he maintained a wait-and-see approach. The dollar largely reversed Tuesday's decline, trading near 99.80. The euro weakened against the dollar following the FOMC meeting, testing the 1.1300 level on the downside before finding some support. Meanwhile, on the tariffs front, the EU is set to release a provisional list of tariffs on the US on Thursday, which will be implemented if trade talks break down. The Japanese yen weakened against most major currencies, although further gains in USD/JPY were limited by resistance at the 144.00 level.

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



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Currency Market

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Currency market						1M Ra	1M Range	
Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)) % Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
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Dollar Index	/	99.50	-0.2%	0.4%	-4.5%	98.32	104.43	
EUR/USD		1.1342	0.2%	-0.48%	5.0%	1.0775	1.1508	
USD/JPY		142.96	-0.4%	0.4%	-4.5%	140.42	150.91	
USD/CHF	/	0.8253	0.4%	0.3%	-6.6%	0.8097	0.8835	
GBP/USD	$\overline{}$	1.3350	0.3%	-0.5%	3.3%	1.2820	1.3422	
USD/CAD		1.3796	-0.1%	-0.4%	-3.7%	1.3807	1.4382	
AUD/USD		0.6483	0.3%	1.0%	3.3%	0.5984	0.6462	
NZD/USD		0.6005	0.5%	0.7%	5.3%	0.5545	0.6009	
ASEAN Dollar	•	103.41	0.0%	-1.8%	-3.1%	103.38	108.38	
USD/THB	-	32.73	-0.3%	-1.8%	-4.2%	32.84	34.80	
USD/SGD		1.2906	0.0%	-1.4%	-3.9%	1.2910	1.3502	
USD/MYR		4.2312	0.1%	-2.3%	-4.8%	4.2251	4.4971	
USD/IDR		16,430	0.5%	-1.8%	-0.3%	16,342	16,851	
USD/PHP		55.63	-0.5%	-1.5%	-3.1%	55.80	57.77	
USD/CNY		7.2142	0.09%	-0.8%	-0.8%	7.2075	7.3700	
USD/HKD		7.7494	0.2%	0.0%	-0.3%	7.7270	7.7862	

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%С	hg(1D)	Date		Eq	uity	E	Bond		Total	
1-month		0.15	0.15		07/05	5/2025	4,5	524	11	1,252		15,776	
3-month	•	0.70	-0.05		06/05	5/2025	8	353	25	5,883	2	26,737	
6-month	•	1.50	-0.20		02/05	5/2025	-1,3	355	1	1,578		224	
					30/04	1/2025	3,3	319	-2	2,186		1,132	
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)	29/04	1/2025	5	597	4	1,595		5,192	
Total		255,779	-119		Last	5 days	7,9	939	4	1,122		49,061	
Golds		25,035	-65			Period-to-date		Equity		Bond	-	otal	
SDR		5,633	-7			renou-to-date	ı	Equity			'	Ula I	
IMF Reserves		1,060	-1		MTD	Month	•	4,023	•	38,713	•	42,736	
Foreign Ccy		224,051	-47		QTD	Quarter	•	-10,701	4	95,154	•	84,453	
Net Fwd Position		23,915	245		YTD	Year	•	-50,568	•	107,723	•	57,155	
Money Market		Last	update:	25/04/2025									

Money Market

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THB 1M Higt Logs	at a at	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M Ra	ange	USD	4M High	Last	1M F	lange	
BIBOR	BIBOR 1M Hist Last	Lasi	Min	Max	ІПВГІХ	IINI LIIST	Lası	Min	Max	LIBOR	1M Hist	Lasi	Min	Max
ON	<u></u>	1.75	1.75	2.00	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON	<u></u>	0.08	0.07	0.08
1W	<u></u>	1.77	1.77	2.02	1W		1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M	<u></u>	1.80	1.80	2.05	1M		1.59	0.88	1.72	1M	مسسب	0.35	0.12	0.35
2M	<u> </u>	1.85	1.85	2.10						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M	$\overline{}$	1.90	1.90	2.15	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M	مسسب	0.75	0.34	0.75
6M	$\overline{}$	1.95	1.95	2.20	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M	مسسم	1.04	0.56	1.04
12M	$\overline{}$	2.04	2.04	2.30	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

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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		
Fixed income	TWI HISTORY	T1W(%)	ърѕ Ciig (ти)	Bps Clig (TW)	Bps Clig (TM)	Min	Max	
UST10y		4.2600	-4.00	3.00	-5.00	4.01	4.48	
Gilt 10y		4.5214	3.28	2.34	-18.04	4.45	4.70	
Bund 10y		2.5300	-1.00	5.00	-37.00	2.46	2.92	
JGB 10y		1.3180	3.50	-2.20	-20.90	1.18	1.59	
TGB 1y	<u></u>	1.5709	-2.13	-6.68	-20.44	0.00	1.81	
TGB 2y		1.5164	-4.09	-3.06	-12.35	0.00	1.69	
TGB 5y		1.5679	-4.45	-2.22	-10.25	0.00	1.74	
TGB 7y	~	1.7252	-5.30	-5.62	-9.29	0.00	1.88	
TGB 10y	~	1.8278	-6.00	-7.12	-11.28	0.00	1.99	
AAA Spread		69.05	-0.03	-0.70	-1.91	69.05	71.31	
AA Spread		66.86	0.11	0.17	0.00	62.06	67.30	
A Spread		107.84	-0.42	-0.97	-2.44	104.88	110.98	
BBB Spread		337.31	0.17	0.14	1.19	335.63	337.31	

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	Loct	9/ Chg (1D)	9/ Cha /1W/\	9/ Cha (1M)	1M Range		
Commodity	TWI HISTORY	Last	%Chg (1D)	% Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
Brent Crude	~~~	61.12	-1.7%	-1.6%	-2.7%	60.23	70.14	
London Gold		3375.8	0.0%	2.8%	9.2%	3,002.7	3,454.7	

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)	TW Kange		
Equity index	TWI HISTORY	Lasi	//City (1D)	// City (TW)	/₀Crig (TW)	Min	Max	
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S&P500 (US)		5,631.3	0.4%	0.48%	13.0%	4,982.8	5,686.7	
STOXX (EU)		549.70	-0.5%	1.5%	10.6%	481.7	554.1	
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,637.9	-0.40%	1.0%	6.8%	4,151.4	4,656.5	
DAX (DE)		23,156.8	-0.4%	2.9%	12.2%	19,670.9	23,344.5	
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,673.2	-0.9%	0.5%	5.4%	5,091.4	5,826.8	
TOPIX (JP)		2,696.2	0.3%	1.7%	8.6%	2,288.7	2,696.2	
Shanghai (CH)		3,503.2	0.8%	1.6%	0.0%	3,245.4	3,510.9	
Hang Seng (HK)		22,691.9	0.1%	3.1%	-2.2%	19,828.3	23,426.6	
ASX 200 (AU)	/	8,178.3	0.3%	0.4%	11.4%	7,343.3	8,238.0	
SET (TH)		1,220.3	2.73%	4.2%	4.1%	1,074.6	1,220.3	
SET50 (TH)		793.7	3.1%	5.3%	5.6%	683.7	793.7	
Straits Times (SG)		3,865.4		0.9%	9.2%	3,393.7	3,954.2	
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,549.9	<u> </u>	0.6%	7.4%	1,400.6	1,549.9	
JSX Index (ID)		6,926.2	<u> </u>	2.4%	6.4%	5,968.0	6,926.2	

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

5,822.9

1,094.3

6,465.5

1,317.8

5.2%

1.7%

PSE Index (PH)

Vn Index (VN)

1.7%

1.9%

6,465.5

1,250.4

0.7%

0.7%