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Has attention turned to US fiscal policy?

US consumer sentiment near record low amid inflation worries

The preliminary University of Michigan consumer sentiment data for May came in below expectations. Sentiment fell sharply to 50.8 from 52.2, with forecasts at 53.4. Current conditions declined to 57.6 from 59.8, and expectations dropped to 46.5 from 47.3, missing the 48.0 forecast and falling below the expected range. Inflation expectations rose significantly, with the 1-year outlook jumping to 7.3 percent from 6.5 percent, and the 5-year outlook increasing to 4.6 percent from 4.4 percent. While most index components held steady, assessments of personal finances dropped nearly 10 percent due to weakening incomes. Mentions of tariffs rose to nearly 75 percent of consumers, up from 60 percent in April, with trade policy uncertainty continuing to weigh on sentiment.

Moody's downgrades US, ending last top credit rating

Moody's ratings has downgraded the US credit rating from Aaa to Aa1, pointing to growing concerns over the nation's rising debt and persistent budget deficits. The agency warned that these fiscal challenges could undermine the US's appeal as a global investment hub and lead to higher borrowing costs. The downgrade reflects the impact of policies from successive administrations and Congress, which have contributed to sustained budget shortfalls—currently nearing \$2 trillion annually—and a national debt that now exceeds the size of the economy.

Japan's economy shrinks for the first time in a year, ahead of tariff impact

Japan's economy contracted for the first time in a year, highlighting its vulnerability even before feeling the full effects of US President Donald Trump's tariff policies. Real GDP shrank by 0.7% in the first quarter of the year on an annualized basis, slightly worse than the expected 0.3% decline. This leaves the economy at risk of slipping into a technical recession this quarter, depending on the impact of US tariffs. A decline in exports and a surge in imports led to a negative net trade impact on the economy in the first quarter, following a strong boost in the previous quarter. Consumer spending, which represents about half of the economy, remained largely unchanged, as consumption continues to lag behind pre-pandemic levels due to inflation eroding purchasing power.

The dollar ended the week with strength

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 1.867, -1.59 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB353A) was 1.866, -1.20 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.43, -2.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 33.16, moving in a range of 33.14 – 33.25 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 33.10 – 33.40 today. The dollar showed slight strength to close the week, despite limited news flow, even with a range of US data, including initial May metrics. Meanwhile, most G10 currencies weakened against the dollar, although the Antipodean currencies remained stable, with the Swiss Franc underperforming.

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 FIISTOLY	Lasi	/a City (1D)	/6 City (1 VV)	/6 City (Tivi)	Min	Max	
Dollar Index	_	100.68	-0.2%	0.1%	0.6%	98.32	103.56	
EUR/USD		1.1198	0.0%	-0.23%	-1.0%	1.0897	1.1508	
USD/JPY		145.19	-0.6%	-0.2%	1.4%	140.42	148.52	
USD/CHF		0.8339	-0.7%	0.3%	1.7%	0.8097	0.8699	
GBP/USD		1.3312	0.2%	0.5%	2.1%	1.2820	1.3422	
USD/CAD	\	1.3956	-0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	1.3796	1.4307	
AUD/USD		0.6415	-0.3%	0.3%	3.0%	0.5984	0.6483	
NZD/USD		0.5895	-0.3%	0.0%	2.0%	0.5545	0.6009	
ASEAN Dollar		103.69	-0.5%	-0.3%	-3.6%	103.08	107.58	
USD/THB		33.16	-0.7%	0.2%	-1.6%	32.73	34.80	
USD/SGD		1.2961	-0.2%	-0.3%	-2.2%	1.2906	1.3502	
USD/MYR	-	4.2704	-0.4%	-0.9%	-3.6%	4.2251	4.4971	
USD/IDR		16,382	-0.6%	-0.3%	-1.9%	16,342	16,851	
USD/PHP		55.79	-0.3%	-0.1%	-2.6%	55.63	57.77	
USD/CNY		7.1969	-0.09%	-0.6%	-1.4%	7.1813	7.3700	
USD/HKD		7.8091	0.1%	0.5%	0.8%	7.7270	7.8025	

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%C	hg(1D)	Date		Equity	Bond	Total
1-month		0.15	0.15		16/05	5/2025	-1,149	42	-1,106
3-month	•	0.70	-0.05		15/05	5/2025	-1,172	-4,776	-5,948
6-month	•	1.50	-0.20		14/05	5/2025	426	-7,831	-7,405
				,	13/05	5/2025	-2,466	-6,630	-9,096
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)	09/05	5/2025	-1,452	-18,097	-19,548
Total		256,400	331		Last	5 days	-5,813	-37,291	-43,104
Golds		25,075	632			Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
SDR		5,623	4			renou-to-date	Equity	Bona	Total
IMF Reserves		1,057	-1		MTD	Month	4,799	- 6,534	4 -11,333
Foreign Ccy		224,645	-304		QTD	Quarter	4 -19,523	49,906	1 30,384
Net Fwd Position		22,960	-365		YTD	Year	-59,390	62,476	3,086
Money Market		Last	update:	09/05/2025					

Money Market

THB	1M Hist	Lact	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M Ra	ange	USD	1M Hist	Loct	1M R	ange
BIBOR	IIVI MISL	Lasi	Min	Max	ІПВГІЛ	IINI LIIST	Lasi	Min	Max	LIBOR	TIM HISL	Last	Min	Max
ON	_	1.75	1.75	2.00	ON	~	1.72	1.14	1.72	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W	$\overline{}$	1.77	1.77	2.02	1W	-	1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M		1.80	1.80	2.04	1M		1.59	0.88	1.72	1M	مسسب	0.35	0.12	0.35
2M	\sim	1.85	1.85	2.09						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M	\sim	1.90	1.90	2.14	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M	مسس	0.75	0.34	0.75
6M	_	1.94	1.94	2.19	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M	مسسي	1.04	0.56	1.04
12M	1	2.04	2.04	2.30	12M		2.26	1.59	2.26	12M	^	1.49	1.00	1.49

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Fixed Income	1M History	VTM (0/)	Pno Cha (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Ra	1M Range		
Fixed income	ти пізюту	1 1 W (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	bps Grig (1W)	bps Clig (TM)	Min	Max		
UST10y		4.4300	-2.00	17.00	8.00	4.06	4.49		
Gilt 10y		4.6715	-4.47	15.01	-0.45	4.45	4.77		
Bund 10y		2.5700	-11.00	4.00	-21.00	2.45	2.82		
JGB 10y		1.4890	2.30	20.60	-3.80	1.18	1.59		
TGB 1y		1.5668	0.01	0.18	-13.10	1.56	1.70		
TGB 2y		1.5725	-0.37	2.91	-0.24	1.51	1.58		
TGB 5y		1.6484	-0.50	4.00	-5.53	1.57	1.70		
TGB 7y		1.7902	-0.29	3.29	-5.09	1.73	1.84		
TGB 10y		1.8675	-1.59	1.54	-11.78	1.82	1.99		
AAA Spread		70.88	0.02	0.61	-0.09	69.05	71.57		
AA Spread		66.37	-0.02	0.04	0.01	62.06	66.86		
A Spread		108.77	-0.06	0.19	-0.23	107.78	110.47		
BBB Spread		324.38	-0.03	-12.79	-11.57	324.38	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	Loot	9/ Cha (1D)	9/ Cha (1)4/)	9/ Cha (1M)	1 M Range	
Commodity	TWI HISTORY	Last	%Chg (1D)	% Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	~~~	65.41	1.4%	0.7%	-3.8%	60.23	67.96
London Gold	^	3210.1	1.2%	-0.4%	-0.5%	3,106.7	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)	Min	Max
S&P500 (US)		5,958.4	0.7%	1.95%	12.8%	5,158.2	2 5,958.4
STOXX (EU)		568.61	0.3%	0.8%	9.8%	512.	,
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,715.6	0.59%	1.0%	5.7%	4,279.9	9 4,715.6
DAX (DE)	-	23,767.4	0.3%	0.9%	11.8%	20,374.	1 23,767.4
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,856.7	0.4%	0.4%	7.5%	5,270.	5,856.7
TOPIX (JP)		2,740.5	0.1%	-0.1%	9.0%	2,466.9	9 2,772.1
Shanghai (CH)		3,529.2	-0.4%	-0.1%	3.1%	3,378.0	3,567.6
Hang Seng (HK)	•	23,345.1	-0.5%	-0.9%	9.0%	20,264.	5 23,640.7
ASX 200 (AU)		8,343.7	0.56%	1.3%	7.5%	7,646.	5 8,343.7
SET (TH)		1,195.8	0.11%	-1.3%	5.9%	1,074.0	5 1,220.3
SET50 (TH)		779.2	0.1%	-1.3%	7.2%	683.	793.9
Straits Times (SG)		3,897.9	0.2%	0.6%	7.5%	3,512.	3,897.9
FTSE Malay (MY)	_	1,571.8	-0.1%	1.6%	6.4%	1,454.8	3 1,583.5
JSX Index (ID)		7,106.5	0.9%	4.1%	11.6%	5,968.0	7,106.5

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

6,006.3

1,168.3

6,566.8

1,313.2

5.2%

6.0%

1M Range

PSE Index (PH)

Vn Index (VN)

0.1%

1.4%

6,465.5

1,301.4

0.0%

-0.9%