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Markets turn risk-off on concerns the US could enter the Israel-Iran war

Trump assembles security team amid tensions with Iran

President Trump met with his national security team amid rising Middle East tensions, fueling speculation the US may join Israel against Iran. After speaking with Prime Minister Netanyahu, Trump demanded Iran's "UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER" on social media. The conflict's escalation has pushed up oil prices and raised concerns about global economic impacts as the US considers its next move.

US retail sales fall again amid tariff worries

US retail sales fell 0.9% in May, marking the biggest decline this year as seven of 13 categories saw decreases. The drop is tied to growing consumer concerns about tariffs and personal finances after strong spending earlier in the year. Restaurant and bar sales saw their steepest decline since early 2023. Although control-group sales, which feed into GDP, rose 0.4%, economists view the report as underwhelming, with signs of caution and potential weakness in certain retail segments.

US industrial output falls again, marking second drop in three months

US industrial production fell 0.2% in May, missing forecasts for a 0.1% rise. Manufacturing output edged up 0.1%, driven by a 4.9% jump in motor vehicles and parts, but output excluding that category fell 0.3%. Utilities dropped 2.9%, while mining rose 0.1%. Capacity utilization slipped to 77.4%, below expectations.

BoJ maintains rates, signals slower cutback in bond buying

The BoJ kept its interest rate steady at 0.5% as expected in a unanimous decision. It also announced plans to reduce monthly JGB purchases by about JPY 200 billion each quarter starting April 2026, following reports. Until March 2026, JGB purchases will continue to taper by JPY 400 billion per month. From April 2026, the reduction will slow to JPY 200 billion quarterly, with total monthly purchases around JPY 2 trillion by early 2027. Additionally, the BoJ will reduce auction frequency for shorter-maturity JGBs from four to three times per month. Meanwhile, Japan's economic assessment remains unchanged.

Dollar strengthens as Middle East conflict intensifies

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 1.70, -1.17 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB353A) was 1.71, -1.27 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.39, -7.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 32.51, moving in a range of 32.585 – 32.615 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 32.50 – 32.75 today. The dollar strengthened broadly against other currencies on Tuesday, likely driven by a haven demand amid growing expectations of US involvement alongside Israel in the attack on Iran. All G10 currencies weakened, pressured by the flight to safety trade. This risk-averse mood favored the dollar and US Treasuries, while the Japanese yen held up relatively better. However, the yen gave way to USD gains, as the hawkish reaction to the BoJ's decision to keep rates steady at 0.5% proved short-lived.

1,113.6 S&P500 SET Index 5.982.7 10Y UST 4.39% Brent 76.45 Gold 3.380.6 -0.1% 17-Jun -0.84% 17-Jun -7.0 bps 17-Jun 4.3% 17-Jun -1.1% 17-Jun \wedge Daily A Daily 📥 -0.34% 0.13% 0.19% Daily 🔻 USD/THB 32.51 EUR/THB 37.56 JPY/THB 0.2247 Weekly -0.35% Weekly 📥 0.78% Weekly V -0.26% Monthly **V** -1.95% 1.16% Monthly 🔻 -1.62% Sideways Trend **Rising Trend** Monthly A **Falling Trend** EUR/THB EUR/USD 100JPY/THB USD/JPY USD/THB Higher = stronger EUR Higher = stronger JPY (inverted scale) Higher = stronger USD 33.50 38.0 1.16 23.0 141 1.15 142 1.14 37.5 33.00 143 1.13 22.5 144 37.0 1.12 32.50 145 1.11 22.0 146 36.5 1.10 32.00 16/May 30/May 13/Jun 13/Jun 16/May 30/May 16/May 30/May 13/Jun EUR/THB. 37.56 JPY/THB, 0.2247 ----USD/JPY, 144.7 USD/THB, 32.51 EUR/USD, 1.1552

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Currency Market

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Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	1M Range		
Currency		Lasi				Min	Max	
Dollar Index	•	98.21	0.04%	-0.9%	-2.5%	98.16	101.57	
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EUR/USD		1.1552	0.1%	1.14%	3.2%	1.1109	1.1546	
USD/JPY		144.70	0.5%	-0.1%	-0.3%	142.51	147.74	
USD/CHF	<u> </u>	0.8138	0.3%	-1.1%	-2.4%	0.8092	0.8434	
GBP/USD		1.3569	0.0%	0.5%	1.9%	1.3196	1.3577	
USD/CAD		1.3595	0.0%	-0.7%	-2.6%	1.3589	1.3966	
AUD/USD		0.6523	0.5%	0.3%	1.7%	0.6393	0.6513	
NZD/USD	<u> </u>	0.6044	0.5%	0.1%	2.5%	0.5879	0.6047	
ASEAN Dollar		106.03	0.0%	-0.1%	-1.7%	104.01	107.82	
USD/THB		32.51	0.1%	-0.4%	-1.9%	32.44	33.40	
USD/SGD	$\overline{}$	1.2820	0.0%	-0.3%	-1.1%	1.2816	1.3035	
USD/MYR		4.2388	-0.1%	0.1%	-0.7%	4.2050	4.3266	
USD/IDR	<u> </u>	16,158	-0.1%	-0.1%	-1.4%	16,130	16,474	
USD/PHP		56.67	0.2%	0.9%	1.6%	55.47	56.55	
USD/CNY		7.1814	0.00%	0.0%	-0.2%	7.1676	7.2385	
USD/HKD		7.8525	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%	7.7685	7.8554	

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	17/06/2025	-608	-3,865	-4,472
3-month	~	0.70	-0.05	16/06/2025	-3,530	-679	-4,210
6-month		1.50	-0.20	13/06/2025	330	-275	55
				12/06/2025	-731	-1,636	-2,367
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)	11/06/2025	-234	-1,928	-2,162
Total		257,740	190	Last 5 days	-4,774	-8,382	-13,156
Golds		24,967	157	Period-to-date	e Equity	Bond	Total
SDR		5,659	8	Fenou-to-uati	Equity	Bona	Total
IMF Reserves		1,064	2	MTD Month	🤟 -5,921	🖕 -13,503	🤚 -19,425
Foreign Ccy		226,051	23	QTD Quarter	🖕 -36,793	🛉 41,584	4,790
Net Fwd Position		22,085	240	YTD Year	-76,660	• 54,153	-22,507

Money Market

Last update: 06/06/2025

THB		1M Hist Last 1M Range	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M F	Range	
BIBOR	BIBOR	Min	Max				Min	Max	LIBOR		Lasi	Min	Max	
ON		1.75	1.75	1.75	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON		0.08	0.07	0.08
1W	\sim	1.77	1.77	1.77	1W		1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00
1M	<u> </u>	1.79	1.79	1.80	1M		1.59	0.88	1.72	1M		0.35	0.12	0.35
2M	<u> </u>	1.84	1.84	1.85						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00
3M		1.89	1.89	1.90	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M		0.75	0.34	0.75
6M	\sim	1.93	1.93	1.94	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M		1.04	0.56	1.04
12M	\checkmark	2.03	2.03	2.04	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 Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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Fixed Income Market

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Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)) Bps Chg (1D)	Bno Cha (1)(1)	Boo Cha (1M)	1M Ra	1M Range	
		T I IVI (70)		Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
UST10y		4.3900	-7.00	-12.00	10.00	4.17	4.54	
Gilt 10y		4.5418	-1.78	-8.92	-1.76	4.45	4.76	
Bund 10y		2.5500	-1.00	0.00	7.00	2.45	2.67	
JGB 10y	\sim	1.4770	4.80	-0.40	15.40	1.29	1.57	
TGB 1y	~	1.5075	-1.09	-1.44	-5.94	1.52	1.57	
TGB 2y	\sim	1.5010	-0.67	-0.47	-7.15	1.49	1.61	
TGB 5y	~	1.5298	-1.60	-0.29	-11.86	1.52	1.68	
TGB 7y	\sim	1.6389	-0.58	0.23	-15.13	1.62	1.83	
TGB 10y	\sim	1.6980	-1.17	-0.15	-16.95	1.68	1.90	
AAA Spread		71.20	-0.60	0.23	0.32	68.34	71.82	
AA Spread		67.35	1.42	1.28	0.98	65.80	67.35	
A Spread		111.59	-0.05	1.41	2.82	107.98	111.64	
BBB Spread		285.21	-0.02	-0.06	-39.17	285.14	337.10	

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	v Last %Chg (1D)		% Cha (1)()	% Cha (1 M)	1M Range	
Commodity		Lasi	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude		76.45	4.4%	9.6%	16.9%	63.90	76.45
London Gold	~~~~	3380.6	-1.1%	1.3%	4.4%	3,171.4	3,420.2

Note: Unit of Brent crude oil price is \$/barrel; unit of gold price is \$/ounce

Equity Market

	Index 1M History Last %Chg (1D)		% Cha (1D)	9/ Cha (1)//	9/ Cha (4 M)	1M Range		
Equity Index			%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max		
S&P500 (US)		5,982.7	-0.8%	-0.7%	0.7%	5,802.8	6,045.3	
STOXX (EU)		557.76	-1.0%	-1.8%	-2.6%	557.8	572.9	
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,795.4	-0.43%	-0.4%	1.6%	4,664.6	4,823.6	
DAX (DE)		23,434.7	-1.1%	-2.1%	-2.5%	23,434.7	24,323.6	
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,713.5	-0.7%	-1.2%	-3.1%	5,713.3	5,896.3	
TOPIX (JP)		2,787.0	0.4%	-0.1%	1.8%	2,717.1	2,812.0	
Shanghai (CH)		3,550.5	0.0%	-0.4%	0.6%	3,500.3	3,567.6	
Hang Seng (HK)		23,980.3	-0.3%	-1.6%	1.3%	23,158.0	24,366.9	
ASX 200 (AU)		8,541.3	-0.08%	-0.6%	3.0%	8,279.6	8,592.1	
SET (TH)	\sim	1,113.6	-0.08%	-2.5%	-6.9%	1,113.6	1,216.7	
SET50 (TH)		724.1	-0.2%	-2.5%	-7.1%	724.1	793.9	
Straits Times (SG)	\sim	3,930.6	0.6%	0.3%	1.2%	3,875.6	3,936.3	
FTSE Malay (MY)	\sim	1,511.6	-0.5%	-0.8%	-2.9%	1,503.3	1,583.5	
JSX Index (ID)	\sim	7,155.9	0.5%	-0.9%	2.5%	6,827.8	7,230.7	
PSE Index (PH)		6,369.2	0.2%	0.3%	-1.5%	6,305.4	6,566.8	
Vn Index (VN)		1,347.7	0.7%	2.5%	2.5%	1,296.3	1,347.7	

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

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